# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549** 

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

For the quarterly period ended July 3, 2011

OR

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

Commission File Number: 001-33174

# CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

16-1287774 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

968 James Street Syracuse, New York (Address of principal executive office)

13203

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (315) 424-0513

Commission File Number: 001-06553

# CARROLS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

16-0958146 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

968 James Street Syracuse, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

Non-accelerated filer

13203 (Zip Code)

Smaller reporting company

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (315) 424-0513

Carrols Corporation meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction H(1) and is therefore filing this form with reduced disclosure format pursuant to General Instruction H(2).

Indicate by check mark whether either of the registrants (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant were required to file such reports), and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants have submitted electronically and posted on their Corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are large accelerated filers, accelerated filers, non-accelerated filers or smaller reporting companies. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.

Large accelerated filer 
Non-accelerated filer 
Smaller reporting company 
Carrols Corporation

Large accelerated filer 
Accelerated filer 
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Accelerated filer 
Accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether either of the registrants are shell companies (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  $\square$  No  $\boxtimes$ 

As of August 4, 2011, Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. had 22,086,503 shares of its common stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding. As of August 4, 2011, all outstanding equity securities of Carrols Corporation, which consisted of 10 shares of its common stock, were owned by Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.

# CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND CARROLS CORPORATION FORM 10-Q QUARTER ENDED JULY 3, 2011

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# PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# ITEM 1—INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

# CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands of dollars, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,437	\$ 3,144
Trade and other receivables	7,177	5,213
Inventories	5,213	5,203
Prepaid rent	4,074	4,018
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	5,928	5,349
Refundable income taxes	418	869
Deferred income taxes	4,609	4,609
Total current assets	34,856	28,405
Property and equipment, net	186,685	186,850
Franchise rights, net (Note 4)	68,834	70,432
Goodwill (Note 4)	124,934	124,934
Intangible assets, net	360	419
Franchise agreements, at cost less accumulated amortization of \$6,346 and \$6,102 respectively	5,457	5,629
Deferred income taxes	_	1,949
Other assets	8,215	7,684
Total assets	\$429,341	\$ 426,302
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ 4,927	\$ 15,538
Accounts payable	13,251	13,944
Accrued interest	6,828	6,853
Accrued payroll, related taxes and benefits	19,235	19,504
Accrued real estate taxes	4,543	4,778
Other liabilities	9,464	7,434
Total current liabilities	58,248	68,051
Long-term debt, net of current portion (Note 5)	241,457	237,914
Lease financing obligations (Note 9)	11,799	10,061
Deferred income—sale-leaseback of real estate	39,192	40,472
Accrued postretirement benefits (Note 8)	1,709	1,845
Deferred income taxes	1,057	_
Other liabilities (Note 7)	21,635	23,052
Total liabilities	375,097	381,395
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$.01; authorized 20,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding—none	_	_
Voting common stock, par value \$.01; authorized 100,000,000 shares, issued and outstanding - 22,075,409 and		
21,678,203 shares, respectively	216	216
Additional paid-in capital	5,057	3,474
Retained earnings	47,577	39,823
Accumulated other comprehensive income (Note 13)	1,535	1,535
Treasury stock, at cost	(141)	(141)
Total stockholders' equity	54,244	44,907
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$429,341	\$ 426,302
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 $\label{thm:companying} \textit{ notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.}$ 

# CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010 (In thousands of dollars, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months en	ded June 30,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Revenues:				
Restaurant sales	\$ 209,343	\$ 204,141	\$ 406,216	\$ 398,808
Franchise royalty revenues and fees	501	335	866	812
Total revenues	209,844	204,476	407,082	399,620
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	66,172	62,969	126,487	122,167
Restaurant wages and related expenses (including stock-based compensation				
expense of \$10, \$14, \$20 and \$28, respectively)	60,232	59,611	118,800	118,745
Restaurant rent expense	12,208	12,232	24,262	24,588
Other restaurant operating expenses	29,039	29,105	56,963	57,337
Advertising expense	7,472	7,758	14,975	14,604
General and administrative (including stock-based compensation expense of				
\$713, \$402, \$1,378 and \$781, respectively)	13,749	12,677	27,605	25,174
Depreciation and amortization	8,389	8,113	16,497	16,235
Impairment and other lease charges (Note 3)	975	3,631	2,055	3,901
Other income (Note 14)	(342)		(448)	
Total operating expenses	197,894	196,096	387,196	382,751
Income from operations	11,950	8,380	19,886	16,869
Interest expense	4,579	4,708	9,192	9,451
Income before income taxes	7,371	3,672	10,694	7,418
Provision for income taxes (Note 6)	1,863	1,237	2,940	2,669
Net income	\$ 5,508	\$ 2,435	\$ 7,754	\$ 4,749
Basic net income per share (Note 12)	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.22
Diluted net income per share (Note 12)	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.22
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding (Note 12)	21,663,181	21,618,962	21,652,950	21,616,325
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding (Note 12)	22,160,514	21,844,162	22,114,134	21,840,881

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

# CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

(In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

Cash flavor provided from energing activities		2010
Cash flows provided from operating activities:  Net income	¢ 7.754	¢ 4.740
	\$ 7,754	\$ 4,749
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities:	(07)	220
Loss (gain) on disposals of property and equipment	(97)	
Stock-based compensation expense	1,398	809
Impairment and other lease charges	2,055	3,901
Depreciation and amortization	16,497 466	16,235 477
Amortization of deferred financing costs		
Amortization of deferred gains from sale-leaseback transactions	(1,682)	(1,674
Accretion of interest on lease financing obligations		30
Deferred income taxes	3,006	82
Refundable income taxes	451	576
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities	(4,537)	(7,268
Net cash provided from operating activities	25,313	18,137
Cash flows used for investing activities:		
Capital expenditures:		
New restaurant development	(8,696)	(5,910
Restaurant remodeling	(5,738)	(4,955
Other restaurant capital expenditures	(4,401)	(4,590
Corporate and restaurant information systems	(1,836)	(710
Total capital expenditures	(20,671)	(16,165
Properties purchased for sale-leaseback	<del>_</del>	(2,486
Proceeds from sale-leaseback transactions	5,012	4,109
Proceeds from sales of other properties	572	_
Net cash used for investing activities	(15,087)	(14,542
Cash flows used for financing activities:		
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	32,700	71,700
Repayments on revolving credit facility	(32,700)	(69,200
Principal pre-payments on term loans	_	(1,023
Scheduled principal payments on term loans	(7,036)	(5,942
Principal payments on capital leases	(32)	(44
Proceeds from lease financing obligations	1,736	_
Financing costs associated with issuance of lease financing obligations	(89)	_
Deferred financing fees	(697)	_
Proceeds from stock option exercises	185	28
Net cash used for financing activities	(5,933)	(4,481
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	4,293	(886
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	3,144	4,402
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 7,437	\$ 3,516
	\$ 7,437	\$ 5,510
Supplemental disclosures:	Ф. 0.350	ф. О. 40.4
Interest paid on long-term debt	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,484
Interest paid on lease financing obligations	\$ 500	\$ 457
Accruals for capital expenditures	\$ 674	\$ 641
Income tax (refunds) payments, net	\$ (515)	\$ 1,982
Capital lease obligations incurred	\$ —	\$ 123

 $\label{thm:companying} \textit{ notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.}$ 

### CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(in thousands of dollars except share and per share amounts)

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

Business Description. At July 3, 2011 the Company operated, as franchisee, 303 restaurants under the trade name "Burger King" in 12 Northeastern, Midwestern and Southeastern states. At July 3, 2011, the Company also owned and operated 90 Pollo Tropical restaurants, of which 85 were located in Florida and five were located in New Jersey, and franchised a total of 30 Pollo Tropical restaurants, 21 in Puerto Rico, two in Ecuador, one in Honduras, one in the Bahamas, one in Trinidad, one in Venezuela and three on college campuses in Florida. At July 3, 2011 the Company also owned and operated 157 Taco Cabana restaurants located primarily in Texas and franchised two Taco Cabana restaurants in New Mexico, two in Texas and one in Georgia.

Basis of Consolidation. The unaudited consolidated financial statements presented herein include the accounts of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Carrols Restaurant Group" or the "Company") and its wholly-owned subsidiary Carrols Corporation ("Carrols"). In April 2011, Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Fiesta Restaurant Group"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Carrols Corporation, was incorporated. In May 2011, Carrols contributed all of the outstanding capital stock of Pollo Operations, Inc. and Pollo Franchise Inc. (collectively "Pollo Tropical") and Taco Cabana Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively "Taco Cabana") to Fiesta Restaurant Group in exchange for all of the outstanding capital stock of Fiesta Restaurant Group. Any reference to "Carrols LLC" refers to Carrols' wholly-owned subsidiary, Carrols LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. Carrols Restaurant Group is a holding company and conducts all of its operations through Carrols and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Unless the context otherwise requires, Carrols Restaurant Group, Carrols and the direct and indirect subsidiaries of Carrols are collectively referred to as the "Company." All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

On February 24, 2011, the Company announced its intention to split its business into two separate, publicly-traded companies through the tax-free spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group to its stockholders. If the spin-off is consummated, Fiesta Restaurant Group will continue to own and operate the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana businesses and the Company, Carrols and Carrols LLC will continue to own and operate its franchised Burger King restaurants. In the spin-off, it is anticipated that all shares of Fiesta Restaurant Group common stock, which are currently held by Carrols, will be distributed in the form of a pro rata dividend to the stockholders of Carrols Restaurant Group.

The difference between the consolidated financial statements of Carrols Restaurant Group and Carrols is primarily due to additional rent expense of approximately \$6 per year for Carrols Restaurant Group and the composition of stockholders' equity.

*Fiscal Year.* The Company uses a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Sunday closest to December 31. All references herein to the fiscal years ended January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010 will be referred to as the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Similarly, all references herein to the three and six months ended July 3, 2011 and July 4, 2010 will be referred to as the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively. The fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 contained 52 weeks and the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 contained 53 weeks. The three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 each contained thirteen and twenty-six weeks, respectively.

Basis of Presentation. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 have been prepared without an audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and do not include certain of the information and the footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all normal and recurring adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements have been included. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2010 contained in the Company's 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The December 31, 2010 balance sheet data is derived from those audited financial statements.

### CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (in thousands of dollars except share and per share amounts)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. In determining fair value, the accounting standards establish a three level hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value as follows: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2 inputs are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; and Level 3 inputs are unobservable and reflect our own assumptions. The following methods were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate the fair value:

- *Current Assets and Liabilities*. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents and accrued liabilities approximates fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments.
- *Senior Subordinated Notes*. The fair values of outstanding senior subordinated notes are based on quoted market prices. The fair values at both June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 were approximately \$165.4 million.
- *Revolving and Term Loan Facilities*. Rates and terms under Carrols' senior credit facility are favorable to debt with similar terms and maturities that could be obtained, if at all, at June 30, 2011. Given the lack of comparative information regarding such debt, including the lack of trading in Carrols' Term A debt, it is not practicable to estimate the fair value of our existing borrowings under Carrols' senior credit facility at June 30, 2011.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant items subject to such estimates include: accrued occupancy costs, insurance liabilities, income taxes, evaluation for impairment of goodwill, long-lived assets and Burger King franchise rights and lease accounting matters. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Subsequent Events*. The Company evaluated for subsequent events through the issuance date of the Company's financial statements. See Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements.

## 2. Stock-Based Compensation

On January 15, 2011, the Company granted in the aggregate 360,200 non-vested restricted shares of its common stock to certain employees. In general, these shares vest 25% per year and will be expensed over their 4 year vesting period. Included in the non-vested restricted share grant were 200,000 shares granted to our Chief Executive Officer, of which 100,000 shares will be expensed over a one year period ending January 15, 2012 and 100,000 shares will be expensed through December of 2013.

Stock-based compensation expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 was \$0.7 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. As of June 30, 2011, the total non-vested stock-based compensation expense relating to the options and non-vested shares was approximately \$4.0 million and the Company expects to record an additional \$1.4 million as compensation expense in 2011. At June 30, 2011, the remaining weighted average vesting period for stock options and non-vested shares was 2.6 years and 3.3 years, respectively.

### CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (in thousands of dollars except share and per share amounts)

## **Stock Options**

A summary of all option activity for the six months ended June 30, 2011 was as follows:

	2006 Plan				
	Number of Options	Av	eighted verage cise Price	Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (1)
Options outstanding at January 1, 2011	2,588,017	\$	9.17	4.2	\$ 2,948
Granted					
Exercised	(31,286)		5.44		
Forfeited	(31,825)		9.46		
Options outstanding at June 30, 2011	2,524,906		9.21	3.7	7,391
Vested or expected to vest at June 30, 2011	2,504,748		9.23	3.7	7,300
Options exercisable at June 30, 2011	1,607,914		10.75	3.2	3,220

(1) The aggregate intrinsic value was calculated using the difference between the market price of the Company's common stock at July 3, 2011 of \$10.64 and the grant price for only those awards that had a grant price that was less than the market price of the Company's common stock at July 3, 2011.

A summary of all non-vested stock activity for the six months ended June 30, 2011 was as follows:

	Shares	Av Gra	eighted verage int Date Price
Nonvested at January 1, 2011	45,701	\$	6.16
Granted	368,534		7.68
Vested	(11,939)		6.32
Forfeited	(2,850)		6.62
Nonvested at June 30, 2011	399,446		7.56

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# 3. Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Other Lease Charges

The Company reviews its long-lived assets, principally property and equipment, for impairment at the restaurant level. If an indicator of impairment exists for any of its assets, an estimate of the undiscounted future cash flows over the life of the primary asset for each restaurant is compared to that long-lived asset's carrying value. If the carrying value is greater than the undiscounted cash flow, the Company then determines the fair value of the asset and if an asset is determined to be impaired, the loss is measured by the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over its fair value. For closed restaurant locations, the Company reviews the future minimum lease payments and related ancillary costs from the date of the restaurant closure to the end of the remaining lease term and records a lease charge for the lease liabilities to be incurred, net of any estimated sublease recoveries.

The Company determined the fair value of restaurant equipment, for those restaurants reviewed for impairment, based on current economic conditions and the Company's history of using these assets in the operation of its business. These fair value asset measurements rely on significant unobservable inputs and are considered Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The Level 3 assets measured at fair value associated with impairment charges recorded during the six months ended June 30, 2011 totaled \$48.

### CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (in thousands of dollars except share and per share amounts)

Impairment and other lease charges recorded on long-lived assets for the Company's segments were as follows:

		Three Months Ended June 30,		hs Ended e 30,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Burger King	\$ 155	\$ 259	\$ 971	\$ 281
Pollo Tropical	364	1,931	636	1,983
Taco Cabana	456	1,441	448	1,637
	\$ 975	\$ 3,631	\$2,055	\$3,901

During the three months ended June 30, 2011, the Company recorded impairment and lease charges of \$1.0 million which consisted primarily of \$0.1 million for an underperforming Burger King restaurant, \$0.4 million in lease charges for two previously closed Pollo Tropical restaurants, \$0.3 million of lease charges for a Taco Cabana restaurant that was closed in the second quarter of 2011, and \$0.2 million in lease charges for two previously closed Taco Cabana restaurants.

During the three months ended June 30, 2010, the Company recorded impairment and other lease charges of \$3.6 million which included \$1.4 million for an underperforming Pollo Tropical restaurant and \$0.3 million to reduce the fair market value of a previously impaired Pollo Tropical restaurant. The Company also closed one Pollo Tropical restaurant in the second quarter of 2010 whose fixed assets were impaired in 2009, and recorded lease charges of \$0.2 million which principally consisted of future minimum lease payments and related ancillary costs from the date of the restaurant closure to the end of the remaining lease term, net of any estimated cost recoveries from subletting the property. In addition, the Company recorded charges of \$1.1 million for an underperforming Taco Cabana restaurant, \$0.3 million to reduce the fair market value of a previously impaired Taco Cabana restaurant and \$0.3 million associated with three underperforming Burger King restaurants.

### 4. Goodwill and Franchise Rights

Goodwill. The Company is required to review goodwill for impairment annually, or more frequently, when events and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may be impaired. If the determined fair value of goodwill is less than the related carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized. The Company performs its annual impairment assessment as of December 31 and does not believe circumstances have changed since the last assessment date which would make it necessary to reassess their values.

There have been no changes in goodwill or goodwill impairment losses during the six months ended June 30, 2011 or the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. Goodwill balances are summarized below:

	Pollo	Taco	Burger	
	Tropical	Cabana	King	Total
Balance, June 30, 2011	\$56,307	\$67,177	\$1,450	\$124,934

*Burger King Franchise Rights.* Amounts allocated to franchise rights for each Burger King acquisition are amortized using the straight-line method over the average remaining term of the acquired franchise agreements plus one twenty-year renewal period.

The Company assesses the potential impairment of Burger King franchise rights whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. If an indicator of impairment exists, an estimate of the aggregate undiscounted cash flows from the acquired restaurants is compared to the respective carrying value of franchise rights for each Burger King acquisition. If an asset is determined to be impaired, the loss is measured by the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over its fair value. No impairment charges were recorded related to the Company's Burger King franchise rights for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

Amortization expense related to Burger King franchise rights was \$799 and \$798 for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$1,598 for both the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010. The Company estimates the amortization expense for the year ending December 31, 2011 and for each of the five succeeding years to be \$3,194.

### CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (in thousands of dollars except share and per share amounts)

#### 5. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Collateralized:		
Senior Credit Facility-Revolving credit facility	\$ —	\$ —
Senior Credit Facility-Term loan A facility	80,214	87,250
Unsecured:		
9% Senior Subordinated Notes	165,000	165,000
Capital leases	1,170	1,202
	246,384	253,452
Less: current portion	(4,927)	(15,538)
	\$241,457	\$ 237,914

On August 5, 2011 Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group each entered into a new and independent secured credit facility. The new Carrols LLC secured credit facility provides for aggregate term loan borrowings of \$65.0 million and a revolving credit facility that provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$20.0 million. The new Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility consists of a revolving credit facility that provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$25.0 million. Also on August 5, 2011, Fiesta Restaurant Group issued \$200.0 million of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 (the "Fiesta Notes"). Carrols LLC used net proceeds from the term loan borrowings of \$65.0 million under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility and Fiesta Restaurant Group used net proceeds from the sale of the Fiesta Notes to distribute funds to Carrols to enable Carrols to (i) repay all outstanding indebtedness under Carrols prior senior credit facility, (ii) repurchase its outstanding 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (the "Carrols Notes") pursuant to a cash tender offer and related consent solicitation and to pay the related tender premium and (iii) pay related fees and expenses. On August 5, 2011 there were no outstanding revolving credit borrowings under the new Carrols LLC secured credit facility or the new Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility.

In connection with these transactions, on July 22, 2011 Carrols commenced a tender offer and consent solicitation for all of its outstanding Carrols Notes. On August 5, 2011, \$118.4 million were accepted for payment and paid by Carrols. Carrols LLC distributed to Carrols net proceeds from the term loan borrowings of \$65.0 million under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility and Fiesta Restaurant Group distributed to Carrols net proceeds from the sale of the \$200.0 million Fiesta Notes to enable Carrols to redeem the balance of its outstanding Carrols Notes not tendered in the tender offer, which will expire on August 18, 2011, unless terminated or extended. As of August 5, 2011, \$46.6 million of the Carrols Notes had not yet been tendered.

In accordance with ASC – 470, the Company has classified as current, at June, 30, 2011, the principal payment requirements for the next twelve months of the new borrowings discussed above. This resulted in a reclassification of \$24.7 million of debt from short-term to long-term.

New Secured Credit Facilities. On August 5, 2011 Fiesta Restaurant Group entered into a new first lien revolving credit facility providing for aggregate borrowings of up to \$25.0 million (including \$10.0 million available for letters of credit). The new Fiesta Restaurant Group revolving credit facility also provides for incremental increases of up to \$5.0 million, in the aggregate, to the revolving credit borrowings available under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility, and matures on February 5, 2016. Borrowings under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility bear interest at a per annum rate, at Fiesta Restaurant Group's option, of either (all terms as defined in the Fiesta Restaurant secured credit facility):

- 1) the Alternate Base Rate plus the applicable margin of 2.0% to 2.75% based on Fiesta Restaurant Group's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 2.5% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility), or
- 2) the LIBOR Rate plus the applicable margin of 3.0% to 3.75% based on Fiesta Restaurant Group's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 3.5% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility).

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Fiesta Restaurant Group's obligations under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility are guaranteed by Fiesta Restaurant Group's material subsidiaries and secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of Fiesta Restaurant Group and its material subsidiaries, as guarantors, (including a pledge of all of the capital stock and equity interests of its material subsidiaries).

The Fiesta Restaurant Group secured senior credit facility contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these facilities if there is a default under any indebtedness of Fiesta Restaurant Group having an outstanding principal amount of \$2.5 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when due.

On August 5, 2011 Carrols LLC entered into a new secured credit facility, which provides for \$65.0 million aggregate principal amount of term loan borrowings and a revolving credit facility which provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$20.0 million (including \$10.0 million available for letters of credit) both maturing on August 5, 2016. The Carrols LLC secured credit facility also provides for incremental borrowing increases of up to \$25 million, in the aggregate, to the revolving credit facility and term loan borrowings available under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility. Borrowings under the term loan and revolving credit borrowings under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility bear interest at a per annum rate, at Carrols LLC's option, of either (all terms as defined in the Carrols LLC secured credit facility):

- 1) the Alternate Base Rate plus the applicable margin of 2.25% to 4.0% based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 2.75% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility), or
- 2) the LIBOR Rate plus the applicable margin of 3.25% to 4.0% based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 3.75% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility).

Under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility, Carrols LLC will be required to make mandatory prepayments of revolving credit facility borrowings and principal on term loan borrowings (i) annually in an amount equal to 50% to 100% of Excess Cash Flow (as defined in the Carrols LLC secured credit facility) based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio and (ii) in the event of dispositions of assets, debt issuances and insurance and condemnation proceeds (all subject to certain exceptions).

The term loan borrowings under the new Carrols LLC secured credit facility are payable in consecutive quarterly principal payments of \$1.625 million beginning on the last day of the fourth quarter of 2011 through the first quarter of 2016 with the remaining outstanding principal amount of \$30.75 million due on the maturity date of August 5, 2016.

Carrols LLC's obligations under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of Carrols LLC and by a pledge by Carrols of all of the outstanding equity interests of Carrols LLC.

The Carrols LLC secured senior credit facility contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these facilities if there is a default under any indebtedness of Carrols LLC having an outstanding principal amount of \$2.5 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when due.

Fiesta Restaurant Group Senior Secured Second Lien Notes. On August 5, 2011, Fiesta Restaurant Group issued \$200.0 million of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 pursuant to an indenture dated as of August 5, 2011 governing such notes. The Fiesta Notes mature on August 15, 2016 and the entire principal amount of the Fiesta Notes is payable of such maturity date. Interest is payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15 with the first interest payment due on February 15, 2012. The Fiesta Notes are secured by second-priority liens on substantially all of Fiesta Restaurant Group's and its material subsidiaries assets.

The Fiesta Notes are redeemable at the option of Fiesta Restaurant Group in whole or in part at any time after February 15, 2014 at a price of 104.438% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed before February 15, 2015, 102.219% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed after February 15, 2015 but before February 15, 2016 and 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed after February 15, 2016. Prior to February 14, 2014, Fiesta Restaurant Group may redeem some or all of the Fiesta Notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal

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amount of each note plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and a make-whole premium. In addition, at any time prior to February 15, 2014, Fiesta Restaurant Group may redeem up to 35% of the Fiesta Notes with the net cash proceeds from specified equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 108.875% of the principal amount of each note to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

The indenture governing the Fiesta Notes includes certain covenants, including limitations and restrictions on Fiesta Restaurant Group and its material subsidiaries who are guarantors under such indenture to incur additional debt, issue preferred stock, pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock or make certain other restricted payments or investments, incur liens, sell assets, enter into transactions with affiliates, agree to payment restrictions affecting certain of its material subsidiaries and enter into mergers, consolidations or sales of all or substantially all of Fiesta Restaurant Group's or its material subsidiaries' assets. These covenants are subject to certain exceptions and qualifications including, without limitation, permitting the spin-off transaction discussed in Note 1.

The indenture governing the Fiesta Notes contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these notes and the indenture if there is a default under any indebtedness of Fiesta Restaurant Group having an outstanding principal amount of \$15.0 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when

Carrols Senior Credit Facility. Carrols' prior senior credit facility totaled \$185 million, originally consisting of \$120 million principal amount of term loan A borrowings maturing on March 9, 2013 (or earlier on September 30, 2012 if the Carrols Notes are not refinanced by June 30, 2012) and a \$65.0 million revolving credit facility (including a sub limit of up to \$25.0 million for letters of credit and up to \$5.0 million for swingline loans), maturing on March 8, 2012.

The term loan and revolving credit borrowings under the prior senior credit facility bore interest at a per annum rate, at Carrols' option, of either:

- 1) the applicable margin percentage ranging from 0% to 0.25% based on Carrols' senior leverage ratio (as defined in the senior credit facility) plus the greater of (i) the prime rate or (ii) the federal funds rate for that day plus 0.5%; or
- 2) Adjusted LIBOR plus the applicable margin percentage in effect ranging from 1.0% to 1.5% based on Carrols' senior leverage ratio. At June 30, 2011 the LIBOR margin percentage was 1.0%.

At July 3, 2011, outstanding borrowings under Term loan A of the prior senior credit facility were \$80.2 million with the remaining balance due and payable as follows:

- 1) three quarterly installments of approximately \$4.2 million beginning on September 30, 2011; and
- 2) four quarterly installments of approximately \$16.9 million beginning on June 30, 2012.

Under the prior senior credit facility, Carrols was required to make mandatory prepayments of principal on term loan A facility borrowings (a) annually in an amount up to 50% of Excess Cash Flow depending upon Carrols' Total Leverage Ratio (as such terms are defined in the prior senior credit facility), (b) in the event of certain dispositions of assets (all subject to certain exceptions) and insurance proceeds, in an amount equal to 100% of the net proceeds received by Carrols therefrom, and (c) in an amount equal to 100% of the net proceeds from any subsequent issuance of debt. For the year ended December 31, 2010, there was not a required prepayment based on the Excess Cash Flow for 2010, as defined. For the year ended December 31, 2009, Carrols was required to make a principal prepayment of approximately \$1.0 million in the first quarter of 2010.

The prior senior credit facility contained certain covenants, including, without limitation, those limiting Carrols' ability to incur indebtedness, incur liens, sell or acquire assets or businesses, change the nature of its business, engage in transactions with related parties, make certain investments or pay dividends. In addition, Carrols was required to meet certain financial ratios, including fixed charge coverage, senior leverage, and total leverage ratios (all as defined under the senior credit facility). Carrols was in compliance with the covenants under its prior senior credit facility as of July 3, 2011.

After reserving \$13.5 million for letters of credit guaranteed by the facility, \$51.5 million was available for borrowings under the prior revolving credit facility at July 3, 2011.

Carrols Senior Subordinated Notes. On December 15, 2004, Carrols issued \$180 million of 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 that bear interest at a rate of 9% payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 and mature on January 15, 2013. At both July 3, 2011 and January 2, 2011, \$165.0 million principal amount of the Carrols Notes were outstanding.

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Restrictive covenants under the Carrols Notes included limitations with respect to the Carrols' ability to issue additional debt, incur liens, sell or acquire assets or businesses, pay dividends and make certain investments. Carrols was in compliance as of July 3, 2011 with the restrictive covenants in the indenture governing the Carrols Notes.

On July 22, 2011, Carrols commenced an offer to purchase for cash any and all of the \$165 million outstanding principal amount of the Carrols Notes and solicited consents to effect certain proposed amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes. The tender offer will expire on August 18, 2011, unless terminated or extended. Holders who validly tendered the Carrols Notes on or before August 4, 2011 received total consideration of \$1,003.75 for each \$1,000 principal amount of such notes accepted for purchase. Total consideration included a consent payment of \$30.00 per \$1,000 principal amount, which was payable only to holders who tendered their Notes and validly delivered their consents prior to the expiration of the consent solicitation at 5:00 p.m. on August 4, 2011. On August 5, 2011, \$118.4 million principal amount of the Carrols Notes that were validly tendered were accepted for payment and paid by Carrols. Holders who validly tender the Carrols Notes after 5:00 p.m. on August 4, 2011, but before August 18, 2011, will receive \$973.75 for each \$1,000 principal amount of such notes accepted for purchase. Accrued and unpaid interest, up to, but not including, the applicable settlement date, will be paid in cash on all validly tendered and accepted Carrols Notes.

The amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes, among other things, eliminated a significant portion of the restrictive covenants in the indenture governing the Carrols Notes and eliminated certain events of default. The elimination (or, in certain cases, amendment) of these restrictive covenants and other provisions permit Carrols and its subsidiaries to, among other things, incur indebtedness, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, incur liens or make investments, in each case which otherwise may not have been permitted pursuant to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes. The amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes are binding upon the holders of the Carrols Notes not tendered into the tender offer.

### 6. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 was comprised of the following:

		Three Months Ended June 30,		ns Ended 30,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Current	\$(1,143)	\$1,135	\$ (66)	\$2,587
Deferred	3,006	102	3,006	82
	<u>\$ 1,863</u>	\$1,237	\$2,940	\$2,669

The provision for income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 was derived using an estimated effective annual income tax rate for 2011 of 29.7%, which excludes any discrete tax adjustments. Discrete tax adjustments decreased the provision for income taxes by \$241 in both the three and six months ended June 30, 2011.

The provision for income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 was derived using an estimated effective annual income tax rate for 2010 of 36.9%, which excludes any discrete tax adjustments. Discrete tax adjustments decreased the provision for income taxes by \$116 and \$70 in the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. As of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits and no accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions.

The tax years 2007-2010 remain open to examination by the major taxing jurisdictions to which the Company is subject. Although it is not reasonably possible to estimate the amount by which unrecognized tax benefits may increase within the next twelve months due to the uncertainties regarding the timing of any examinations, the Company does not expect unrecognized tax benefits to significantly change in the next twelve months.

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# 7. Other Liabilities, Long-Term

Other liabilities, long-term, at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Accrued occupancy costs	\$14,000	\$ 13,250
Accrued workers' compensation costs	3,624	3,423
Deferred compensation	840	2,937
Other	3,171	3,442
	\$21,635	\$ 23,052

Accrued occupancy costs include obligations pertaining to closed restaurant locations, contingent rent and accruals to expense operating lease rental payments on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The following table presents the activity in the closed-store reserve included in accrued occupancy costs at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

		onths ended		Year ended	
	Jun	e 30, 2011	December 31, 2010		
Balance, beginning of period	\$	1,665	\$	862	
Accruals for additional lease charges		1,066		1,279	
Payments, net		(526)		(632)	
Other adjustments		66		156	
Balance, end of period	\$	2,271	\$	1,665	

#### 8. Postretirement Benefits

The Company provides postretirement medical benefits covering substantially all Burger King administrative and restaurant management salaried employees who retire or terminate after qualifying for such benefits. A December 31 measurement date is used for postretirement benefits.

The following summarizes the components of net periodic postretirement benefit income:

	Three Mon June			Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2011	2010	2011	2010		
Service cost	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 14	\$ 16		
Interest cost	24	27	49	54		
Amortization of net gains and losses	24	24	49	48		
Amortization of prior service credit	(90)	(90)	(180)	(180)		
Net periodic postretirement benefit income	\$ (35)	\$ (31)	\$ (68)	\$ (62)		

During the six months ended June 30, 2011, the Company made contributions of \$86 to its postretirement plan and expects to make additional contributions during 2011. Contributions made by the Company to its postretirement plan for the year ended December 31, 2010 were \$156.

# 9. Lease Financing Obligations

The Company has previously entered into sale-leaseback transactions involving certain restaurant properties that did not qualify for sale-leaseback accounting and as a result were classified as financing transactions. Under the financing method, the assets remain on the consolidated balance sheet and proceeds received by the Company from these transactions are recorded as a financing liability.

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Payments under these leases are applied as payments of imputed interest and deemed principal on the underlying financing obligations.

During the second quarter of 2011, the Company entered into a sale-leaseback transaction for a restaurant property that did not qualify for sale-leaseback accounting and the net proceeds of \$1.7 million were recorded as a lease financing obligation.

Interest expense associated with lease financing obligations for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, and was \$0.5 million for both the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

### 10. Business Segment Information

The Company is engaged in the quick-service and quick-casual restaurant industry, with three restaurant concepts: Burger King, operating as a franchisee, and Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana, both Company-owned concepts. Pollo Tropical is a quick-casual restaurant brand offering a wide selection of tropical and Caribbean-inspired food, featuring grilled chicken marinated in a proprietary blend of tropical fruit juices and spices. Taco Cabana is a quick-casual restaurant brand offering a wide selection of fresh Tex-Mex and traditional Mexican food, including sizzling fajitas, quesadillas, enchiladas, burritos and other Tex-Mex dishes.

The accounting policies of each segment are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. The following table includes Adjusted Segment EBITDA, which is the measure of segment profit or loss reported to the chief operating decision maker for purposes of allocating resources to the segments and assessing their performance. Adjusted Segment EBITDA is defined as earnings attributable to the applicable segment before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, impairment losses and other lease charges, stock-based compensation expense, other income and expense and gains and losses on extinguishment of debt.

The "Other" column includes corporate related items not allocated to reportable segments, including stock-based compensation expense. Other identifiable assets consist primarily of cash, certain other assets, corporate property and equipment, including restaurant information systems expenditures, goodwill and deferred income taxes.

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Three Months Ended	Pollo Tropical	Taco Cabana	Burger King	Other	Consolidated
June 30, 2011:	Tropicar	Cubunu		<u> </u>	Consonance
Total revenues	\$ 52,642	\$ 68,607	\$ 88,595	\$ —	\$ 209,844
Cost of sales	17,413	22,262	26,497	_	66,172
Restaurant wages and related expenses	12,311	20,453	27,458	10	60,232
Restaurant rent expenses	2,437	4,079	5,692	_	12,208
General and administrative expenses (1)	3,298	2,893	6,845	713	13,749
Depreciation and amortization	2,043	2,274	3,549	523	8,389
Adjusted Segment EBITDA	9,581	7,003	5,111		
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions	2,589	3,975	4,380	1,291	12,235
June 30, 2010:					
Total revenues	\$ 46,813	\$ 64,207	\$ 93,456	\$ —	\$ 204,476
Cost of sales	15,167	19,150	28,652	_	62,969
Restaurant wages and related expenses	11,235	19,301	29,061	14	59,611
Restaurant rent expenses	2,425	3,936	5,871	_	12,232
General and administrative expenses (1)	2,859	2,824	6,592	402	12,677
Depreciation and amortization	1,942	2,241	3,478	452	8,113
Adjusted Segment EBITDA	8,145	6,873	5,522		
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions	3,024	3,576	3,467	318	10,385
Six Months Ended					
June 30, 2011:					
Total revenues	\$104,877	\$131,988	\$170,217	\$ —	\$ 407,082
Cost of sales	34,562	41,457	50,468	_	126,487
Restaurant wages and related expenses	24,604	39,789	54,387	20	118,800
Restaurant rent expenses	4,750	8,110	11,402	_	24,262
General and administrative expenses (1)	6,081	5,995	14,151	1,378	27,605
Depreciation and amortization	3,958	4,540	6,995	1,004	16,497
Adjusted Segment EBITDA	19,640	13,496	6,252		
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions	3,781	7,816	7,238	1,836	20,671
June 30, 2010:					
Total revenues	\$ 92,306	\$126,239	\$181,075	\$ —	\$ 399,620
Cost of sales	29,860	37,705	54,602	_	122,167
Restaurant wages and related expenses	22,824	38,651	57,242	28	118,745
Restaurant rent expenses	4,886	7,835	11,867	_	24,588
General and administrative expenses (1)	5,667	5,594	13,132	781	25,174
Depreciation and amortization	3,872	4,518	6,950	895	16,235
Adjusted Segment EBITDA	14,872	13,634	9,308		
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions	3,825	4,866	6,764	710	16,165
Identifiable Assets:					
At June 30, 2011	\$ 50,755	\$ 61,937	\$141,659	\$174,990	\$ 429,341
At December 31, 2010	51,125	63,061	142,922	169,194	426,302

<sup>(1)</sup> For the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana segments, such amounts include general and administrative expenses related directly to each segment. For the Burger King segment, such amounts include general and administrative expenses related directly to the Burger King segment as well as expenses associated with administrative support to the Company's Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana segments for executive management, information systems and certain accounting, legal and other

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administrative functions. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, the administrative support expenses included in the Burger King segment provided to Pollo Tropical were \$1.2 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, and the administrative support expenses provided to Taco Cabana were \$1.4 million and \$3.3 million respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, these administrative support expenses were \$1.1 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, for Pollo Tropical and \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, for Taco Cabana.

A reconciliation of Adjusted Segment EBITDA to consolidated net income is as follows:

		nths Ended e 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
Adjusted Segment EBITDA:					
Pollo Tropical	\$ 9,581	\$ 8,145	\$19,640	\$14,872	
Taco Cabana	7,003	6,873	13,496	13,634	
Burger King	5,111	5,522	6,252	9,308	
Less:					
Depreciation and amortization	8,389	8,113	16,497	16,235	
Impairment and other lease charges	975	3,631	2,055	3,901	
Interest expense	4,579	4,708	9,192	9,451	
Provision for income taxes	1,863	1,237	2,940	2,669	
Stock-based compensation expense	723	416	1,398	809	
Other income	(342)	_	(448)	_	
Net income	\$ 5,508	\$ 2,435	\$ 7,754	\$ 4,749	

# 11. Commitments and Contingencies

On November 16, 1998, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") filed suit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (the "Court"), under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, against Carrols. The complaint alleged that Carrols engaged in a pattern or practice of unlawful discrimination, harassment and retaliation against former and current female employees. The EEOC ultimately attempted to present evidence of 511 individuals that it believed constituted the "class" of claimants for which it was seeking monetary and injunctive relief from Carrols. On April 20, 2005, the Court issued a decision and order granting Carrols' Motion for Summary Judgment that Carrols filed in January 2004, dismissing the EEOC's pattern or practice claim. Carrols then moved for summary judgment against the claims of the 511 individual claimants. On March 2, 2011, the Court issued a decision and order granting summary judgment against the claims of all but 131 of the 511 individual claimants and dismissed 380 of the individual claimants from the case. Both the EEOC and Carrols have since filed motions for reconsideration in part of the Court's March 2, 2011 decision and order, as a result of which the number of surviving claimants may increase to as many as 184 or decrease to as few as four. It is not possible to predict the outcome of these motions at this time.

Subject to possible appeal by the EEOC, the EEOC's pattern or practice claim is dismissed; however, the Court has yet to determine how the claims of the individual claimants ultimately determined to survive will proceed. Although the Company believes that the EEOC's continued class litigation argument is without merit, it is not possible to predict the outcome of that matter on an appeal, if one is taken. The Company does not believe that any of the remaining individual claims would have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

The Company is a party to various other litigation matters incidental to the conduct of the Company's business. The Company does not believe that the outcome of any of these other matters will have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

# 12. Net Income per Share

Basic net income per share is computed by dividing net income for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing net income for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the dilutive effect of outstanding stock options using the treasury stock method. To the extent such outstanding stock options are antidilutive, they are excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share.

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The following table is a reconciliation of the net income and share amounts used in the calculation of basic net income per share and diluted net income per share:

	Three months ended June 30,				Six months ended June 30,			
		2011		2010		2011		2010
Basic net income per share:								
Net income	\$	5,508	\$	2,435	\$	7,754	\$	4,749
Weighted average common shares outstanding	21,	,663,181	21	,618,962	21	,652,950	21	,616,325
Basic net income per share	\$	0.25	\$	0.11	\$	0.36	\$	0.22
Diluted net income per share:								
Net income for diluted net income per share	\$	5,508	\$	2,435	\$	7,754	\$	4,749
Shares used in computed basic net income per share	21,	,663,181	21	,618,962	21	,652,950	21	,616,325
Dilutive effect of non-vested shares and stock options		497,333		225,200		461,184		224,556
Shares used in computed diluted net income per share	22,	,160,514	21	,844,162	22	,114,134	21	,840,881
Diluted net income per share	\$	0.25	\$	0.11	\$	0.35	\$	0.22
Shares excluded from diluted net income per share computation								
(1)	1,	,031,344	1,	,609,608	1	,478,196	1	,570,860

These shares subject to stock options were not included in the computation of diluted net income per share because they would have been antidilutive for the periods presented.

# 13. Comprehensive Income

The items that currently impact the Company's other comprehensive income are changes in postretirement benefit obligations, net of tax.

		months June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
Net income	\$5,508	\$2,435	\$7,754	\$4,749	
Change in postretirement benefit obligation, net of tax				10	
Comprehensive income	\$5,508	\$2,435	\$7,754	\$4,759	

# 14. Other Income

In the three months ended June 30, 2011, the Company recorded a gain of \$0.3 million related to the sale of a non-operating Burger King property. In the six months ended June 30, 2011, the Company also recorded a gain of \$0.1 million related to a property insurance recovery from a fire at a Burger King restaurant.

# 15. Recent Accounting Developments

There are currently no recent accounting pronouncements which had or are expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements as of the date of this report.

# 16. Subsequent Events

As discussed in Note 5, on August 5, 2011, the Company completed a refinancing of its existing indebtedness. Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group each entered into new and independent financing arrangements. The proceeds from these financings were or will be used to

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repay amounts outstanding under Carrols senior credit facility and Carrols Notes, as well as to pay all related fees and expenses. Excess cash from the financings is expected to be approximately \$10 million to \$11 million.

Fiesta Restaurant Group sold \$200 million of 8.875% senior secured second lien notes due 2016 and entered into a \$25 million secured revolving credit facility which was undrawn at closing. Carrols LLC entered into an \$85 million secured credit facility including term loan borrowings of \$65 million and an undrawn \$20 million revolving credit facility. Proceeds from these borrowings were or will be used to repay approximately \$80.2 million outstanding under Carrols' senior credit facility, to repurchase \$118.4 million of the Carrols Notes tendered pursuant to a cash tender offer (such tender offer is not yet complete), to pay accrued interest and to pay related fees and expenses. In addition, the \$46.6 million of the Carrols Notes not yet tendered will be repurchased upon completion of the cash tender offer or redeemed subsequent to its expiration along with payment for accrued interest and fees related to the tender offer.

As a result of these refinancing transactions, Carrols expects to record a loss on extinguishment of debt in the third quarter of 2011 representing the write-off of previously deferred financing fees and the tender premium on redemption of the 9% senior subordinated notes.

# ITEM 1—INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

# **CARROLS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands of dollars except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	June 30, 	December 31, 2010
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,437	\$ 3,144
Trade and other receivables	7,177	5,213
Inventories	5,213	5,203
Prepaid rent	4,074	4,018
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	5,928	5,349
Refundable income taxes	418	869
Deferred income taxes	4,609	4,609
Total current assets	34,856	28,405
Property and equipment, net	186,685	186,850
Franchise rights, net (Note 4)	68,834	70,432
Goodwill (Note 4)	124,934	124,934
Intangible assets, net	360	419
Franchise agreements, at cost less accumulated amortization of \$6,346 and \$6,102, respectively	5,457	5,629
Deferred income taxes	<del>-</del>	1,949
Other assets	8,215	7,684
Total assets	\$429,341	\$ 426,302
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ 4,927	\$ 15,538
Accounts payable	13,251	13,944
Accrued interest	6,828	6,853
Accrued payroll, related taxes and benefits	19,235	19,504
Accrued real estate taxes	4,543	4,778
Other liabilities	9,464	7,434
Total current liabilities	58,248	68,051
Long-term debt, net of current portion (Note 5)	241,457	237,914
Lease financing obligations (Note 9)	11,799	10,061
Deferred income—sale-leaseback of real estate	39,192	40,472
Accrued postretirement benefits (Note 8)	1,709	1,845
Deferred income taxes	1,057	_
Other liabilities (Note 7)	21,825	23,060
Total liabilities	375,287	381,403
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Stockholder's equity:		
Common stock, par value \$1; authorized 1,000 shares, issued and outstanding—10 shares	<u> </u>	_
Additional paid-in capital	(2,685)	(4,083)
Retained earnings	55,204	47,447
Accumulated other comprehensive income (Note 12)	1,535	1,535
Total stockholder's equity	54,054	44,899
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$429,341	\$ 426,302
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

# CARROLS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010 (In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months e	nded June 30,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Revenues:				
Restaurant sales	\$ 209,343	\$ 204,141	\$406,216	\$ 398,808
Franchise royalty revenues and fees	501	335	866	812
Total revenues	209,844	204,476	407,082	399,620
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	66,172	62,969	126,487	122,167
Restaurant wages and related expenses (including stock-based compensation expense of \$10,				
\$14, \$20 and \$28, respectively)	60,232	59,611	118,800	118,745
Restaurant rent expense	12,208	12,232	24,262	24,588
Other restaurant operating expenses	29,039	29,105	56,963	57,337
Advertising expense	7,472	7,758	14,975	14,604
General and administrative (including stock-based compensation expense of \$713, \$402, \$1,378				
and \$781, respectively)	13,748	12,676	27,602	25,171
Depreciation and amortization	8,389	8,113	16,497	16,235
Impairment and other lease charges (Note 3)	975	3,631	2,055	3,901
Other income (Note 13)	(342)		(448)	
Total operating expenses	197,893	196,095	387,193	382,748
Income from operations	11,951	8,381	19,889	16,872
Interest expense	4,579	4,708	9,192	9,451
Income before income taxes	7,372	3,673	10,697	7,421
Provision for income taxes (Note 6)	1,863	1,237	2,940	2,669
Net income	\$ 5,509	\$ 2,436	\$ 7,757	\$ 4,752

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# CARROLS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

(In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

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Cash flows provided from operating activities:  Net income	¢ 7.757	\$ 4,752
	\$ 7,757	\$ 4,/52
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities:	(07)	220
Loss (gain) on disposals of property and equipment	(97)	
Stock-based compensation expense	1,398	809
Impairment and other lease charges	2,055	3,901
Depreciation and amortization	16,497	16,235
Amortization of deferred financing costs	466	477
Amortization of deferred gains from sale-leaseback transactions	(1,682)	(1,674
Accretion of interest on lease financing obligations	2	30
Deferred income taxes	3,006	82
Refundable income taxes	451	576
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities	(4,355)	(7,271
Net cash provided from operating activities	25,498	18,137
Cash flows used for investing activities:		
Capital expenditures:		
New restaurant development	(8,696)	(5,910
Restaurant remodeling	(5,738)	(4,955
Other restaurant capital expenditures	(4,401)	(4,590
Corporate and restaurant information systems	(1,836)	(710
Total capital expenditures	(20,671)	(16,165
Properties purchased for sale-leaseback	<del>_</del>	(2,486
Proceeds from sale-leaseback transactions	5,012	4,109
Proceeds from sales of other properties	572	_
Net cash used for investing activities	(15,087)	(14,542
Cash flows used for financing activities:		
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	32,700	71,700
Repayments on revolving credit facility	(32,700)	(69,200
Principal pre-payments on term loans	<del>_</del>	(1,023
Scheduled principal payments on term loans	(7,036)	(5,942
Principal payments on capital leases	(32)	(44
Proceeds from lease financing obligations	1,736	_
Financing costs associated with issuance of lease financing obligations	(89)	_
Deferred financing fees	(697)	_
Proceeds from stock option exercises	<u> </u>	28
Net cash used for financing activities	(6,118)	(4,481
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	4,293	(886
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	3,144	4,402
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 7,437	\$ 3,516
•	\$ 7,437	\$ 5,510
Supplemental disclosures:	ф. 0.250	Ф. 0.404
Interest paid on long-term debt	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,484
Interest paid on lease financing obligations	\$ 500	\$ 457
Accruals for capital expenditures	\$ 674	\$ 641
Income tax (refunds) payments, net	\$ (515)	\$ 1,982
Capital lease obligations incurred	\$ —	\$ 123

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### CARROLS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(in thousands of dollars, except share and per share amounts)

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

Business Description. At July 3, 2011 the Company operated, as franchisee, 303 restaurants under the trade name "Burger King" in 12 Northeastern, Midwestern and Southeastern states. At July 3, 2011, the Company also owned and operated 90 Pollo Tropical restaurants, of which 85 were located in Florida, five were located in New Jersey, and franchised a total of 30 Pollo Tropical restaurants, 21 in Puerto Rico, two in Ecuador, one in Honduras, one in the Bahamas, one in Trinidad, one in Venezuela and three on college campuses in Florida. At July 3, 2011 the Company also owned and operated 157 Taco Cabana restaurants located primarily in Texas and franchised two Taco Cabana restaurants in New Mexico, two in Texas and one in Georgia.

Basis of Consolidation. The unaudited consolidated financial statements presented herein include the accounts of Carrols Corporation and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Carrols Restaurant Group") or the "Parent Company"). In April 2011, Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Fiesta Restaurant Group"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Carrols Corporation, was incorporated. In May 2011, the Company contributed all of the outstanding capital stock of Pollo Operations, Inc. and Pollo Franchise Inc. (collectively "Pollo Tropical") and Taco Cabana Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively "Taco Cabana") to Fiesta Restaurant Group in exchange for all of the outstanding capital stock of Fiesta Restaurant Group. Any reference to "Carrols LLC" refers to Carrols' wholly-owned subsidiary, Carrols LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

On February 24, 2011, Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. and the Company announced its intention to split its business into two separate, publicly-traded companies through the tax-free spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group to its stockholders. If the spin-off is consummated, Fiesta Restaurant Group will own and operate the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana businesses. Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., the Company and Carrols LLC will continue to own and operate its franchised Burger King restaurants. In the spin-off, it is anticipated that all shares of Fiesta Restaurant Group common stock, which are currently held by the Company, will be distributed in the form of a pro rata dividend to the stockholders of Carrols Restaurant Group.

The difference between the consolidated financial statements of Carrols Corporation and Carrols Restaurant Group is primarily due to additional rent expense of approximately \$6 per year for Carrols Restaurant Group and the composition of stockholder's equity.

*Fiscal Year.* The Company uses a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Sunday closest to December 31. All references herein to the fiscal years ended January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010 will be referred to as the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Similarly, all references herein to the three and six months ended July 3, 2011 and July 4, 2010 will be referred to as the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively. The year ended December 31, 2010 contained 52 weeks and the year ended December 31, 2009 contained 53 weeks. The three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 each contained thirteen and twenty-six weeks, respectively.

Basis of Presentation. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 have been prepared without an audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and do not include certain of the information and the footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all normal and recurring adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements have been included. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2010 contained in the Company's 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The December 31, 2010 balance sheet data is derived from those audited financial statements.

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Fair Value of Financial Instruments. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. In determining fair value, the accounting standards establish a three level hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value as follows: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2 inputs are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; and Level 3 inputs are unobservable and reflect our own assumptions. The following methods were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate the fair value:

- Current Assets and Liabilities. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents and accrued liabilities approximates fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments.
- *Senior Subordinated Notes*. The fair values of outstanding senior subordinated notes are based on quoted market prices. The fair values at both June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 were approximately \$165.4 million.
- Revolving and Term Loan Facilities. Rates and terms under the Company's senior credit facility are favorable to debt with similar terms and maturities that could be obtained, if at all, at June 30, 2011. Given the lack of comparative information regarding such debt, including the lack of trading in our Term A debt, it is not practicable to estimate the fair value of existing borrowings under the Company's senior credit facility at June 30, 2011.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant items subject to such estimates include: accrued occupancy costs, insurance liabilities, income taxes, evaluation for impairment of goodwill, long-lived assets and Burger King franchise rights and lease accounting matters. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Earnings Per Share Presentation.* Presentation of earnings per share is required for all entities that have issued common stock or potential common stock if those securities trade in a public market either on a stock exchange (domestic or foreign) or in the over-the-counter market. The Company's common stock is not publicly traded and therefore, earnings per share amounts are not presented.

Subsequent Events. The Company evaluated for subsequent events through the issuance date of the Company's financial statements. See Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements.

# 2. Stock-Based Compensation

On January 15, 2011, Carrols Restaurant Group granted in the aggregate 360,200 non-vested restricted shares of its common stock to certain employees. In general, these shares vest 25% per year and will be expensed over their 4 year vesting period. Included in the non-vested restricted share grant were 200,000 shares granted to our Chief Executive Officer, of which 100,000 shares will be expensed over a one year period ending January 15, 2012 and 100,000 shares will be expensed through December of 2013.

Stock-based compensation expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.7 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. As of June 30, 2011, the total non-vested stock-based compensation expense relating to the options and non-vested shares was approximately \$4.0 million and the Company expects to record an additional \$1.4 million as compensation expense in 2011. At June 30, 2011, the remaining weighted average vesting period for stock options and non-vested shares was 2.6 years and 3.3 years, respectively.

### CARROLS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (in thousands of dollars, except share and per share amounts)

## **Stock Options**

A summary of all option activity for the six months ended June 30, 2011 was as follows:

	2006 Plan				
	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (1)	
Options outstanding at January 1, 2011	2,588,017	\$ 9.17	4.2	\$ 2,948	
Granted	_				
Exercised	(31,286)	5.44			
Forfeited	(31,825)	9.46			
Options outstanding at June 30, 2011	2,524,906	9.21	3.7	7,391	
Vested or expected to vest at June 30, 2011	2,504,748	9.23	3.7	7,300	
Options exercisable at June 30, 2011	1,607,914	10.75	3.2	3,220	

(1) The aggregate intrinsic value was calculated using the difference between the market price of Carrols Restaurant Group's common stock at July 3, 2011 of \$10.64 and the grant price for only those awards that had a grant price that was less than the market price of Carrols Restaurant Group's common stock at July 3, 2011.

A summary of all non-vested stock activity for the six months ended June 30, 2011 was as follows:

	Shares	Av Gra	eighted verage int Date Price
Nonvested at January 1, 2011	45,701	\$	6.16
Granted	368,534		7.68
Vested	(11,939)		6.32
Forfeited	(2,850)		6.62
Nonvested at June 30, 2011	399,446		7.56

# 3. Impairment of Long-lived Assets and Other Lease Charges

The Company reviews its long-lived assets, principally property and equipment, for impairment at the restaurant level. If an indicator of impairment exists for any of its assets, an estimate of the undiscounted future cash flows over the life of the primary asset for each restaurant is compared to that long-lived asset's carrying value. If the carrying value is greater than the undiscounted cash flow, the Company then determines the fair value of the asset and if an asset is determined to be impaired, the loss is measured by the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over its fair value. For closed restaurant locations, the Company reviews the future minimum lease payments and related ancillary costs from the date of the restaurant closure to the end of the remaining lease term and records a lease charge for the lease liabilities to be incurred, net of any estimated sublease recoveries.

The Company determined the fair value of restaurant equipment, for those restaurants reviewed for impairment, based on current economic conditions and the Company's history of using these assets in the operation of its business. These fair value asset measurements rely on significant unobservable inputs and are considered Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The Level 3 assets measured at fair value associated with impairment charges recorded during the six months ended June 30, 2011 totaled \$48.

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# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (in thousands of dollars, except share and per share amounts)

Impairment and other lease charges recorded on long-lived assets for the Company's segments were as follows:

		Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
Burger King	\$ 155	\$ 259	\$ 971	\$ 281	
Pollo Tropical	364	1,931	636	1,983	
Taco Cabana	456	1,441	448	1,637	
	\$ 975	\$ 3,631	\$2,055	\$3,901	

During the three months ended June 30, 2011, the Company recorded impairment and lease charges of \$1.0 million which consisted primarily of \$0.1 million for an underperforming Burger King restaurant, \$0.4 million in lease charges for two previously closed Pollo Tropical restaurants, \$0.3 million of lease charges for a Taco Cabana restaurant that was closed in the second quarter of 2011 and \$0.2 million in lease charges for two previously closed Taco Cabana restaurants.

During the three months ended June 30, 2010, the Company recorded impairment and other lease charges of \$3.6 million which included \$1.4 million for an underperforming Pollo Tropical restaurant and \$0.3 million to reduce the fair market value of a previously impaired Pollo Tropical restaurant. The Company also closed one Pollo Tropical restaurant in the second quarter of 2010 whose fixed assets were impaired in 2009, and recorded lease charges of \$0.2 million which principally consisted of future minimum lease payments and related ancillary costs from the date of the restaurant closure to the end of the remaining lease term, net of any estimated cost recoveries from subletting the property. In addition, the Company recorded charges of \$1.1 million for an underperforming Taco Cabana restaurant, \$0.3 million to reduce the fair market value of a previously impaired Taco Cabana restaurant and \$0.3 million associated with three underperforming Burger King restaurants.

### 4. Goodwill and Franchise Rights

Goodwill. The Company is required to review goodwill for impairment annually, or more frequently, when events and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may be impaired. If the determined fair value of goodwill is less than the related carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized. The Company performs its annual impairment assessment as of December 31 and does not believe circumstances have changed since the last assessment date which would make it necessary to reassess their values.

There have been no changes in goodwill or goodwill impairment losses during the six months ended June 30, 2011 or the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. Goodwill balances are summarized below:

	Pollo	Taco	Burger	
	Tropical	Cabana	King	Total
Balance, June 30, 2011	\$56,307	\$67,177	\$1,450	\$124,934

*Burger King Franchise Rights.* Amounts allocated to franchise rights for each Burger King acquisition are amortized using the straight-line method over the average remaining term of the acquired franchise agreements plus one twenty-year renewal period.

The Company assesses the potential impairment of Burger King franchise rights whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. If an indicator of impairment exists, an estimate of the aggregate undiscounted cash flows from the acquired restaurants is compared to the respective carrying value of franchise rights for each Burger King acquisition. If an asset is determined to be impaired, the loss is measured by the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over its fair value. No impairment charges were recorded related to the Company's Burger King franchise rights for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

Amortization expense related to Burger King franchise rights was \$799 and \$798 for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and \$1,598 for both the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010. The Company estimates the amortization expense for the year ending December 31, 2011 and for each of the five succeeding years to be \$3,194.

### CARROLS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (in thousands of dollars, except share and per share amounts)

### 5. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 consisted of the following:

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Collateralized:		
Senior Credit Facility-Revolving credit facility	\$ —	\$ —
Senior Credit Facility-Term loan A facility	80,214	87,250
Unsecured:		
9% Senior Subordinated Notes	165,000	165,000
Capital leases	1,170	1,202
	246,384	253,452
Less: current portion	(4,927)	(15,538)
	\$241,457	\$ 237,914

On August 5, 2011 Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group each entered into a new and independent secured credit facility. The new Carrols LLC secured credit facility provides for aggregate term loan borrowings of \$65.0 million and a revolving credit facility that provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$20.0 million. The new Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility consists of a revolving credit facility that provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$25.0 million. Also on August 5, 2011, Fiesta Restaurant Group issued \$200.0 million of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 (the "Fiesta Notes"). Carrols LLC used net proceeds from the term loan borrowings of \$65.0 million under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility and Fiesta Restaurant Group used net proceeds from the sale of the Fiesta Notes to distribute funds to the Company to enable the Company to (i) repay all outstanding indebtedness under the Company's prior senior credit facility, (ii) repurchase its outstanding 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (the "Carrols Notes") pursuant to a cash tender offer and related consent solicitation and to pay the related tender premium and (iii) pay related fees and expenses. On August 5, 2011 there were no outstanding revolving credit borrowings under the new Carrols LLC secured credit facility or the new Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility.

In connection with these transactions, on July 22, 2011 the Company commenced a tender offer and consent solicitation for all of its outstanding Carrols Notes. On August 5, 2011, \$118.4 million principal amount of the Carrols Notes were accepted for payment and paid by the Company. Carrols LLC distributed to the Company net proceeds from the term loan borrowings of \$65.0 million under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility and Fiesta Restaurant Group distributed to the Company net proceeds from the sale of the \$200.0 million Fiesta Notes to enable the Company to redeem the balance of its outstanding Carrols Notes not tendered in the tender offer, which will expire on August 18, 2011, unless terminated or extended. As of August 5, 2011, \$46.6 million of Carrols Notes had not yet been tendered.

In accordance with ASC – 470, the Company has classified as current, at June, 30, 2011, the principal payment requirements for the next twelve months of the new borrowings discussed above. This resulted in a reclassification of \$24.7 million of debt from short-term to long-term.

New Secured Credit Facilities. On August 5, 2011 Fiesta Restaurant Group entered into a new first lien revolving credit facility providing for aggregate borrowings of up to \$25.0 million (including \$10.0 million available for letters of credit). The new Fiesta Restaurant Group revolving credit facility also provides for incremental increases of up to \$5.0 million, in the aggregate, to the revolving credit borrowings available under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility, and matures on February 5, 2016. Borrowings under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility bear interest at a per annum rate, at Fiesta Restaurant Group's option, of either (all terms as defined in the Fiesta Restaurant secured credit facility):

- 1) the Alternate Base Rate plus the applicable margin of 2.0% to 2.75% based on Fiesta Restaurant Group's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 2.5% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility), or
- 2) the LIBOR Rate plus the applicable margin of 3.0% to 3.75% based on Fiesta Restaurant Group's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 3.5% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility).

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# NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued (in thousands of dollars, except share and per share amounts)

Fiesta Restaurant Group's obligations under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of Fiesta Restaurant Group and its material subsidiaries, as guarantors, (including a pledge of all of the capital stock and equity interests of its material subsidiaries).

The Fiesta Restaurant Group secured senior credit facility contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these facilities if there is a default under any indebtedness of Fiesta Restaurant Group having an outstanding principal amount of \$2.5 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when due.

On August 5, 2011 Carrols LLC entered into a new secured credit facility, which provides for \$65.0 million aggregate principal amount of term loan borrowings and a revolving credit facility which provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$20.0 million (including \$10.0 million available for letters of credit) both maturing on August 5, 2016. The Carrols LLC secured credit facility also provides for incremental borrowing increases of up to \$25 million, in the aggregate, to the revolving credit facility and term loan borrowings available under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility. Borrowings under the term loan and revolving credit borrowings under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility bear interest at a per annum rate, at Carrols LLC's option, of either (all terms as defined in the Carrols LLC secured credit facility):

- 1) the Alternate Base Rate plus the applicable margin of 2.25% to 4.0% based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 2.75% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility), or
- 2) the LIBOR Rate plus the applicable margin of 3.25% to 4.0% based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 3.75% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility).

Under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility, Carrols LLC will be required to make mandatory prepayments of revolving credit facility borrowings and principal on term loan borrowings (i) annually in an amount equal to 50% to 100% of Excess Cash Flow (as defined in the Carrols LLC secured credit facility) based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio and (ii) in the event of dispositions of assets, debt issuances and insurance and condemnation proceeds (all subject to certain exceptions).

The term loan borrowings under the new Carrols LLC secured credit facility are payable in consecutive quarterly principal payments of \$1.625 million beginning on the last day of the fourth quarter of 2011 through the first quarter of 2016 with the remaining outstanding principal amount of \$30.75 million due on the maturity date of August 5, 2016.

Carrols LLC's obligations under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of Carrols LLC and by a pledge by Carrols of all of the outstanding equity interests of Carrols LLC.

The Carrols LLC secured senior credit facility contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these facilities if there is a default under any indebtedness of Carrols LLC having an outstanding principal amount of \$2.5 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when due.

Fiesta Restaurant Group Senior Secured Second Lien Notes. On August 5, 2011, Fiesta Restaurant Group issued \$200.0 million of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 pursuant to an indenture dated as of August 5, 2011 governing such notes. The senior secured second lien notes mature on August 15, 2016 and the entire principal amount of such notes is payable of such maturity date. Interest is payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15 with the first interest payment due on February 15, 2012. The Fiesta Notes are secured by second-priority liens on substantially all of Fiesta Restaurant Group's and its material subsidiaries assets.

The Fiesta Notes are redeemable at the option of Fiesta Restaurant Group in whole or in part at any time after February 15, 2014 at a price of 104.438% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed before February 15, 2015, 102.219% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed after February 15, 2015 but before February 15, 2016 and 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed after February 15, 2016. Prior to February 14, 2014, Fiesta Restaurant Group may redeem some or all of the notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal

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amount of each note plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and a make-whole premium. In addition, at any time prior to February 15, 2014, Fiesta Restaurant Group may redeem up to 35% of the notes with the net cash proceeds from specified equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 108.875% of the principal amount of each note to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

The indenture governing the Fiesta Notes includes certain covenants, including limitations and restrictions on Fiesta Restaurant Group and its material subsidiaries who are guarantors under such indenture to incur additional debt, issue preferred stock, pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock or make certain other restricted payments or investments, incur liens, sell assets, enter into transactions with affiliates, agree to payment restrictions affecting certain of its material subsidiaries and enter into mergers, consolidations or sales of all or substantially all of Fiesta Restaurant Group's or its material subsidiaries' assets. These covenants are subject to certain exceptions and qualifications including, without limitation, permitting the spin-off transaction discussed in Note 1.

The indenture governing the Fiesta Notes contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these notes and the indenture if there is a default under any indebtedness of Fiesta Restaurant Group having an outstanding principal amount of \$15.0 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when due.

Carrols Senior Credit Facility. The Company's prior senior credit facility totaled \$185 million, originally consisting of \$120 million principal amount of term loan A borrowings maturing on March 9, 2013 (or earlier on September 30, 2012 if the Carrols Notes are not refinanced by June 30, 2012) and a \$65.0 million revolving credit facility (including a sub limit of up to \$25.0 million for letters of credit and up to \$5.0 million for swingline loans), maturing on March 8, 2012.

The term loan and revolving credit borrowings under the prior senior credit facility bore interest at a per annum rate, at the Company's option, of either:

- 1) the applicable margin percentage ranging from 0% to 0.25% based on the Company's senior leverage ratio (as defined in the senior credit facility) plus the greater of (i) the prime rate or (ii) the federal funds rate for that day plus 0.5%; or
- 2) Adjusted LIBOR plus the applicable margin percentage in effect ranging from 1.0% to 1.5% based on the Company's senior leverage ratio. At June 30, 2011 the LIBOR margin percentage was 1.0%.

At July 3, 2011, outstanding borrowings under Term loan A of the prior senior credit facility were \$80.2 million with the remaining balance due and payable as follows:

- 1) three quarterly installments of approximately \$4.2 million beginning on September 30, 2011; and
- 2) four quarterly installments of approximately \$16.9 million beginning on June 30, 2012.

Under the prior senior credit facility, the Company was required to make mandatory prepayments of principal on term loan A facility borrowings (a) annually in an amount up to 50% of Excess Cash Flow depending upon the Company's Total Leverage Ratio (as such terms are defined in the prior senior credit facility), (b) in the event of certain dispositions of assets (all subject to certain exceptions) and insurance proceeds, in an amount equal to 100% of the net proceeds received by the Company therefrom, and (c) in an amount equal to 100% of the net proceeds from any subsequent issuance of debt. For the year ended December 31, 2010, there was not a required prepayment based on the Excess Cash Flow for 2010, as defined. For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company was required to make a principal prepayment of approximately \$1.0 million in the first quarter of 2010.

The prior senior credit facility contained certain covenants, including, without limitation, those limiting the Company's ability to incur indebtedness, incur liens, sell or acquire assets or businesses, change the nature of its business, engage in transactions with related parties, make certain investments or pay dividends. In addition, the Company was required to meet certain financial ratios, including fixed charge coverage, senior leverage, and total leverage ratios (all as defined under the senior credit facility). The Company was in compliance with the covenants under its prior senior credit facility as of July 3, 2011.

After reserving \$13.5 million for letters of credit guaranteed by the facility, \$51.5 million was available for borrowings under the prior revolving credit facility at July 3, 2011.

Carrols Senior Subordinated Notes. On December 15, 2004, the Company issued \$180 million of 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 that bear interest at a rate of 9% payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 and mature on January 15, 2013. At both July 3, 2011 and January 2, 2011, \$165.0 million principal amount of the Carrols Notes were outstanding.

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Restrictive covenants under the Carrols Notes included limitations with respect to the Company's ability to issue additional debt, incur liens, sell or acquire assets or businesses, pay dividends and make certain investments. The Company was in compliance as of July 3, 2011 with the restrictive covenants in the indenture governing the Carrols Notes.

On July 22, 2011, The Company commenced an offer to purchase for cash any and all of the \$165 million outstanding principal amount of the Carrols Notes and solicited consents to effect certain proposed amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes. The tender offer will expire on August 18, 2011, unless terminated or extended. Holders who validly tendered the Carrols Notes on or before August 4, 2011 received total consideration of \$1,003.75 for each \$1,000 principal amount of such notes accepted for purchase. Total consideration included a consent payment of \$30.00 per \$1,000 principal amount, which was payable only to holders who tendered their Notes and validly delivered their consents prior to the expiration of the consent solicitation at 5:00p.m. on August 4, 2011. On August 5, 2011, \$118,366,000 principal amount of the Carrols Notes that were validly tendered on or prior to 5:00p.m. on August 4, 2011 were accepted for payment and paid by the Company. Holders who validly tender the Carrols Notes after 5:00p.m. on August 4, 2011, but before August 18, 2011, will receive \$973.75 for each \$1,000 principal amount of such notes accepted for purchase. Accrued and unpaid interest, up to, but not including, the applicable settlement date, will be paid in cash on all validly tendered and accepted Carrols Notes.

The amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes, among other things, eliminated a significant portion of the restrictive covenants in the indenture governing the Carrols Notes and eliminated certain events of default. The elimination (or, in certain cases, amendment) of these restrictive covenants and other provisions permit the Company and its subsidiaries to, among other things, incur indebtedness, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, incur liens or make investments, in each case which otherwise may not have been permitted pursuant to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes. The amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes are binding upon the holders of the Carrols Notes not tendered into the tender offer.

### 6. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 was comprised of the following:

		Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
Current	\$(1,143)	\$ 1,135	\$ (66)	\$2,587	
Deferred	3,006	102	3,006	82	
	\$ 1,863	\$ 1,237	\$2,940	\$2,669	

The provision for income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 was derived using an estimated effective annual income tax rate for 2011 of 29.7%, which excludes any discrete tax adjustments. Discrete tax adjustments decreased the provision for income taxes by \$241 in both the three and six months ended June 30, 2011.

The provision for income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 was derived using an estimated effective annual income tax rate for 2010 of 36.9%, which excludes any discrete tax adjustments. Discrete tax adjustments decreased the provision for income taxes by \$116 and \$70 in the three and six months ended June 30, 2010.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. As of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits and no accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions.

The tax years 2007-2010 remain open to examination by the major taxing jurisdictions to which the Company is subject. Although it is not reasonably possible to estimate the amount by which unrecognized tax benefits may increase within the next twelve months due to the uncertainties regarding the timing of any examinations, the Company does not expect unrecognized tax benefits to significantly change in the next twelve months.

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## 7. Other Liabilities, Long-Term

Other liabilities, long-term, at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 consisted of the following:

	June 30, 	December 31, 2010	
Accrued occupancy costs	\$14,000	\$ 13,250	
Accrued workers' compensation costs	3,624	3,423	
Deferred compensation	840	2,937	
Other	3,361	3,450	
	\$21,825	\$ 23,060	

Accrued occupancy costs include obligations pertaining to closed restaurant locations, contingent rent and accruals to expense operating lease rental payments on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The following table presents the activity in the closed-store reserve included in accrued occupancy costs at June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010:

	Six months ended June 30, 2011	Year ended December 31, 2010
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 1,665	\$ 862
Accruals for additional lease charges	1,066	1,279
Payments, net	(526)	(632)
Other adjustments	66	156
Balance, end of period	\$ 2,271	\$ 1,665

#### 8. Postretirement Benefits

The Company provides postretirement medical benefits covering substantially all Burger King administrative and restaurant management salaried employees who retire or terminate after qualifying for such benefits. A December 31 measurement date is used for postretirement benefits.

The following summarizes the components of net periodic postretirement benefit income:

		Three Months Ended June 30,		onths Ended une 30,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Service cost	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 14	\$ 16
Interest cost	24	27	49	54
Amortization of net gains and losses	24	24	49	48
Amortization of prior service credit	(90)	(90)	(180)	(180)
Net periodic postretirement benefit income	\$ (35)	\$ (31)	\$ (68)	\$ (62)

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, the Company made contributions of \$86 to its postretirement plan and expects to make additional contributions during 2011. Contributions made by the Company to its postretirement plan for the year ended December 31, 2010 were \$156.

# 9. Lease Financing Obligations

The Company has previously entered into sale-leaseback transactions involving certain restaurant properties that did not qualify for sale-leaseback accounting and as a result, were classified as financing transactions. Under the financing method, the assets remain on the consolidated balance sheet and proceeds received by the Company from these transactions are recorded as a financing liability. Payments under these leases are applied as payments of imputed interest and deemed principal on the underlying financing obligations.

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During the second quarter of 2011, the Company entered into a sale-leaseback transaction for a restaurant property that did not qualify for sale-leaseback accounting and the net proceeds of \$1.7 million were recorded as a lease financing obligation.

Interest expense associated with lease financing obligations for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, and was \$0.5 million for both the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

#### 10. Business Segment Information

The Company is engaged in the quick-service and quick-casual restaurant industry, with three restaurant concepts: Burger King, operating as a franchisee, and Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana, both Company-owned concepts. Pollo Tropical is a quick-casual restaurant brand offering a wide selection of tropical and Caribbean-inspired food, featuring grilled chicken marinated in a proprietary blend of tropical fruit juices and spices. Taco Cabana is a quick-casual restaurant brand offering a wide selection of fresh Tex-Mex and traditional Mexican food, including sizzling fajitas, quesadillas, enchiladas, burritos and other Tex-Mex dishes.

The accounting policies of each segment are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. The following table includes Adjusted Segment EBITDA, which is the measure of segment profit or loss reported to the chief operating decision maker for purposes of allocating resources to the segments and assessing their performance. Adjusted Segment EBITDA is defined as earnings attributable to the applicable segment before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, impairment losses and other lease charges, stock-based compensation expense, other income and expense and gains and losses on extinguishment of debt.

The "Other" column includes corporate related items not allocated to reportable segments, including stock-based compensation expense. Other identifiable assets consist primarily of cash, certain other assets, corporate property and equipment, including restaurant information systems expenditures, goodwill and deferred income taxes.

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Three Months Ended	Pollo Tropical	Taco Cabana	Burger King	Other	Consolidated
June 30, 2011:					Consonantea
Total revenues	\$ 52,642	\$ 68,607	\$ 88,595	\$ —	\$ 209,844
Cost of sales	17,413	22,262	26,497	_	66,172
Restaurant wages and related expenses	12,311	20,453	27,458	10	60,232
Restaurant rent expense	2,437	4,079	5,692	_	12,208
General and administrative expenses (1)	3,297	2,893	6,845	713	13,748
Depreciation and amortization	2,043	2,274	3,549	523	8,389
Adjusted Segment EBITDA	9,582	7,003	5,111		
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions	2,589	3,975	4,380	1,291	12,235
June 30, 2010:					
Total revenues	\$ 46,813	\$ 64,207	\$ 93,456	\$ —	\$ 204,476
Cost of sales	15,167	19,150	28,652	_	62,969
Restaurant wages and related expenses	11,235	19,301	29,061	14	59,611
Restaurant rent expense	2,425	3,936	5,871	_	12,232
General and administrative expenses (1)	2,858	2,824	6,592	402	12,676
Depreciation and amortization	1,942	2,241	3,478	452	8,113
Adjusted Segment EBITDA	8,146	6,873	5,522		
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions	3,024	3,576	3,467	318	10,385
Six Months Ended					
June 30, 2011:					
Total revenues	\$104,877	\$131,988	\$170,217	\$ —	\$ 407,082
Cost of sales	34,562	41,457	50,468	_	126,487
Restaurant wages and related expenses	24,604	39,789	54,387	20	118,800
Restaurant rent expense	4,750	8,110	11,402	_	24,262
General and administrative expenses (1)	6,078	5,995	14,151	1,378	27,602
Depreciation and amortization	3,958	4,540	6,995	1,004	16,497
Adjusted Segment EBITDA	19,643	13,496	6,252		
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions	3,781	7,816	7,238	1,836	20,671
June 30, 2010:					
Total revenues	\$ 92,306	\$126,239	\$181,075	\$ —	\$ 399,620
Cost of sales	29,860	37,705	54,602	_	122,167
Restaurant wages and related expenses	22,824	38,651	57,242	28	118,745
Restaurant rent expense	4,886	7,835	11,867	_	24,588
General and administrative expenses (1)	5,664	5,594	13,132	781	25,171
Depreciation and amortization	3,872	4,518	6,950	895	16,235
Adjusted Segment EBITDA	14,875	13,634	9,308		
Capital expenditures, including acquisitions	3,825	4,866	6,764	710	16,165
Identifiable Assets:					
At June 30, 2011	\$ 50,755	\$ 61,937	\$141,659	\$174,990	\$ 429,341
At December 31, 2010	51,125	63,061	142,922	169,194	426,302

For the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana segments, such amounts include general and administrative expenses related directly to each segment. For the Burger King segment, such amounts include general and administrative expenses related directly to the Burger King segment as well as expenses associated with administrative support to the Company's Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana segments for executive management, information systems and certain accounting, legal and other administrative

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functions. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, the administrative support expenses included in the Burger King segment provided to Pollo Tropical were \$1.2 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, and the administrative support expenses provided to Taco Cabana were \$1.4 million and \$3.3 million respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, these administrative support expenses were \$1.1 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, for Pollo Tropical and \$1.4 million and \$2.8 million, respectively, for Taco Cabana.

A reconciliation of Adjusted Segment EBITDA to consolidated net income is as follows:

		Three Months Ended June 30,		hs Ended e 30,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Adjusted Segment EBITDA:				
Pollo Tropical	\$ 9,582	\$ 8,146	\$19,643	\$14,875
Taco Cabana	7,003	6,873	13,496	13,634
Burger King	5,111	5,522	6,252	9,308
Less:				
Depreciation and amortization	8,389	8,113	16,497	16,235
Impairment and other lease charges	975	3,631	2,055	3,901
Interest expense	4,579	4,708	9,192	9,451
Provision for income taxes	1,863	1,237	2,940	2,669
Stock-based compensation expense	723	416	1,398	809
Other income	(342)		(448)	
Net income	\$ 5,509	\$ 2,436	\$ 7,757	\$ 4,752

## 11. Commitments and Contingencies

On November 16, 1998, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") filed suit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (the "Court"), under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, against the Company. The complaint alleged that the Company engaged in a pattern or practice of unlawful discrimination, harassment and retaliation against former and current female employees. The EEOC ultimately attempted to present evidence of 511 individuals that it believed constituted the "class" of claimants for which it was seeking monetary and injunctive relief from the Company. On April 20, 2005, the Court issued a decision and order granting the Company's Motion for Summary Judgment that the Company filed in January 2004, dismissing the EEOC's pattern or practice claim. The Company then moved for summary judgment against the claims of the 511 individual claimants. On March 2, 2011, the Court issued a decision and order granting summary judgment against the claims of all but 131 of the 511 individual claimants and dismissed 380 of the individual claimants from the case. Both the EEOC and the Company have since filed motions for reconsideration in part of the Court's March 2, 2011 decision and order, as a result of which the number of surviving claimants may increase to as many as 184 or decrease to as few as four. It is not possible to predict the outcome of these motions at this time.

Subject to possible appeal by the EEOC, the EEOC's pattern or practice claim is dismissed; however, the Court has yet to determine how the claims of the individual claimants ultimately determined to survive will proceed. Although the Company believes that the EEOC's continued class litigation argument is without merit, it is not possible to predict the outcome of that matter on an appeal, if one is taken. The Company does not believe that any of the remaining individual claims would have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

The Company is a party to various other litigation matters incidental to the conduct of the Company's business. The Company does not believe that the outcome of any of these other matters will have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

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### 12. Comprehensive income

The items that currently impact the Company's other comprehensive income are changes in the postretirement benefit obligations, net of tax.

	Three	Three months		onths
	ended J	ended June 30,		une 30,
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Net income	\$5,509	\$2,436	\$7,757	\$4,752
Change in postretirement benefit obligation, net of tax				10
Comprehensive income	\$5,509	\$2,436	\$7,757	\$4,762

#### 13. Other Income

In the three months ended June 30, 2011, the Company recorded a gain of \$0.3 million related to the sale of a non-operating Burger King property. In the six months ended June 30, 2011, the Company also recorded a gain of \$0.1 million related to a property insurance recovery from a fire at a Burger King restaurant.

# 14. Recent Accounting Developments

There are currently no recent accounting pronouncements which had or are expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements as of the date of this report.

#### 15. Subsequent Events

As discussed in Note 5, on August 5, 2011, the Company completed a refinancing of its existing indebtedness. Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group each entered into new and independent financing arrangements. The proceeds from these financings were or will be used to repay amounts outstanding under the Company's senior credit facility and the Carrols Notes, as well as to pay all related fees and expenses. Excess cash from the financings is expected to be approximately \$10 million to \$11 million.

Fiesta Restaurant Group sold \$200 million of 8.875% senior secured second lien notes due 2016 and entered into a \$25 million secured revolving credit facility which was undrawn at closing. Carrols LLC entered into an \$85 million secured credit facility including term loan borrowings of \$65 million and an undrawn \$20 million revolving credit facility. Proceeds from these borrowings were or will be used to repay approximately \$80.2 million outstanding under Carrols Corporation's senior credit facility, to repurchase \$118.4 million of the Carrols Notes tendered pursuant to a cash tender offer (such tender offer is not yet complete), to pay accrued interest and to pay related fees and expenses. In addition, the \$46.6 million of the Carrols Notes not yet tendered will be repurchased upon completion of the cash tender offer or redeemed subsequent to its expiration along with payment for accrued interest and fees related to the tender offer.

As a result of these refinancing transactions, the Company expects to record a loss on extinguishment of debt in the third quarter of 2011 representing the write-off of previously deferred financing fees and the tender premium on redemption of the 9% senior subordinated notes.

### 16. Guarantor Financial Statements

The Company's obligations under the Carrols Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed in full on an unconditional basis by all of the Company's material subsidiaries ("Guarantor Subsidiaries"), all of which are directly or indirectly wholly-owned by the Company. These subsidiaries are:

Cabana Beverages, Inc.

Cabana Bevco LLC

Carrols LLC

Carrols Realty Holdings Corp.

Carrols Realty I Corp.

Carrols Realty II Corp.

Carrols J.G. Corp.

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

Quanta Advertising Corp.

Pollo Franchise, Inc.

Pollo Operations, Inc.

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Taco Cabana, Inc.
TP Acquisition Corp.
TC Bevco LLC
T.C. Management, Inc.
TC Lease Holdings III, V and VI, Inc.
Get Real, Inc.
Texas Taco Cabana, L.P.
TPAQ Holding Corporation

The following supplemental financial information sets forth on a consolidating basis, balance sheets as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 for the Parent Company only, Guarantor Subsidiaries and for the Company and the related statements of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, and cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

For certain of the Company's sale-leaseback transactions, the Parent Company has guaranteed on an unsecured basis the rental payments of its subsidiaries. In accordance with ASC 840-40-25-16, "Sale-Leaseback Transactions," the Company has included in the following guarantor financial statements amounts pertaining to these leases as if they were accounted for as financing transactions of the Guarantor Subsidiaries. These adjustments are eliminated in consolidation.

For purposes of the guarantor financial statements, the Company and its subsidiaries determine the applicable tax provision for each entity generally using the separate return method. Under this method, current taxes are allocated to each reporting entity as if it were to file a separate tax return. The rules followed by the reporting entity in computing its tax obligation or refund would be the same as those followed in filing a separate income tax return. However, for purposes of evaluating an entity's ability to realize its tax attributes, the Company assesses whether it is more likely than not that those assets will be realized at the consolidated level. Any differences in the total of the income tax provision for the Parent Company only and the Guarantor Subsidiaries, as calculated on the separate return method, and the consolidated income tax provision are eliminated in consolidation.

The Company provides administrative support to its subsidiaries related to executive management, information systems and certain accounting, legal and other administrative functions. For purposes of the guarantor financial statements, the Company allocates such corporate costs on a specific identification basis, where applicable, or based on revenues or the number of restaurants for each subsidiary. Management believes that these allocations are reasonable based on the nature of costs incurred. Beginning in January 2011, all administrative costs have been allocated to our guarantor subsidiaries using such methods.

# CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2011 (In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company Only	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated Total
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,692	\$ 6,220	\$ (3,475)	\$ 7,437
Trade and other receivables	(86)	7,263	_	7,177
Inventories	_	5,213	_	5,213
Prepaid rent	4	4,070	_	4,074
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,369	4,559	_	5,928
Refundable income taxes	418	_	_	418
Deferred income taxes	(108)	4,717	<u> </u>	4,609
Total current assets	6,289	32,042	(3,475)	34,856
Property and equipment, net	11,885	257,298	(82,498)	186,685
Franchise rights, net	_	68,834	_	68,834
Goodwill	_	124,934	_	124,934
Intangible assets, net	_	360	_	360
Franchise fees, net	_	5,457	_	5,457
Intercompany receivable (payable)	91,973	(122,063)	30,090	_
Investment in subsidiaries	191,726		(191,726)	
Deferred income taxes	_	4,803	(4,803)	_
Other assets	3,869	6,226	(1,880)	8,215
Total assets	\$305,742	\$ 377,891	\$(254,292)	\$ 429,341
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 4,875	\$ 52	\$ —	\$ 4,927
Accounts payable	382	16,344	(3,475)	13,251
Accrued interest	6,828	<u> </u>		6,828
Accrued payroll, related taxes and benefits	(22)	19,257	_	19,235
Accrued real estate taxes		4,543	_	4,543
Other liabilities	297	9,167		9,464
Total current liabilities	12,360	49,363	(3,475)	58,248
Long-term debt, net of current portion	240,339	1,118	(5, 175)	241,457
Lease financing obligations		128,190	(116,391)	11,799
Deferred income—sale-leaseback of real estate		23,556	15,636	39,192
Accrued postretirement benefits	1,709			1,709
Deferred income taxes	(2,814)	3,871		1,057
Other liabilities	94	19,719	2,012	21,825
Total liabilities	251,688	225,817	(102,218)	375,287
Stockholder's equity	54,054	152,074	(102,216)	54,054
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Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$305,742	\$ 377,891	\$(254,292)	\$ 429,341

# CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2010 (In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

ASSETS	Parent Company Only	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated Total	
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42	\$ 3,102	\$ —	\$ 3,144	
Trade and other receivables	91	5,122	<u> </u>	5,213	
Refundable income taxes	869	_	_	869	
Inventories	_	5,203		5,203	
Prepaid rent	5	4,013	_	4,018	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,452	3,897	_	5,349	
Deferred income taxes	(108)	4,717	_	4,609	
Total current assets	2,351	26,054		28,405	
Property and equipment, net	10,613	259,774	(83,537)	186,850	
Franchise rights, net	_	70,432		70,432	
Goodwill	_	124,934	_	124,934	
Intangible assets, net	_	419	_	419	
Franchise agreements, net	_	5,629	_	5,629	
Intercompany receivable (payable)	109,966	(139,948)	29,982	_	
Investment in subsidiaries	180,985	_	(180,985)	_	
Deferred income taxes	2,814	3,356	(4,221)	1,949	
Other assets	3,619	6,065	(2,000)	7,684	
Total assets	\$310,348	\$ 356,715	\$(240,761)	\$ 426,302	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 15,480	\$ 58	\$ —	\$ 15,538	
Accounts payable	2,072	11,872	_	13,944	
Accrued interest	6,853	_	_	6,853	
Accrued payroll, related taxes and benefits	85	19,419	_	19,504	
Accrued real estate taxes	_	4,778	_	4,778	
Other liabilities	220	7,214		7,434	
Total current liabilities	24,710	43,341		68,051	
Long-term debt, net of current portion	236,770	1,144	_	237,914	
Lease financing obligations	_	126,430	(116,369)	10,061	
Deferred income—sale-leaseback of real estate	_	24,157	16,315	40,472	
Accrued postretirement benefits	1,845	_	_	1,845	
Other liabilities	2,124	19,072	1,864	23,060	
Total liabilities	265,449	214,144	(98,190)	381,403	
Stockholder's equity	44,899	142,571	(142,571)	44,899	
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$310,348	\$ 356,715	\$(240,761)	\$ 426,302	

# CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Three Months Ended June 30, 2011 (In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company Only	Guarantor Subsidiaries Eliminations		Consolidated Total	
Revenues:					
Restaurant sales	\$ —	\$ 209,343	\$ —	\$ 209,343	
Franchise royalty revenues and fees		501		501	
Total revenues		209,844		209,844	
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales		66,172	_	66,172	
Restaurant wages and related expenses (including stock based compensation expense of					
\$10)	_	60,232	_	60,232	
Restaurant rent expense	_	9,902	2,306	12,208	
Other restaurant operating expenses	_	29,039	_	29,039	
Advertising expense		7,472	_	7,472	
General and administrative (including stock based compensation expense of \$713)	_	13,748	_	13,748	
Depreciation and amortization	_	8,908	(519)	8,389	
Impairment and other lease charges	_	975	_	975	
Other income		(342)	_	(342)	
Total operating expenses		196,106	1,787	197,893	
Income from operations	_	13,738	(1,787)	11,951	
Interest expense	4,281	2,939	(2,641)	4,579	
Intercompany interest allocations	(1,983)	1,983			
Income (loss) before income taxes	(2,298)	8,816	854	7,372	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(854)	2,355	362	1,863	
Equity income from subsidiaries	6,953		(6,953)		
Net income	\$ 5,509	\$ 6,461	\$ (6,461)	\$ 5,509	

# CARROLS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued

# CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Three Months Ended June 30, 2010 (In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company Only	Guarantor Subsidiaries Eliminations		Consolidated Total	
Revenues:					
Restaurant sales	\$ —	\$ 204,141	\$ —	\$ 204,141	
Franchise royalty revenues and fees	_	335	_	335	
Total revenues		204,476		204,476	
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales	_	62,969	_	62,969	
Restaurant wages and related expenses (including stock based compensation expense of					
\$14)	_	59,611	_	59,611	
Restaurant rent expense		9,899	2,333	12,232	
Other restaurant operating expenses	_	29,105	_	29,105	
Advertising expense		7,758	_	7,758	
General and administrative (including stock based compensation expense of \$402)	2,353	10,323	_	12,676	
Depreciation and amortization		8,656	(543)	8,113	
Impairment and other lease charges		3,631		3,631	
Total operating expenses	2,353	191,952	1,790	196,095	
Income (loss) from operations	(2,353)	12,524	(1,790)	8,381	
Interest expense	4,424	2,982	(2,698)	4,708	
Intercompany interest allocations	(4,557)	4,557			
Income (loss) before income taxes	(2,220)	4,985	908	3,673	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(890)	1,716	411	1,237	
Equity income from subsidiaries	3,766		(3,766)		
Net income	\$ 2,436	\$ 3,269	\$ (3,269)	\$ 2,436	

#### CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 (In thousands of dollars)

(Unaudited)

	Parent Company Only	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated Total
Revenues:				<u> </u>
Restaurant sales	\$ —	\$ 406,216	\$ —	\$ 406,216
Franchise royalty revenues and fees	_	866	_	866
Total revenues		407,082		407,082
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	_	126,487	_	126,487
Restaurant wages and related expenses (including stock based compensation expense of				
\$20)	_	118,800	_	118,800
Restaurant rent expense		19,652	4,610	24,262
Other restaurant operating expenses	_	56,963	_	56,963
Advertising expense	_	14,975		14,975
General and administrative (including stock based compensation expense of \$1,378)	_	27,602	_	27,602
Depreciation and amortization		17,536	(1,039)	16,497
Impairment and other lease charges	_	2,055	_	2,055
Other income		(448)	_	(448)
Total operating expenses		383,622	3,571	387,193
Income from operations	_	23,460	(3,571)	19,889
Interest expense	8,609	5,864	(5,281)	9,192
Intercompany interest allocations	(3,980)	3,980		
Income (loss) before income taxes	(4,629)	13,616	1,710	10,697
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(1,645)	4,111	474	2,940
Equity income from subsidiaries	10,741		(10,741)	
Net income	\$ 7,757	\$ 9,505	\$ (9,505)	\$ 7,757

# CARROLS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Continued

# CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 (In thousands of dollars)

(Unaudited)

	Parent Company Only	Guarantor Subsidiaries Eliminations		Consolidated Total	
Revenues:					
Restaurant sales	\$ —	\$ 398,808	\$ —	\$ 398,808	
Franchise royalty revenues and fees		812		812	
Total revenues		399,620		399,620	
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales	_	122,167	_	122,167	
Restaurant wages and related expenses (including stock based compensation expense of					
\$28)	_	118,745	_	118,745	
Restaurant rent expense	_	19,946	4,642	24,588	
Other restaurant operating expenses	_	57,337	_	57,337	
Advertising expense	_	14,604	_	14,604	
General and administrative (including stock based compensation expense of \$781)	4,568	20,603	_	25,171	
Depreciation and amortization	_	17,298	(1,063)	16,235	
Impairment and other lease charges		3,901		3,901	
Total operating expenses	4,568	374,601	3,579	382,748	
Income (loss) from operations	(4,568)	25,019	(3,579)	16,872	
Interest expense	8,880	5,941	(5,370)	9,451	
Intercompany interest allocations	(9,113)	9,113			
Income (loss) before income taxes	(4,335)	9,965	1,791	7,421	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(1,606)	3,531	744	2,669	
Equity income from subsidiaries	7,481		(7,481)		
Net income	\$ 4,752	\$ 6,434	\$ (6,434)	\$ 4,752	

### CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 (In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company Only	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated Total
Cash flows provided from operating activities:				
Net income	\$ 7,757	\$ 9,505	\$ (9,505)	\$ 7,757
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities:				
Gain on disposals of property and equipment	_	(97)	_	(97)
Stock-based compensation expense	_	1,398	_	1,398
Impairment and other lease charges	_	2,055	_	2,055
Depreciation and amortization	_	17,536	(1,039)	16,497
Amortization of deferred financing costs	457	129	(120)	466
Amortization of deferred gains from sale-leaseback transactions	_	(1,004)	(678)	(1,682)
Accretion of interest on lease financing obligations	_	25	(23)	2
Deferred income taxes	_	2,424	582	3,006
Refundable income taxes	451	_	_	451
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities	5,149	(16,812)	7,308	(4,355)
Net cash provided from operating activities	13,814	15,159	(3,475)	25,498
Cash flows used for investing activities:				
Capital expenditures:				
New restaurant development	_	(8,696)	_	(8,696)
Restaurant remodeling	_	(5,738)	_	(5,738)
Other restaurant capital expenditures	_	(4,401)	_	(4,401)
Corporate and restaurant information systems	(1,431)	(405)	_	(1,836)
Total capital expenditures	(1,431)	(19,240)		(20,671)
Proceeds from sale-leaseback transactions		5,012	_	5,012
Proceeds from sales of other properties	_	572	_	572
Net cash used for investing activities	(1,431)	(13,656)		(15,087)
Cash flows provided from (used for) financing activities:				
Borrowings on revolving credit facility	32,700	_	_	32,700
Repayments on revolving credit facility	(32,700)	_	_	(32,700)
Scheduled principal payments on term loans	(7,036)	_	_	(7,036)
Principal payments on capital leases		(32)	_	(32)
Proceeds from lease financing obligations	_	1,736	_	1,736
Financing costs associated with issuance of lease financing obligations	_	(89)	_	(89)
Payment of deferred financing fees	(697)		_	(697)
Net cash provided from (used for) financing activities	(7,733)	1,615		(6,118)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	4,650	3,118	(3,475)	4,293
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	42	3,102		3,144
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 4,692	\$ 6,220	\$ (3,475)	\$ 7,437

### CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Six Months Ended June 30, 2010 (In thousands of dollars) (Unaudited)

	Parent Company Only	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated Total
Cash flows provided from operating activities:	ф. 4. <del>7</del> 50	ф. С.4D.4	ф. (C. 4D.4)	d 4.750
Net income	\$ 4,752	\$ 6,434	\$ (6,434)	\$ 4,752
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided from operating activities:				
Loss on disposals of property and equipment	_	220	_	220
Stock-based compensation expense	548	261	_	809
Impairment and other lease charges	_	3,901	_	3,901
Depreciation and amortization	_	17,299	(1,064)	16,235
Amortization of deferred financing costs	468	137	(128)	477
Amortization of unearned purchase discounts	_	_	_	_
Amortization of deferred gains from sale-leaseback transactions	_	(937)	(737)	(1,674)
Accretion of interest on lease financing obligations	_	211	(181)	30
Deferred income taxes	(54)	(565)	701	82
Refundable income taxes	576	_	_	576
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities	(1,217)	(13,897)	7,843	(7,271)
Net cash provided from operating activities	5,073	13,064		18,137
Cash flows used for investing activities:				
Capital expenditures:				
New restaurant development	_	(5,910)	_	(5,910)
Restaurant remodeling	_	(4,955)	_	(4,955)
Other restaurant capital expenditures	_	(4,590)	_	(4,590)
Corporate and restaurant information systems	(636)	(74)		(710)
Total capital expenditures	(636)	(15,529)	_	(16,165)
Properties purchased for sale-leaseback	_	(2,486)	_	(2,486)
Proceeds from sale-leaseback transactions		1,790	2,319	4,109
Net cash used for investing activities	(636)	(16,225)	2,319	(14,542)
	<u> </u>			
Cash flows provided from (used for) financing activities:  Borrowings on revolving credit facility	71,700			71,700
Repayments on revolving credit facility	(69,200)	_	_	(69,200)
Principal pre-payments on term loans	(1,023)	<del>_</del>	<del>_</del>	(1,023)
Scheduled principal payments on term loans	(5,942)	_	_	(5,942)
Principal payments on capital leases	(3,942)			
	_	(44)		(44)
Proceeds from lease financing obligations		2,429	(2,429)	_
Financing costs associated with issuance of lease financing obligations		(110)	110	_
Proceeds from stock option exercises	28		(2.240)	28
Net cash provided from (used for) financing activities	(4,437)	2,275	(2,319)	(4,481)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	_	(886)	_	(886)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	34	4,368	_	4,402
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 34	\$ 3,482	<u> </u>	\$ 3,516

#### ITEM 2-MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Throughout this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we refer to Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. as "Carrols Restaurant Group" and, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, as "we", "our" and "us" unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires. Any reference to "Carrols" refers to our whollyowned subsidiary, Carrols Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires. This combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is filed by both Carrols Restaurant Group and its wholly owned subsidiary, Carrols.

We use a 52-53 week fiscal year ending on the Sunday closest to December 31. All references herein to the fiscal years ended January 2, 2011 and January 3, 2010 will be referred to as the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Similarly, all references herein to the three and six months ended July 3, 2011 and July 4, 2010 will be referred to as the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 contained 52 weeks and 53 weeks, respectively, and the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 each contained thirteen and twenty six weeks, respectively.

#### Introduction

Carrols Restaurant Group is a holding company and conducts all of its operations through its direct and indirect subsidiaries and has no assets other than the shares of capital stock of Carrols, its direct wholly-owned subsidiary. The following "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" ("MD&A") relates to the consolidated financial statements of Carrols Restaurant Group and the consolidated financial statements for Carrols presented in Item 1.

The difference between the consolidated financial statements of Carrols Restaurant Group and Carrols is primarily due to additional rent expense of approximately \$6,000 per year for Carrols Restaurant Group and the composition of stockholders' equity.

The following MD&A is written to help the reader understand our company. The MD&A is provided as a supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying financial statement notes of each of Carrols Restaurant Group and Carrols appearing elsewhere in this report and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. The overview provides our perspective on the individual sections of MD&A, which include the following:

Company Overview—a general description of our business and our key financial measures.

Recent and Future Events Affecting Our Results of Operations—a description of recent events that affect, and future events that may affect, our results of operations.

Executive Summary—an executive review of our performance for the three months ended June 30, 2011.

Results of Operations—an analysis of our results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, including a review of material items and known trends and uncertainties.

Liquidity and Capital Resources—an analysis of historical information regarding our sources of cash and capital expenditures, the existence and timing of commitments and contingencies, changes in capital resources and a discussion of cash flow items affecting liquidity.

Application of Critical Accounting Policies—an overview of accounting policies requiring critical judgments and estimates.

Effects of New Accounting Standards—a discussion of new accounting standards and any implications related to our financial statements.

Forward Looking Statements—cautionary information about forward-looking statements and a description of certain risks and projections.

#### **Company Overview**

We are one of the largest restaurant companies in the United States operating three restaurant brands in the quick-casual and quick-service restaurant segments with 550 restaurants located in 16 states as of July 3, 2011. We have been operating restaurants for more than 50 years. Through Carrols' wholly-owned subsidiary, Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Fiesta Restaurant Group") and its wholly-owned subsidiaries we own and operate two restaurant brands, Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana, which we acquired in 1998 and 2000, respectively. We are also the largest Burger King franchisee, based on the number of restaurants, and have operated Burger King restaurants since 1976. We operate our Burger King restaurants through Carrols and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Carrols LLC ("Carrols LLC"). As of July 3, 2011, our company-owned restaurants included 90 Pollo Tropical restaurants and 157 Taco Cabana restaurants, and we operated 303 Burger King restaurants under franchise agreements.

We are franchising our Pollo Tropical restaurants primarily internationally and, as of July 3, 2011, we had 30 franchised restaurants located in Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Honduras, the Bahamas, Trinidad, Venezuela and on college campuses in Florida. We also have agreements for the future development of franchised Pollo Tropical restaurants in Panama, Tobago, Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire. Although we are not actively franchising our Taco Cabana restaurants, we had five Taco Cabana franchised restaurants at July 3, 2011 located in the United States.

The following is an overview of the key financial measures discussed in our results of operations:

- Restaurant sales consist of food and beverage sales, net of discounts, at our company-owned and operated restaurants. Restaurant sales are influenced by menu price increases, new restaurant openings, closures of restaurants and changes in comparable restaurant sales. Restaurants are included in comparable restaurant sales after they have been open for twelve months for our Burger King restaurants and 18 months for our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants. For comparative purposes, the calculation of the changes in comparable restaurant sales is based on a 52-week year.
- Cost of sales consists of food, paper and beverage costs including packaging costs, less purchase discounts. Cost of sales is generally influenced by changes in commodity costs, the sales mix of items sold and the effectiveness of our restaurant-level controls to manage food and paper costs. Key commodities for our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants, including chicken and beef, are generally purchased under contracts for future periods up to one year.
- Restaurant wages and related expenses include all restaurant management and hourly productive labor costs, employer payroll taxes, restaurant-level bonuses and related benefits. Payroll and related benefits are subject to inflation, including minimum wage increases and increased costs for health insurance, workers' compensation insurance and state unemployment insurance.
- Restaurant rent expense includes base rent and contingent rent on our leases characterized as operating leases, reduced by the amortization of gains on sale-leaseback transactions.
- Other restaurant operating expenses include all other restaurant-level operating costs, the major components of which are royalty expenses for our Burger King restaurants, utilities, repairs and maintenance, real estate taxes and credit card fees.
- Advertising expense includes all promotional expenses including television, radio, billboards and other media for our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana
  restaurants and advertising payments based on a percentage of sales as required under our franchise agreements for our Burger King restaurants.
- *General and administrative expenses* are comprised primarily of (1) salaries and expenses associated with corporate and administrative functions that support the development and operations of all of our restaurants, (2) legal, auditing and other professional fees and (3) stock-based compensation expense
- Adjusted Segment EBITDA, which is the measure of segment profit or loss used by our chief operating decision maker for purposes of allocating resources to our segments and assessing their performance, is defined as earnings attributable to the applicable segment before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, impairment and other lease charges, stock-based compensation expense, other income and expense and gains and losses on the extinguishment of debt. Adjusted Segment EBITDA may not be necessarily comparable to other similarly titled captions of other companies due to differences in methods of calculation. Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Burger King restaurants includes general and administrative expenses related directly to the Burger King segment as well as the expenses associated with administrative support to all three of our segments including executive management, information systems and certain accounting, legal and other administrative functions.

- Depreciation and amortization primarily includes the depreciation of fixed assets, including equipment, owned buildings and leasehold
  improvements utilized in our restaurants, depreciation of assets under lease financing obligations and the amortization of Burger King franchise
  rights and franchise fees.
- Interest expense consists primarily of interest expense associated with Carrols' 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (the "Carrols Notes"),
  borrowings under Carrols senior credit facility, amortization of deferred financing costs and imputed interest expense on leases entered into in
  connection with sale-leaseback transactions which are accounted for as lease financing obligations. Interest expense also includes any gains and
  losses from the settlement of lease financing obligations.

#### **Recent and Future Events Affecting our Results of Operations**

#### Spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

On February 24, 2011 we announced our intention to split our business into two separate, publicly-traded companies through the tax-free spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group to our stockholders. If the spin-off is consummated, the common stock of Fiesta Restaurant Group will be distributed in the form of a pro rata dividend to our stockholders. Fiesta Restaurant Group would continue to own and operate the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana businesses and we would continue to own and operate our franchised Burger King restaurants through our subsidiaries Carrols and Carrols LLC.

We are developing detailed plans for the proposed spin-off, including the separation plan, transaction structure and timing, composition of senior management and the boards of directors, capital structure and other matters. The spin-off will be subject to approval by our Board of Directors, customary regulatory and other approvals and the receipt of a favorable IRS tax ruling, among other things.

We believe that the anticipated spin-off will enable each company to better focus on its respective opportunities as well as to pursue its own distinct operating plan and growth strategy including acquisition opportunities in the Burger King system. We expect to complete the spin-off by the end of 2011; however there can be no assurance that we will complete the spin-off by then or at all.

#### **Refinancing of Outstanding Indebtedness**

On August 5, 2011, we completed a refinancing of our existing indebtedness. Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group each entered into new and independent financing arrangements. The proceeds from these financings were or will be used to repay all indebtedness outstanding under Carrols' prior senior credit facility and the Carrols Notes, as well as to pay all related fees and expenses. Excess cash from the financings will be approximately \$10 million to \$11 million and will be available to Carrols for general corporate purposes.

Fiesta Restaurant Group sold \$200 million of 8.875% senior secured second lien notes due 2016 (the "Fiesta Notes") and entered into a \$25 million secured revolving credit facility which was undrawn at closing. Carrols LLC entered into an \$85 million secured credit facility including term loan borrowings of \$65 million and an undrawn \$20 million revolving credit facility. Proceeds from these borrowings were or will be used to repay approximately \$80.2 million outstanding under Carrols prior senior credit facility, to repurchase \$118.4 million of the Carrols Notes tendered pursuant to a cash tender offer (which ends August 18, 2011), and to pay accrued interest and related fees and expenses. In addition, the \$46.6 million of the Carrols Notes not yet tendered will be repurchased upon completion of the cash tender offer or redeemed subsequent to its expiration along with payment for accrued interest and fees related to the tender offer.

As a result of these refinancing transactions, we expect to record a loss on extinguishment of debt in the third quarter of 2011 representing the write-off of previously deferred financing fees and the tender premium on redemption of the Carrols Notes. Total interest expense is anticipated to increase approximately \$2.0 million to \$2.5 million in the second half of 2011 as a result of these transactions.

#### **Future Restaurant Closures**

We evaluate the performance of our Burger King restaurants on an ongoing basis including an assessment of the current and future operating results of the restaurant, and in relation to Burger King franchise agreement renewals, the cost of required capital improvements. We may elect to close restaurants based on such evaluation. In 2010, we closed seven Burger King restaurants, not including restaurants relocated within the same market area. In the first six months of 2011 we closed three Burger King restaurants,

not including a restaurant relocated within the same market area. We currently anticipate that we will close an additional two Burger King restaurants in 2011, excluding any relocations.

We also closed two underperforming Taco Cabana restaurants and two underperforming Pollo Tropical restaurants in 2010 and one underperforming Pollo Tropical restaurant and one underperforming Taco Cabana restaurant in the first six months of 2011. We currently anticipate the closing of one additional Pollo Tropical restaurant in 2011.

We do not believe that the future impact on our consolidated results of operations from such restaurant closures will be material, although there can be no assurance in this regard. Our determination of whether to close restaurants in the future is subject to further evaluation and may change.

#### Executive Summary—Operating Performance for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2011

Total revenues for the second quarter of 2011 increased 2.6% to \$209.8 million from \$204.5 million in the second quarter of 2010. Revenues from Fiesta Restaurant Group increased 9.2% in the second quarter of 2011 to \$121.2 million and revenues from our Burger King restaurants decreased 5.2% to \$88.6 million from \$93.5 million in the second quarter of 2010. Comparable restaurant sales in the second quarter of 2011 increased 10.7% at our Pollo Tropical restaurants; increased 4.5% at our Taco Cabana restaurants and decreased 3.6% at our Burger King restaurants. The comparable restaurant sales increase at our Pollo Tropical restaurants was primarily a result of higher customer traffic while the comparable sales increase at our Taco Cabana restaurants was due primarily to an increase in average check, and, to a lesser extent, an increase in customer traffic. The comparable sales decrease at our Burger King restaurants was due primarily to a decline in customer traffic partially offset by an increase in average check.

Restaurant operating margins in the second quarter of 2011 were negatively impacted by higher food costs at each of our three restaurant brands as cost of sales, as a percentage of total restaurant sales, increased to 31.6% from 30.8%. These increases were partially offset by favorable sales mix changes at our Burger King and Pollo Tropical restaurants as well as menu price increases taken in the last twelve months. As a percentage of total restaurant sales, restaurant wages and related expenses decreased to 28.8% in the second quarter of 2011 from 29.2% in the second quarter of 2010 due to the effect of higher sales volumes at our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants on fixed labor costs and productive labor efficiencies at our Burger King restaurants. Advertising expense, as a percentage of total restaurant sales, decreased to 3.6% in the second quarter of 2011 from 3.8% in the second quarter of 2010 due to higher sales at our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants. Operating results were favorably impacted by lower utility costs which, as a percentage of total restaurant sales, decreased to 3.5% in the second quarter of 2011 from 3.7% in the second quarter of 2010.

General and administrative expenses increased to \$13.7 million in the second quarter of 2011 from \$12.7 million in the second quarter of 2010 due to higher administrative bonus accruals of \$0.4 million and higher stock-based compensation expense of \$0.3 million. General and administrative expenses in the second quarter of 2011 also included \$0.2 million incurred in connection with the planned spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group.

Interest expense decreased \$0.1 million to \$4.6 million in the second quarter of 2011 from \$4.7 million in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to a reduction in our total outstanding indebtedness since the beginning of the third quarter of 2010.

Our effective income tax rate in the second quarter of 2011, including discrete tax items which reduced income tax expense \$0.2 million, decreased to 25.3% compared to 33.7% in the second quarter of 2010.

As a result of the above, our net income increased to \$5.5 million in the second quarter of 2011 from \$2.4 million in the second quarter of 2010.

#### **Results of Operations**

#### Three Months Ended June 30, 2011 Compared to Three Months Ended June 30, 2010

The following table sets forth, for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, selected operating results as a percentage of consolidated restaurant sales:

	2011	2010
Restaurant sales:		
Pollo Tropical	25.0%	22.8%
Taco Cabana	32.7%	31.4%
Burger King	42.3%	45.8%
Total restaurant sales	100.0%	100.0%
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of sales	31.6%	30.8%
Restaurant wages and related expenses	28.8%	29.2%
Restaurant rent expense	5.8%	6.0%
Other restaurant operating expenses	13.9%	14.3%
Advertising expense	3.6%	3.8%
General and administrative	6.6%	6.2%

Since the beginning of the third quarter 2010 through the end of the second quarter of 2011, we have opened two new Pollo Tropical restaurants, four new Taco Cabana restaurants and two new Burger King restaurants. One of the new Burger King restaurants was a relocation within its market area. During the same period we closed seven Burger King restaurants, excluding relocations, two Pollo Tropical restaurants and two Taco Cabana restaurants.

*Restaurant Sales.* Total restaurant sales for the second quarter of 2011 increased 2.5%, to \$209.3 million from \$204.1 million in the second quarter of 2010. Total restaurant sales for Fiesta Restaurant Group increased 9.1% to \$120.7 million in the second quarter of 2011 compared to \$110.7 million in the second quarter of 2010.

Pollo Tropical restaurant sales in the second quarter of 2011 increased 12.2% to \$52.2 million due primarily to an increase in comparable restaurant sales of 10.7% from an 8.9% increase in customer traffic and a 1.8% increase in average check, compared to the second quarter of 2010. The effect of menu price increases taken in the last twelve months, compared to the second quarter of 2010, was approximately 1.2% due to price increases taken primarily in the second quarter of 2011. There were no menu price increases at our Pollo Tropical restaurants in 2010.

Taco Cabana restaurant sales in the second quarter of 2011 increased 6.8% to \$68.5 million due primarily to an increase in comparable restaurant sales of 4.5% in the second quarter of 2011 from a 3.1% increase in average check and a 1.2% increase in customer traffic, compared to the second quarter of 2010. The effect of menu price increases taken in the last twelve months, compared to the second quarter of 2010, was approximately 2.5%, including price increases taken in the second quarter of 2011 to partially offset recent increases in commodity costs.

Burger King restaurant sales in the second quarter decreased 5.2% to \$88.6 million due to a 3.6% decrease in comparable restaurant sales from lower customer traffic and the closure, excluding relocations, of seven Burger King restaurants since the beginning of the third quarter of 2010. The effect of menu price increases taken in the last twelve months was approximately 5.5%, compared to the second quarter of 2010; however the average check at our Burger King restaurants increased 6.0% in the second quarter of 2011, compared to the first quarter of 2010, reflecting the effect of menu mix changes and product promotions.

Pollo Tropical Operating Costs and Expenses (percentages stated as a percentage of Pollo Tropical restaurant sales). Pollo Tropical cost of sales increased to 33.3% in the second quarter of 2011 from 32.6% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to higher chicken commodity prices (0.9%) offset partially by favorable menu item sales mix shifts. Pollo Tropical restaurant wages and related expenses decreased to 23.6% in the second quarter of 2011 from 24.1% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to the effect of higher sales volumes on fixed labor costs and lower workers compensation claim costs (0.2%), partially offset by higher medical claim costs (0.8%). Pollo Tropical other restaurant operating expenses decreased to 12.6% in the second quarter of 2011 from 13.0% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to lower real estate taxes (0.3%) and the effect of higher sales volumes on other

fixed operating costs. Pollo Tropical advertising expense decreased slightly to 1.9% in the second quarter of 2011 from 2.0% in the second quarter of 2010 due to the timing of promotions.

Taco Cabana Operating Costs and Expenses (percentages stated as a percentage of Taco Cabana restaurant sales). Taco Cabana cost of sales increased to 32.5% in the second quarter of 2011 from 29.9% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to higher commodity prices including beef fajita meat (2.8%) partially offset by the effect of menu price increases taken in the last twelve months. Taco Cabana restaurant wages and related expenses decreased to 29.8% in the second quarter of 2011 from 30.1% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to the effect of higher sales volumes on fixed labor costs. Taco Cabana other restaurant operating expenses decreased to 13.4% in the second quarter of 2011 from 14.5% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to lower utility costs (0.5%), lower repairs and maintenance expenses (0.3%) and the reduction of operating supply costs. Taco Cabana advertising expense decreased to 4.0% in the second quarter of 2011 from 4.4% in the second quarter of 2010 due to the timing of promotions.

Burger King Operating Costs and Expenses (percentages stated as a percentage of Burger King restaurant sales). Burger King cost of sales decreased to 29.9% in the second quarter of 2011 from 30.7% in the second quarter of 2010 due to a favorable sales mix compared to the second quarter of 2010 (1.5%) primarily from the discontinuation of the Buck Double, the effect of menu price increases taken in the last twelve months (1.8%) and higher vendor rebates, offset by higher commodity prices (2.3%), including beef, and higher sales discounts (0.7%). Burger King restaurant wages and related expenses decreased slightly to 31.0% in the second quarter of 2011 from 31.1% in the second quarter of 2010 due to the effect of productive labor efficiencies offsetting the impact of lower sales volumes on fixed labor costs and higher workers compensation claim costs (0.3%). Burger King other restaurant operating expenses increased to 15.0% in the second quarter of 2011 from 14.7% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to the effect of lower sales volumes on fixed operating costs. Burger King advertising expense decreased slightly to 4.2% in the second quarter of 2011 from 4.3% in the second quarter of 2010.

Consolidated Restaurant Rent Expense. Restaurant rent expense, as a percentage of total restaurant sales, decreased to 5.8% in the second quarter of 2011 from 6.0% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to the effect of sales increases in the second quarter of 2011 at our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants on fixed rental costs and a decrease in contingent rent expense at our Burger King restaurants due to lower sales volumes.

Consolidated General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased \$1.1 million in the second quarter of 2011 to \$13.7 million and, as a percentage of total restaurant sales, increased to 6.6% compared to 6.2% in the second quarter of 2010 due primarily to \$0.2 million of legal and professional fees incurred in connection with the planned spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group, an increase of \$0.4 million in performance-based administrative bonus accruals and higher stock-based compensation expense of \$0.3 million.

Adjusted Segment EBITDA. As a result of the factors set forth above, Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Pollo Tropical restaurants increased to \$9.6 million in the second quarter of 2011 from \$8.1 million in the second quarter of 2010. Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Taco Cabana restaurants increased to \$7.0 million in the second quarter of 2011 from \$6.9 million in the second quarter of 2010. Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Burger King restaurants decreased to \$5.1 million in the second quarter of 2011 from \$5.5 million in the second quarter of 2010.

Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Burger King segment includes general and administrative expenses related directly to the Burger King segment as well as expenses associated with administrative support to our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana segments for executive management, information systems and certain accounting, legal and other administrative functions. For the second quarter of 2011, the administrative support expenses included in the Burger King segment provided to Pollo Tropical were \$1.2 million and the administrative support expenses provided to Taco Cabana were \$1.4 million. For the second quarter of 2010, these administrative support expenses included in the Burger King segment were \$1.1 million for Pollo Tropical and \$1.4 million for Taco Cabana.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense. Depreciation and amortization expense increased to \$8.4 million in the second quarter of 2011 from \$8.1 million in the second quarter of 2010.

Impairment and Other Lease Charges. Impairment and other lease charges were \$1.0 million in the second quarter of 2011 compared to \$3.6 million in the second quarter of 2010. In the second quarter of 2011 impairment and other lease charges included \$0.3 million in lease charges for a Taco Cabana restaurant closed late in the second quarter of 2011, \$0.1 million for the impairment of an underperforming Burger King restaurant and \$0.5 million in lease charges for four previously closed Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants. In the second quarter of 2010 impairment and other lease charges were \$3.6 million which included \$1.4 million for an underperforming Pollo Tropical restaurant and \$0.3 million to reduce the fair market value of a previously impaired Pollo Tropical restaurant. We also closed one Pollo Tropical restaurant in the second quarter of 2010 whose fixed assets were impaired in

2009, and recorded lease charges of \$0.2 million which principally consisted of future minimum lease payments and related ancillary costs from the date of the restaurant closure to the end of the remaining lease term, net of any estimated cost recoveries from subletting the property. In addition, we recorded charges of \$1.1 million for an underperforming Taco Cabana restaurant, \$0.3 million to reduce the fair market value of a previously impaired Taco Cabana restaurant and \$0.3 million associated with three underperforming Burger King restaurants.

Interest Expense. Total interest expense decreased \$0.1 million to \$4.6 million in the second quarter of 2011 due to a reduction in our LIBOR based borrowings since the beginning of the second quarter of 2010. The weighted average interest rate on our long-term debt, excluding lease financing obligations, increased to 6.4% in the second quarter of 2011 from 6.1% in the second quarter of 2010. Interest expense on lease financing obligations was \$0.3 million in the second quarter of 2011 and \$0.2 million in the second quarter of 2010.

Provision for Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes for the second quarter of 2011 was derived using an estimated effective annual income tax rate for 2011 of 29.7%, which excludes any discrete tax adjustments. Discrete tax adjustments in the second quarter of 2011 decreased the provision for income taxes by \$0.2 million and resulted in an overall tax rate of 25.3%. The provision for income taxes for the second quarter of 2010 was derived using an estimated effective annual income tax rate for 2010 of 36.9%, which excluded any discrete tax adjustments. Discrete tax adjustments reduced the provision for income taxes by \$0.1 million in the second quarter of 2010 and resulted in an overall tax rate of 33.7%. The decrease in our effective tax rate compared to that used in the second quarter of 2010 was due primarily to higher Work Opportunity and HIRE Act tax credits.

Net Income. As a result of the foregoing, net income was \$5.5 million in the second quarter of 2011 compared to \$2.4 million in the second quarter of 2010.

#### Six Months Ended June 30, 2011 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2010

The following table sets forth, for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, selected operating results as a percentage of consolidated restaurant sales:

	2011	2010
Restaurant sales:	<del></del>	
Pollo Tropical	25.6%	23.0%
Taco Cabana	32.5%	31.6%
Burger King	41.9%	45.4%
Total restaurant sales	100.0%	100.0%
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of sales	31.1%	30.6%
Restaurant wages and related expenses	29.2%	29.8%
Restaurant rent expense	6.0%	6.2%
Other restaurant operating expenses	14.0%	14.4%
Advertising expense	3.7%	3.7%
General and administrative	6.8%	6.3%

Since the beginning of 2010 through the second quarter of 2011, we have opened two new Pollo Tropical restaurants, four new Taco Cabana restaurants and three new Burger King restaurants. Two of the new Burger King restaurants were relocations within their market areas. During the same period we closed three Pollo Tropical restaurants, three Taco Cabana restaurants and ten Burger King restaurants, excluding relocations,

*Restaurant Sales.* Total restaurant sales in the first six months of 2011 increased 1.9% to \$406.2 million from \$398.8 million in the first six months of 2010. Restaurant sales for Fiesta Restaurant Group increased 8.4% to \$236.0 million from \$217.7 million in the first six months of 2010.

Pollo Tropical restaurant sales in the first six months of 2011 increased 13.7% to \$104.2 million due primarily to an increase in comparable restaurant sales of 12.0% resulting from an 11.1% increase in customer traffic and a 1.0% increase in average check, compared to the first six months of 2010.

Taco Cabana restaurant sales in the first six months of 2011 increased 4.5% to \$131.8 million due primarily to a 3.3% increase in comparable restaurant sales resulting from an increase in average check of 2.5% and an increase in customer traffic of 0.8%, compared to the first six months of 2010.

Burger King restaurant sales in the first six months of 2011 decreased 6.0% to \$170.2 million due to a decrease in comparable restaurant sales of 4.3% from lower customer traffic and the closure, excluding relocations, of ten Burger King restaurants since the beginning of 2010. In the first six months of 2011, customer traffic decreased 10.8% and was partially offset by an increase in average check of 6.5% resulting from the factors mentioned above.

Pollo Tropical Operating Costs and Expenses (percentages stated as a percentage of Pollo Tropical restaurant sales). Pollo Tropical cost of sales increased to 33.2% in the first six months of 2011 from 32.6% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to higher chicken commodity prices (0.7%) offset partially by favorable menu item sales mix shifts. Pollo Tropical restaurant wages and related expenses decreased to 23.6% in the first six months of 2011 from 24.9% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to the effect of higher sales volumes on fixed labor costs and lower workers compensation claim costs (0.5%), partially offset by higher medical claim costs (0.2%). Pollo Tropical other restaurant operating expenses decreased to 12.4% in the first six months of 2011 from 13.1% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to lower real estate taxes (0.4%) and the effect of higher sales volumes on other fixed operating costs. Pollo Tropical advertising expense decreased to 2.2% in the first six months of 2011 from 2.4% in the first six months of 2010 due to the timing of promotions. For all of 2011 our Pollo Tropical advertising expenses are expected to be approximately 2.6% to 2.8% of Pollo Tropical restaurant sales.

Taco Cabana Operating Costs and Expenses (percentages stated as a percentage of Taco Cabana restaurant sales). Taco Cabana cost of sales increased to 31.4% in the first six months of 2011 from 29.9% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to higher commodity prices (1.7%) partially offset by the effect of menu price increases taken since the beginning of 2010. Taco Cabana restaurant wages and related expenses decreased to 30.2% in the first six months of 2011 from 30.7% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to the effect of higher sales volumes on fixed labor costs and lower medical claim costs (0.4%). Taco Cabana other restaurant operating expenses decreased to 13.3% in the first six months of 2011 from 14.3% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to lower utility costs (0.5%), the reduction of operating supply costs and the effect of higher sales volumes on other fixed operating costs. Taco Cabana advertising expense increased to 4.2% in the first six months of 2011 from 3.8% in the first six months of 2010 due to the timing of promotions. For all of 2011 our Taco Cabana advertising expenses are expected to be approximately 3.9% to 4.1% of Taco Cabana restaurant sales.

Burger King Operating Costs and Expenses (percentages stated as a percentage of Burger King restaurant sales). Burger King cost of sales decreased to 29.6% in the first six months of 2011 from 30.2% in the first six months of 2010 due to a favorable sales mix compared to the first six months of 2010 (1.3%) from the discontinuation of the Buck Double and the effect of menu price increases taken in the last twelve months (1.6%), offset by higher commodity prices (2.4%), including beef, and higher sales discounts (0.5%). Burger King restaurant wages and related expenses increased to 32.0% in the first six months of 2011 from 31.6% in the first six months of 2010 due to the effect of lower sales volumes on fixed labor costs and higher workers compensation and medical claim costs (0.4%) partially offset by productive labor efficiencies. Burger King other restaurant operating expenses increased to 15.6% in the first six months of 2011 from 15.1% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to the effect of lower sales volumes on fixed operating costs. Burger King advertising expense was 4.2% in both the first six months of 2011 and 2010. For all of 2011 our Burger King advertising expenses are expected to be approximately 4.0% to 4.2% of Burger King restaurant sales.

Consolidated Restaurant Rent Expense. Restaurant rent expense, as a percentage of total restaurant sales, decreased to 6.0% in the first six months of 2011 from 6.2% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to the effect of sales increases at our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants on fixed rental costs and a decrease in contingent rent expense at our Burger King restaurants due to lower sales volumes.

Consolidated General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased \$2.4 million in the first six months of 2011 to \$27.6 million and, as a percentage of total restaurant sales, increased to 6.8% from 6.3% in the first six months of 2010 due primarily to higher stock-based compensation expense of \$0.6 million, higher legal and professional fees of \$0.7 million including \$0.5 million incurred in connection with the planned spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group and an increase of \$0.8 million in performance-based administrative bonus accruals.

Adjusted Segment EBITDA. As a result of the factors above, Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Pollo Tropical restaurants increased to \$19.6 million in the first six months of 2011 from \$14.9 million in the first six months of 2010. Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Taco Cabana restaurants decreased to \$13.5 million in the first six months of 2011 from \$13.6 million in the first six months of 2010. Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Burger King restaurants decreased to \$6.3 million in the first six months of 2011 from \$9.3 million in the first six months of 2010.

Adjusted Segment EBITDA for our Burger King segment includes general and administrative expenses related directly to the Burger King segment as well as expenses associated with administrative support to our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana segments for executive management, information systems and certain accounting, legal and other administrative functions. For the first six months of 2011, the administrative support expenses included in the Burger King segment provided to Pollo Tropical were \$2.6 million and the administrative support expenses provided to Taco Cabana were \$3.3 million. For the first six months of 2010, these administrative support expenses included in the Burger King segment were \$2.2 million for Pollo Tropical and \$2.8 million for Taco Cabana.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense increased to \$16.5 million in the first six months of 2011 from \$16.2 million in the first six months of 2010.

Impairment and Other Lease Charges. Impairment and other lease charges were \$2.1 million in the first six months of 2011 due primarily to charges of \$1.0 million in the second quarter as discussed above and \$1.1 million in the first quarter of 2011 which included \$0.8 million for the impairment of five underperforming Burger King restaurants and \$0.2 million in lease charges for a Pollo Tropical restaurant that was closed in the first quarter of 2011 and whose assets were previously impaired in 2010. The first six months of 2010 included impairment and other lease charges of \$3.9 million due primarily to charges of \$3.6 million in the second quarter as discussed above and \$0.2 million related to a non-operating Taco Cabana property, due to a reduction of estimated cost recoveries from subletting the property through the end of the remaining lease term.

Interest Expense. Total interest expense decreased \$0.3 million to \$9.2 million in the first six months of 2011 due to a reduction in our total outstanding indebtedness since the beginning of 2010. The weighted average interest rate on our long-term debt, excluding lease financing obligations, for the first six months of 2011 was 6.3% compared to 6.0% in the first six months of 2010. Interest expense on lease financing obligations was \$0.5 million for both the first six months of 2011 and 2010.

Provision for Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes for the first six months of 2011 was derived using an estimated effective annual income tax rate of for the year ending December 31, 2011 of 29.7%. Discrete tax adjustments reduced the provision for income taxes by \$0.2 million in the first six months of 2011 and resulted in an overall tax rate of 27.5%. The provision for income taxes for the first six months of 2010 was derived using an estimated effective annual income tax rate for the year ending December 31, 2009 of 36.9%. Discrete tax adjustments reduced the provision for income taxes by \$0.1 million in the first six months of 2010 and resulted in an overall tax rate of 36.0%.

*Net Income.* As a result of the foregoing, net income was \$7.8 million in the first six months of 2011 compared to \$4.7 million in the first six months of 2010.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We do not have significant receivables or inventory and receive trade credit based upon negotiated terms in purchasing food products and other supplies. We are able to operate with a substantial working capital deficit because:

- · restaurant operations are primarily conducted on a cash basis;
- rapid turnover results in a limited investment in inventories; and
- · cash from sales is usually received before related liabilities for food, supplies and payroll become due.

In response to economic conditions we have reduced our debt balances and our financial leverage. We limited our spending on new restaurant development in 2009 and 2010 which allowed us to utilize our free cash flow to reduce our outstanding indebtedness. We are continuing to moderate new restaurant growth in 2011.

On August 5, 2011, we completed a refinancing of our existing indebtedness. Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group each entered into new and independent financing arrangements. The proceeds from these financings were or will be used to repay amounts outstanding under Carrols' senior credit facility and the Carrols Notes, as well as to pay all related fees and expenses. Excess cash from the financings is expected to be approximately \$10 million to \$11 million, which will be used by Carrols for general corporate purposes.

Fiesta Restaurant Group sold \$200 million of 8.875% senior secured second lien notes due 2016 and entered into a \$25 million secured revolving credit facility which was undrawn at closing. Carrols LLC entered into an \$85 million secured credit facility including term loan borrowings of \$65 million and an undrawn \$20 million revolving credit facility. Proceeds from these

borrowings were used to repay approximately \$80.2 million outstanding under Carrols senior credit facility, to repurchase \$118.4 million of the Carrols Notes tendered pursuant to a cash tender offer (which ends August 18, 2011), to pay accrued interest and to pay related fees and expenses. In addition, the \$46.6 million of the Carrols Notes not yet tendered will be repurchased upon completion of the cash tender offer or redeemed subsequent to its expiration along with payment for accrued interest and fees related to the tender offer.

Interest payments under our debt obligations, capital expenditures and payments related to our lease obligations represent significant liquidity requirements for us. We believe cash generated from our operations, excess cash generated from our refinancing transactions described above, availability of borrowing under our new revolving credit facilities and proceeds from anticipated sale-leaseback transactions will provide sufficient cash availability to cover our anticipated working capital needs, capital expenditures and debt service requirements for the next twelve months.

Operating Activities. Net cash provided from operating activities for the first six months of 2011 increased \$7.2 million to \$25.3 million from \$18.1 million in the first six months of 2010, due to a reduction in the changes in the components of net working capital, including deferred tax assets of \$2.9 million, and an increase in net income, adjusted for non-cash items including depreciation and amortization, impairment and other lease charges and stock-based compensation expense of \$2.0 million.

Investing Activities. Net cash used for investing activities in the first six months of 2011 and 2010 was \$15.1 million and \$14.5 million, respectively. Capital expenditures are the largest component of our investing activities and include: (1) new restaurant development, which may include the purchase of real estate; (2) restaurant remodeling, which includes the renovation or rebuilding of the interior and exterior of our existing restaurants, including expenditures associated with Burger King franchise renewals; (3) other restaurant capital expenditures, which include capital maintenance expenditures for the ongoing reinvestment and enhancement of our restaurants; and (4) corporate and restaurant information systems, including expenditures in 2011 for new point-of-sale systems for our Burger King restaurants.

The following table sets forth our capital expenditures for the periods presented (in thousands):

	Pollo Tropical	Taco Cabana	Burger King	Other	Co	nsolidated
Six Months Ended June 30, 2011						
New restaurant development	\$1,348	\$5,776	\$1,572	\$ —	\$	8,696
Restaurant remodeling	1,399	842	3,497	_		5,738
Other restaurant capital expenditures (1)	1,034	1,198	2,169	_		4,401
Corporate and restaurant information systems	_	_	_	1,836		1,836
Total capital expenditures	\$3,781	\$7,816	\$7,238	\$1,836	\$	20,671
Number of new restaurant openings (2)		3	2			5
Six Months Ended June 30, 2010						
New restaurant development	\$1,716	\$2,133	\$2,061	\$ —	\$	5,910
Restaurant remodeling	954	1,240	2,761	_		4,955
Other restaurant capital expenditures (1)	1,155	1,493	1,942	_		4,590
Corporate and restaurant information systems		_	_	710		710
Total capital expenditures	\$3,825	\$4,866	\$6,764	\$ 710	\$	16,165
Number of new restaurant openings			1			1

<sup>1)</sup> Excludes restaurant repair and maintenance expenses included in other restaurant operating expenses in our consolidated financial statements. For the first six months of 2011 and 2010, total restaurant repair and maintenance expenses were approximately \$9.4 million and \$9.0 million, respectively.

For 2011 we anticipate that total capital expenditures will range from \$45 million to \$50 million, although the actual amount of capital expenditures may differ from these estimates. In 2011 we plan to have opened a total of five to seven new Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants, one new Burger King restaurant and to relocate one Burger King restaurant. Capital expenditures in 2011 are expected to include approximately \$12 million to \$14 million for the development of new restaurants and purchase of related real estate. Capital expenditures in 2011 also are expected to include expenditures of approximately \$28 million to \$31 million for the

<sup>2)</sup> Includes a Burger King restaurant which was relocated within the same market area under a new franchise agreement.

ongoing reinvestment in our three restaurant concepts for remodeling costs and capital maintenance expenditures and approximately \$5 million of other expenditures, including expenditures for new point-of-sale systems at our Burger King restaurants.

Investing activities also include sale-leaseback transactions related to our restaurant properties, the net proceeds from which were \$5.0 million and \$4.1 million in the first six months of 2011 and 2010, respectively. The net proceeds from these sales were used to reduce outstanding borrowings under our senior credit facility. In the first six months of 2010 we also purchased two of our restaurant properties for \$2.5 million for future sales in sale-leaseback transactions.

Financing Activities. Net cash used for financing activities in the first six months of 2011 and 2010 was \$5.9 million and \$4.5 million, respectively, including principal payments on our term loan under Carrols senior credit facility of \$7.0 million in both periods. During the second quarter of 2011, we entered into a sale-leaseback transaction for a restaurant property that did not qualify for sale-leaseback accounting and the net proceeds of \$1.7 million were recorded as a lease financing obligation. During the first six months of 2011 we also deferred \$0.7 million of financing costs pertaining to our August 2011 refinancing discussed above.

New Secured Credit Facilities. On August 5, 2011 Fiesta Restaurant Group entered into a new first lien revolving credit facility providing for aggregate borrowings of up to \$25.0 million (including \$10.0 million available for letters of credit). The new Fiesta Restaurant Group revolving credit facility also provides for incremental increases of up to \$5.0 million, in the aggregate, to the revolving credit borrowings available under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility, and matures on February 5, 2016. Borrowings under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility bear interest at a per annum rate, at Fiesta Restaurant Group's option, of either (all terms as defined in the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility):

- 1) the Alternate Base Rate plus the applicable margin of 2.0% to 2.75% based on Fiesta Restaurant Group's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 2.5% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility), or
- 2) the LIBOR Rate plus the applicable margin of 3.0% to 3.75% based on Fiesta Restaurant Group's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 3.5% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility).

Fiesta Restaurant Group's obligations under the Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of Fiesta Restaurant Group and its material subsidiaries, as guarantors, (including a pledge of all of the capital stock and equity interests of its material subsidiaries).

The Fiesta Restaurant Group secured senior credit facility contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these facilities if there is a default under any indebtedness of Fiesta Restaurant Group having an outstanding principal amount of \$2.5 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when due.

On August 5, 2011 Carrols LLC entered into a new secured credit facility, which provides for \$65.0 million aggregate principal amount of term loan borrowings and a revolving credit facility which provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$20.0 million (including \$10.0 million available for letters of credit) both maturing on August 5, 2016. The Carrols LLC secured credit facility also provides for incremental borrowing increases of up to \$25 million, in the aggregate, to the revolving credit facility and term loan borrowings available under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility. Borrowings under the term loan and revolving credit borrowings under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility bear interest at a per annum rate, at Carrols LLC's option, of either (all terms as defined in the Carrols LLC secured credit facility):

- 1) the Alternate Base Rate plus the applicable margin of 2.25% to 4.0% based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 2.75% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility), or
- 2) the LIBOR Rate plus the applicable margin of 3.25% to 4.0% based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio (with an initial applicable margin set at 3.75% until the delivery of financial statements for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2011 to the agent and lenders under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility).

Under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility, Carrols LLC will be required to make mandatory prepayments of revolving credit facility borrowings and principal on term loan borrowings (i) annually in an amount equal to 50% to 100% of Excess Cash Flow (as defined in the Carrols LLC secured credit facility) based on Carrols LLC's Adjusted Leverage Ratio and (ii) in the event of dispositions of assets, debt issuances and insurance and condemnation proceeds (all subject to certain exceptions).

The term loan borrowings under the new Carrols LLC secured credit facility are payable in consecutive quarterly principal payments of \$1.625 million beginning on the last day of the fourth quarter of 2011 through the first quarter of 2016 with the remaining outstanding principal amount of \$30.75 million due on the maturity date of August 5, 2016.

Carrols LLC's obligations under the Carrols LLC secured credit facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of Carrols LLC and by a pledge by Carrols of all of the outstanding equity interests of Carrols LLC.

The Carrols LLC secured senior credit facility contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these facilities if there is a default under any indebtedness of Carrols LLC having an outstanding principal amount of \$2.5 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when due.

Fiesta Restaurant Group Senior Secured Second Lien Notes. On August 5, 2011, Fiesta Restaurant Group issued \$200.0 million of 8.875% senior secured second lien notes due 2016 pursuant to an indenture dated as of August 5, 2011 governing such notes. The Fiesta Notes mature on August 15, 2016 and the entire principal amount of the Fiesta Notes is payable on such maturity date. Interest is payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15 with the first interest payment due on February 15, 2012. The Fiesta Notes are secured by second-priority liens on substantially all of Fiesta Restaurant Group's and its material subsidiaries assets (including a pledge of all of the capital stock and equity interests of its material subsidiaries).

The Fiesta Notes are redeemable at the option of Fiesta Restaurant Group in whole or in part at any time after February 15, 2014 at a price of 104.438% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed before February 15, 2015, 102.219% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed after February 15, 2015 but before February 15, 2016 and 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, if redeemed after February 15, 2016. Prior to February 14, 2014, Fiesta Restaurant Group may redeem some or all of the notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of each note plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and a make-whole premium. In addition, at any time prior to February 15, 2014, Fiesta Restaurant Group may redeem up to 35% of the Fiesta Notes with the net cash proceeds from specified equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 108.875% of the principal amount of each note to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

The indenture governing the Fiesta Notes includes certain covenants, including limitations and restrictions on Fiesta Restaurant Group and its material subsidiaries who are guarantors under such indenture to incur additional debt, issue preferred stock, pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock or make certain other restricted payments or investments, incur liens, sell assets, enter into transactions with affiliates, agree to payment restrictions affecting certain of its material subsidiaries and enter into mergers, consolidations or sales of all or substantially all of Fiesta Restaurant Group's or its material subsidiaries' assets. These covenants are subject to certain exceptions and qualifications including, without limitation, permitting the spin-off transaction discussed in Note 1.

The indenture governing the Fiesta Notes contains customary default provisions, including without limitation, a cross default provision pursuant to which it is an event of default under these notes and the indenture if there is a default under any indebtedness of Fiesta Restaurant Group having an outstanding principal amount of \$15.0 million or more which results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its stated maturity or is caused by a failure to pay principal when due.

Carrols Senior Credit Facility. Carrols' prior senior credit facility totaled \$185 million, originally consisting of \$120 million principal amount of term loan A borrowings maturing on March 9, 2013 (or earlier on September 30, 2012 if the Carrols Notes are not refinanced by June 30, 2012) and a \$65.0 million revolving credit facility (including a sub limit of up to \$25.0 million for letters of credit and up to \$5.0 million for swingline loans), maturing on March 8, 2012.

The term loan and revolving credit borrowings under the prior senior credit facility bore interest at a per annum rate, at Carrols' option, of either:

- 1) the applicable margin percentage ranging from 0% to 0.25% based on Carrols' senior leverage ratio (as defined in the senior credit facility) plus the greater of (i) the prime rate or (ii) the federal funds rate for that day plus 0.5%; or
- 2) Adjusted LIBOR plus the applicable margin percentage in effect ranging from 1.0% to 1.5% based on Carrols' senior leverage ratio. At June 30, 2011 the LIBOR margin percentage was 1.0%.

At July 3, 2011, outstanding borrowings under Term loan A of the prior senior credit facility were \$80.2 million with the remaining balance due and payable as follows:

- 1) three quarterly installments of approximately \$4.2 million beginning on September 30, 2011; and
- 2) four quarterly installments of approximately \$16.9 million beginning on June 30, 2012.

Under the prior senior credit facility, Carrols was required to make mandatory prepayments of principal on term loan A facility borrowings (a) annually in an amount up to 50% of Excess Cash Flow depending upon Carrols' Total Leverage Ratio (as such terms are defined in the prior senior credit facility), (b) in the event of certain dispositions of assets (all subject to certain exceptions) and insurance proceeds, in an amount equal to 100% of the net proceeds received by Carrols therefrom, and (c) in an amount equal to 100% of the net proceeds from any subsequent issuance of debt. For the year ended December 31, 2010, there was not a required prepayment based on the Excess Cash Flow for 2010, as defined. For the year ended December 31, 2009, Carrols was required to make a principal prepayment of approximately \$1.0 million in the first quarter of 2010.

The prior senior credit facility contained certain covenants, including, without limitation, those limiting Carrols' ability to incur indebtedness, incur liens, sell or acquire assets or businesses, change the nature of its business, engage in transactions with related parties, make certain investments or pay dividends. In addition, Carrols was required to meet certain financial ratios, including fixed charge coverage, senior leverage, and total leverage ratios (all as defined under the senior credit facility). Carrols was in compliance with the covenants under its prior senior credit facility as of July 3, 2011.

After reserving \$13.5 million for letters of credit guaranteed by the facility, \$51.5 million was available for borrowings under the prior revolving credit facility at July 3, 2011.

Carrols Senior Subordinated Notes. On December 15, 2004, Carrols issued \$180 million of 9% senior subordinated notes due 2013 that bear interest at a rate of 9% payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 and mature on January 15, 2013. At both July 3, 2011 and January 2, 2011, \$165.0 million principal amount of the Carrols Notes were outstanding.

Restrictive covenants under the Carrols Notes included limitations with respect to the Carrols' ability to issue additional debt, incur liens, sell or acquire assets or businesses, pay dividends and make certain investments. Carrols was in compliance as of July 3, 2011 with the restrictive covenants in the indenture governing the Carrols Notes.

On July 22, 2011, Carrols commenced an offer to purchase for cash any and all of the \$165 million outstanding principal amount of the Carrols Notes and solicited consents to effect certain proposed amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes. The tender offer will expire on August 18, 2011, unless terminated or extended. Holders who validly tendered the Carrols Notes on or before August 4, 2011 received total consideration of \$1,003.75 for each \$1,000 principal amount of such notes accepted for purchase. Total consideration included a consent payment of \$30.00 per \$1,000 principal amount, which was payable only to holders who tendered their Notes and validly delivered their consents prior to the expiration of the consent solicitation at 5:00p.m. on August 4, 2011. On August 5, 2011, \$118.4 million principal amount of the Carrols Notes that were validly tendered on or prior to 5:00p.m. on August 4, 2011 were accepted for payment and paid by Carrols. Holders who validly tender the Carrols Notes after 5:00p.m. on August 4, 2011, but before August 18, 2011, will receive \$973.75 for each \$1,000 principal amount of such notes accepted for purchase. Accrued and unpaid interest, up to, but not including, the applicable settlement date, will be paid in cash on all validly tendered and accepted Carrols Notes.

The amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes, among other things, eliminated a significant portion of the restrictive covenants in the indenture governing the Carrols Notes and eliminated certain events of default. The elimination (or, in certain cases, amendment) of these restrictive covenants and other provisions permit Carrols and its subsidiaries to, among other things, incur indebtedness, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, incur liens or make investments, in each case which otherwise may not have been permitted pursuant to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes. The amendments to the indenture governing the Carrols Notes are binding upon the holders of the Carrols Notes not tendered into the tender offer.

*Indebtedness*. At July 3, 2011, we had total debt outstanding (including current portion) of 165.0 million of Carrols Notes, \$80.2 million of outstanding borrowings under Carrols' prior senior credit facility, \$11.8 million of lease financing obligations and \$1.2 million of capital lease obligations.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

A table of our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2010 was included in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. There have been no significant changes to our contractual obligations during the six months ended June 30, 2011. The table included in our 2010 10-K reflected our debt obligations at December 31, 2010 which did not include any changes resulting from our refinancing activities in the third quarter of 2011.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements other than our operating leases, which are primarily for our restaurant properties and not recorded on our consolidated balance sheet.

#### **Application of Critical Accounting Policies**

Our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Preparing consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. These estimates and assumptions are affected by the application of our accounting policies. Our significant accounting policies are described in the "Significant Accounting Policies" footnote in the notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010. Critical accounting estimates are those that require application of management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of matters that are inherently uncertain and may change in subsequent periods. There have been no material changes affecting our critical accounting policies previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 during the three months ended June 30, 2011.

#### Effects of New Accounting Standards

There are currently no recent accounting pronouncements that which had, or are expected to have, a material impact on our consolidated financial statements as of the date of this report.

#### Forward Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains statements which constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Statements that are predictive in nature or that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions are forward-looking statements. These statements are often identified by the words "may," "might," "will," "should," "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "hope", "plan" or similar expressions. In addition, expressions of our strategies, intentions or plans are also forward looking statements. These statements reflect management's current views with respect to future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties, both known and unknown. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their date. There are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements, many of which are beyond our control. Investors are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and that actual results may differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements. We believe important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include the following, in addition to other risks and uncertainties discussed herein and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010:

- The effect of the proposed tax-free spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group by Carrols Restaurant Group;
- The potential tax liability associated with the proposed tax-free spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group by Carrols Restaurant Group;
- Increases in food costs;
- Competitive conditions;
- Regulatory factors;

- Environmental conditions and regulations;
- General economic conditions, particularly in the retail sector;
- Weather conditions;
- Increases in commodity costs;
- · Fuel prices;
- Significant disruptions in service or supply by any of our suppliers or distributors;
- Changes in consumer perception of dietary health and food safety;
- Labor and employment benefit costs;
- The outcome of pending or future legal claims and proceedings;
- Our ability to manage our growth and successfully implement our business strategy;
- The risks associated with the expansion of our business;
- Our ability to integrate any businesses we acquire;
- Our borrowing costs and credit ratings, which may be influenced by the credit ratings of our competitors;
- The risk of an act of terrorism or escalation of any insurrection or armed conflict involving the United States or any other national or international calamity; and
- Factors that affect the restaurant industry generally, including recalls if products become adulterated or misbranded, liability if our products cause injury, ingredient disclosure and labeling laws and regulations, reports of cases of food borne illnesses such as "mad cow" disease and avian flu, and the possibility that consumers could lose confidence in the safety and quality of certain food products, as well as negative publicity regarding food quality, illness, injury or other health concerns.

#### Inflation

The inflationary factors that have historically affected our results of operations include increases in food and paper costs, labor and other operating expenses and energy costs. Labor costs in our restaurants are impacted by changes in the Federal and state hourly minimum wage rates as well as changes in payroll related taxes, including Federal and state unemployment taxes. We typically attempt to offset the effect of inflation, at least in part, through periodic menu price increases and various cost reduction programs. However, no assurance can be given that we will be able to fully offset such inflationary cost increases in the future.

#### ITEM 3—QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There were no material changes from the information presented in Item 7A included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 with respect to the Company's market risk sensitive instruments.

A 1% change in interest rates would have resulted in an increase or decrease in interest expense of approximately \$0.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011.

#### ITEM 4—CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures. Our senior management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d – 15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive officer or officers and principal financial officer or officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. We have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as well as other key members of our management. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of July 3, 2011.

No change occurred in our internal control over financial reporting during the second quarter of 2011 that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the risks described below, as well as other information and data included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

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

Intense competition in the restaurant industry could make it more difficult to expand our business and could also have a negative impact on our operating results if customers favor our competitors or we are forced to change our pricing and other marketing strategies.

The restaurant industry is highly competitive. In each of our markets, our restaurants compete with a large number of national and regional restaurant chains, as well as locally owned restaurants, offering low and medium-priced fare. We also compete with convenience stores, delicatessens and prepared food counters in grocery stores, supermarkets, cafeterias and other purveyors of moderately priced and quickly prepared food.

Pollo Tropical's competitors include national and regional chicken-based concepts as well as quick-service hamburger restaurant chains and other types of quick-service and quick-casual restaurants. Our Taco Cabana restaurants compete with quick-service restaurants, including those in the quick-service Mexican segment, other quick-casual restaurants and traditional casual dining Mexican restaurants. With respect to our Burger King restaurants, our largest competitors are McDonald's and Wendy's restaurants.

To remain competitive, we, as well as certain of the other major quick-casual and quick-service restaurant chains, have increasingly offered selected food items and combination meals at discounted prices. These pricing and other marketing strategies have had, and in the future may have, a negative impact on our sales and earnings.

Factors applicable to the quick-casual and quick-service restaurant segments may adversely affect our results of operations, which may cause a decrease in earnings and revenues.

The quick-casual and quick-service restaurant segments are highly competitive and can be materially adversely affected by many factors, including:

- changes in local, regional or national economic conditions;
- changes in demographic trends;

- changes in consumer tastes;
- changes in traffic patterns;
- increases in fuel prices and utility costs;
- · consumer concerns about health, diet and nutrition;
- increases in the number of, and particular locations of, competing restaurants;
- changes in discretionary consumer spending;
- · inflation:
- · increases in the cost of food, such as beef, chicken, produce and packaging;
- · increased labor costs, including healthcare, unemployment insurance and minimum wage requirements;
- · the availability of experienced management and hourly-paid employees; and
- · regional weather conditions.

Our continued growth depends on our ability to open and operate new restaurants profitably, which in turn depends on our continued access to capital, and newly acquired or developed restaurants may not perform as we expect and we cannot assure you that our growth and development plans will be achieved.

Our continued growth depends on our ability to develop additional Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants and to selectively acquire and develop additional Burger King restaurants. Development involves substantial risks, including the following:

- the inability to fund development;
- development costs that exceed budgeted amounts;
- delays in completion of construction;
- the inability to obtain all necessary zoning and construction permits;
- the inability to identify, or the unavailability of, suitable sites on acceptable leasing or purchase terms;
- developed restaurants that do not achieve desired revenue or cash flow levels once opened;
- incurring substantial unrecoverable costs in the event a development project is abandoned prior to completion or a new restaurant is closed due to poor financial performance;
- the inability to recruit, train and retain managers and other employees necessary to staff each new restaurant;
- · changes in or interpretations of governmental rules and regulations; and
- · changes in general economic and business conditions.

We cannot assure you that our growth and development plans can be achieved. Our long-term development plans will require additional management, operational and financial resources. For example, we will be required to recruit and train managers and other personnel for each new restaurant. We cannot assure you that we will be able to manage our expanding operations effectively and our failure to do so could adversely affect our results of operations. In addition, our ability to open new restaurants and to grow, as well as our ability to meet other anticipated capital needs, will depend on our continued access to external financing, including borrowing under our new secured credit facilities. We cannot assure you that we will have access to the capital we need at acceptable terms or at all, which could materially adversely affect our business. In addition, our need to manage our financial leverage ratios in connection with the Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities may reduce our ability to develop new restaurants.

Additionally, we may encounter difficulties growing beyond our presence in our existing markets. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully grow our market presence beyond our existing markets, as we may encounter well-established competitors in new areas. In addition, we may be unable to find attractive locations or successfully market our products as we attempt to expand beyond our existing markets, as the competitive circumstances and consumer characteristics in these new areas may differ substantially from those in areas in which we currently operate. We may also not open a sufficient number of restaurants in new markets to adequately leverage distribution, supervision and marketing costs. As a result of the foregoing, we cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully or profitably operate our new restaurants outside our existing markets.

#### Our expansion into new markets may be challenged by a lack of brand awareness in such new markets.

Some of our new restaurants are and will be located in areas where there is a limited or a lack of market awareness of the Pollo Tropical or Taco Cabana brand and therefore it may be more challenging for us to attract customers to our restaurants. Restaurants opened in new markets may open at lower average weekly sales volumes than restaurants opened in existing markets, and may have lower restaurant-level operating margins than in existing markets. Sales at restaurants opened in new markets may take

longer to reach average unit volumes, if at all, thereby adversely affecting our operating results, including the recognition of future impairment and other lease charges. Opening new restaurants in areas in which potential customers may not be familiar with our restaurants may include costs related to the opening and marketing of those restaurants that are substantially greater than those incurred by our restaurants in other areas. Even though we may incur substantial additional costs with respect to these new restaurants, they may attract fewer customers than our more established restaurants in existing markets.

### We could be adversely affected by food-borne illnesses, as well as widespread negative publicity regarding food quality, illness, injury or other health concerns.

Negative publicity about food quality, illness, injury or other health concerns (including health implications of obesity) or similar issues stemming from one restaurant or a number of restaurants could materially adversely affect us, regardless of whether they pertain to our own restaurants or to restaurants owned or operated by other companies. For example, health concerns about the consumption of beef or chicken or by specific events such as the outbreak of "mad cow" disease or "avian" flu could lead to changes in consumer preferences, reduce consumption of our products and adversely affect our financial performance. These events could also reduce the available supply of beef or chicken or significantly raise the price of beef or chicken.

In addition, we cannot guarantee that our operational controls and employee training will be effective in preventing food-borne illnesses, food tampering and other food safety issues that may affect our restaurants. Food-borne illness or food tampering incidents could be caused by customers, employees or food suppliers and transporters and, therefore, could be outside of our control. Any publicity relating to health concerns or the perceived or specific outbreaks of food-borne illnesses, food tampering or other food safety issues attributed to one or more of our restaurants, could result in a significant decrease in guest traffic in all of our restaurants and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, similar publicity or occurrences with respect to other restaurants chains could also decrease our guest traffic and have a similar material adverse effect on our business.

### We are highly dependent on the Burger King system and our ability to renew our franchise agreements with Burger King Corporation. The failure to renew our franchise agreements or Burger King's failure to compete effectively could materially adversely affect our results of operations.

Due to the nature of franchising and our agreements with BKC, our success is, to a large extent, directly related to the success of the nationwide Burger King system. In turn, the ability of the nationwide Burger King system to compete effectively depends upon the success of the management of the Burger King system and the success of its advertising programs and new products. We cannot assure you that Burger King will be able to compete effectively with other quick-service restaurants. As a result, any failure of Burger King to compete effectively would likely have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

Under each of our franchise agreements with BKC, we are required to comply with operational programs established by BKC. For example, our franchise agreements with BKC require that our restaurants comply with specified design criteria. In addition, BKC generally has the right to require us during the tenth year of a franchise agreement to remodel our restaurants to conform to the then-current image of Burger King, which may require the expenditure of considerable funds. In addition we may not be able to avoid adopting menu price discount promotions or permanent menu price decreases instituted by BKC that may be unprofitable.

Our franchise agreements typically have a 20-year term after which BKC's consent is required to receive a successor franchise agreement. Our franchise agreements with BKC that are set to expire over the next three years are as follows:

- 10 of our franchise agreements with BKC are will expire during the last six months of 2011;
- 18 of our franchise agreements with BKC are due to expire in 2012; and
- 10 of our franchise agreements with BKC are due to expire in 2013.

We cannot assure you that BKC will grant each of our future requests for successor franchise agreements, and any failure of BKC to renew our franchise agreements could adversely affect our operating results. In addition, as a condition of approval of a successor franchise agreement, BKC may require us to make capital improvements to particular restaurants to bring them up to Burger King current image standards, which may require us to incur substantial costs.

In addition, our franchise agreements with BKC do not give us exclusive rights to operate Burger King restaurants in any defined territory. Although we believe that BKC generally seeks to ensure that newly granted franchises do not materially adversely affect the operations of existing Burger King restaurants, we cannot assure you that franchises granted by BKC to third parties will not adversely affect any Burger King restaurants that we operate.

#### We may incur significant liability or reputational harm if claims are brought against us or against our franchisees.

We or our franchisees may be subject to complaints, regulatory proceedings or litigation from guests or other persons alleging food-related illness, injuries suffered in our premises or other food quality, health or operational concerns, including environmental claims. In addition, in recent years a number of restaurant companies have been subject to lawsuits, including class

action lawsuits, alleging, among other things, violations of federal and state law regarding workplace and employment matters, discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination and wage, rest break, meal break and overtime compensation issues and, in the case of quick service restaurants, alleging that they have failed to disclose the health risks associated with high fat or high sodium foods and that their marketing practices have encouraged obesity. We may also be subject to litigation or other actions initiated by governmental authorities, our employees and our franchisees, among others, based upon these and other matters. Adverse publicity resulting from such allegations or occurrences or alleged discrimination or other operating issues stemming from one of our locations, a number of our locations or our franchisees could adversely affect our business, regardless of whether the allegations are true, or whether we are ultimately held liable. Any cases filed against us could materially adversely affect us if we lose such cases and have to pay substantial damages or if we settle such cases. In addition, any such cases may materially and adversely affect our operations by increasing our litigation costs and diverting our attention and resources to address such actions. In addition, if a claim is successful, our insurance coverage may not cover or be adequate to cover all liabilities or losses and we may not be able to continue to maintain such insurance, or to obtain comparable insurance at a reasonable cost, if at all. If we suffer losses, liabilities or loss of income in excess of our insurance coverage or if our insurance does not cover such loss, liability or loss of income, there could be a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

#### Our franchisees could take actions that harm our reputation.

As of July 3, 2011, a total of 35 Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants were owned and operated by our franchisees. We do not exercise control of the day-to-day operations of our franchisees. We expect our number of franchised restaurants to increase in the future as a result of our international franchising strategy for Pollo Tropical. While we attempt to ensure that franchisee-owned restaurants maintain the same high operating standards as our company-owned restaurants, one or more of these franchisees may fail to meet these standards. Any shortcomings at our franchisee-owned restaurants could be attributed to our company as a whole and could adversely affect our reputation and damage our brands.

## If the sale-leaseback market requires significantly higher yields, we may not enter into sale-leaseback transactions and as a result would not receive the related net proceeds.

From time to time, we sell our restaurant properties in sale-leaseback transactions. We historically have used, and intend to use, the net proceeds from such transactions to reduce outstanding debt and fund future capital expenditures for new restaurant development. However, the sale-leaseback market may cease to be a reliable source of additional cash flows for us in the future if capitalization rates become less attractive or other unfavorable market conditions develop. For example, should the sale-leaseback market require significantly higher yields (which may occur as interest rates rise), we may not enter into sale-leaseback transactions, which could adversely affect our ability to reduce outstanding debt and fund capital expenditures for future restaurant development.

#### Changes in consumer taste could negatively impact our business.

We obtain a significant portion of our revenues from the sale of hamburgers, chicken, various types of sandwiches, and Caribbean, Mexican and other ethnic foods. If consumer preferences for these types of foods change, it could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. The quick-casual and quick-service restaurant segments are characterized by the frequent introduction of new products, often accompanied by substantial promotional campaigns and are subject to changing consumer preferences, tastes, and eating and purchasing habits. Our success depends on our ability to anticipate and respond to changing consumer preferences, tastes and dining and purchasing habits, as well as other factors affecting the restaurant industry, including new market entrants and demographic changes. We may be forced to make changes to our menu items in order to respond to changes in consumer tastes or dining patterns, and we may lose customers who do not prefer the new menu items. In recent years, numerous companies in the quick-casual and quick-service restaurant segments have introduced products positioned to capitalize on the growing consumer preference for food products that are, or are perceived to be, promoting good health, nutritious, low in calories and low in fat content. If we do not or, in the case of our Burger King restaurants, if Burger King Corporation does not, continually develop and successfully introduce new menu offerings that appeal to changing consumer preferences or if we do not timely capitalize on new products, our operating results could suffer. In addition, any significant event that adversely affects consumption of our products, such as cost, changing tastes or health concerns, could adversely affect our financial performance.

## If a significant disruption in service or supply by any of our suppliers or distributors were to occur, it could create disruptions in the operations of our restaurants, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our financial performance is dependent on our continuing ability to offer fresh, quality food at competitive prices. If a significant disruption in service or supply by our suppliers or distributors were to occur, it could create disruptions in the operations of our restaurants, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

For our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants, we have negotiated directly with local and national suppliers for the purchase of food and beverage products and supplies. Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants' food and supplies are ordered from approved suppliers and are shipped via distributors to the restaurants. For our Pollo Tropical restaurants, Performance Food Group, Inc. is our primary distributor of food and paper products under an agreement that expires on May 15, 2012. Also for our Pollo

Tropical restaurants Kelly Food Service is our primary distributor for chicken under an agreement that expires on December 31, 2011. We currently rely on two suppliers under agreements that expire on December 31, 2011 as our suppliers of chicken for our Pollo Tropical restaurants. For our Taco Cabana restaurants, SYGMA Network, Inc. is our primary distributor of food and beverage products and supplies under a distribution services agreement that expires on June 30, 2014. With respect to our distributors for our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants, if our suppliers or distributors were unable to service us, this could lead to a material disruption of service or supply until a new supplier or distributor is engaged, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

For our Burger King restaurants, we are a member of a national purchasing cooperative, Restaurant Services, Inc., which serves as the purchasing agent for approved distributors to the Burger King system. We are required to purchase all of our foodstuffs, paper goods and packaging materials from BKC-approved suppliers for our Burger King restaurants. We currently utilize three distributors, Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc., Reinhart Food Service L.L.C. and MBM Food Service Inc., to supply our Burger King restaurants with the majority of their foodstuffs in various geographical areas and, as of January 2, 2011, such distributors supplied 65%, 31% and 4%, respectively of our Burger King restaurants. Although we believe that we have alternative sources of supply available to our Burger King restaurants, in the event any distributors or suppliers for our Burger King restaurants are unable to service us, this could lead to a disruption of service or supply at our Burger King restaurants until a new distributor or supplier is engaged, which could have an adverse effect on our business.

#### If labor costs increase, we may not be able to make a corresponding increase in our prices and our operating results may be adversely affected.

Wage rates for a substantial number of our employees are above the federal and or state minimum wage rates. As federal and/or state minimum wage rates increase, we may need to increase not only the wage rates of our minimum wage employees but also the wages paid to the employees at wage rates which are above the minimum wage, which will increase our costs. To the extent that we are not able to raise our prices to compensate for increases in wage rates, including increases in state unemployment insurance costs or other costs including mandated health insurance, this could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. In addition, even if minimum wage rates do not increase, we may still be required to raise wage rates in order to compete for an adequate supply of labor for our restaurants.

## The efficiency and quality of our competitors' advertising and promotional programs and the extent and cost of our advertising could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

If our competitors increase spending on advertising and promotion, or the cost of television or radio advertising increases, or our advertising and promotions are less effective than our competitors', there could be a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. The success of our Burger King restaurants also depends upon the effectiveness of the advertising campaigns and promotions by BKC.

#### Newly developed restaurants may reduce sales at our neighboring restaurants.

We intend to continue to open restaurants in our existing markets served by our Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurants. To the extent that we open a new restaurant in the vicinity of one or more of our existing restaurants, it is possible that some of the customers who previously patronized those existing restaurants may choose instead to patronize the new restaurant, which may result in decreased sales at our existing restaurants. Accordingly, to the extent we open new restaurants in our existing markets; sales at some of our existing restaurants in those markets may decline.

#### Our business is regional and we therefore face risks related to reliance on certain markets as well as risks for other unforeseen events.

As of July 3, 2011, excluding our franchised locations, all but five of our Pollo Tropical restaurants were located in Florida and all but six of our Taco Cabana restaurants were located in Texas. Also, as of July 3, 2011, approximately 65% of our Burger King restaurants were located in New York and Ohio. Therefore, the economic conditions, state and local government regulations, weather conditions or other conditions affecting Florida, Texas, New York and Ohio and the tourism industry affecting Florida and other unforeseen events, including war, terrorism and other international conflicts may have a material impact on the success of our restaurants in those locations.

Many of our restaurants are located in regions that may be susceptible to severe weather conditions. As a result, adverse weather conditions in any of these areas could damage these restaurants, result in fewer guest visits to these restaurants and otherwise have a material adverse impact on our business. For example, our Florida and Texas restaurants are susceptible to hurricanes and other severe tropical weather events and many of our Burger King restaurants, and in the past, our Taco Cabana restaurants, have been affected by severe winter weather.

### We cannot assure you that the current locations of our existing restaurants will continue to be economically viable or that additional locations will be acquired at reasonable costs.

The location of our restaurants has significant influence on their success. We cannot assure you that current locations will continue to be economically viable or that additional locations can be acquired at reasonable costs. In addition, the economic environment where restaurants are located could decline in the future, which could result in reduced sales in those locations. We cannot assure you that new sites will be profitable or as profitable as existing sites.

#### Changes in our management could negatively impact our business and financial and operating results.

On July 21, 2011 we announced the hiring of Tim Taft as the new Chief Executive Officer and President of Fiesta Restaurant Group, effective August 15, 2011. Mr. Taft will succeed Alan Vituli as Chief Executive Officer of Fiesta Restaurant Group, with Mr. Vituli remaining as Chairman of the Board of Fiesta Restaurant Group. Changes in our management, including but not limited to changes in connection with the spin-off, and including the recent hiring of Mr. Taft as Fiesta Restaurant Group's new CEO and President, could increase uncertainty in our business, result in changes in our business, result in disruptions to our business or in other changes in management, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### The loss of the services of our senior management could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Our success depends to a large extent upon the continued services of our senior management who have substantial experience in the restaurant industry. We believe that it could be difficult to replace our senior management with individuals having comparable experience. Consequently, the loss of the services of members of our senior management could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### Government regulation could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to extensive laws and regulations relating to the development and operation of restaurants, including regulations relating to the following:

- zoning:
- requirements relating to labeling of caloric and other nutritional information on menu boards, advertising and food packaging;
- the preparation and sale of food;
- liquor licenses which allow us to serve alcoholic beverages at our Taco Cabana restaurants and at certain Pollo Tropical restaurants;
- · employer/employee relationships, including minimum wage requirements, overtime, working and safety conditions, and citizenship requirements;
- health care:
- federal and state laws that prohibit discrimination and laws regulating design and operation of, and access to, facilities, such as the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990; and
- · federal and state regulations governing the operations of franchises, including rules promulgated by the Federal Trade Commission.

In the event that legislation having a negative impact on our business is adopted, it could have a material adverse impact on us. For example, substantial increases in the minimum wage or state or Federal unemployment taxes could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Local zoning or building codes or regulations and liquor license approvals can cause substantial delays in our ability to build and open new restaurants. Local authorities may revoke, suspend or deny renewal of our liquor licenses if they determine that our conduct violates applicable regulations. Any failure to obtain and maintain required licenses, permits and approvals could adversely affect our operating results.

We are assessing the various provisions of the comprehensive federal health care reform law enacted in 2010, including its impact on our business as it becomes effective. There are no assurances that a combination of cost management and menu price increases can offset all of the potential increased costs associated with these regulations.

#### If one of our employees sells alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated or minor patron, we may be liable to third parties for the acts of the patron.

We serve alcoholic beverages at our Taco Cabana restaurants and at select Pollo Tropical restaurant locations and are subject to the "dram-shop" statutes of the jurisdictions in which we serve alcoholic beverages. "Dram-shop" statutes generally provide that serving alcohol to an intoxicated or minor patron is a violation of the law.

In most jurisdictions, if one of our employees sells alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated or minor patron we may be liable to third parties for the acts of the patron. We cannot guarantee that those patrons will not be served or that we will not be subject to liability for their acts. Our liquor liability insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover any potential liability and insurance may not continue to be available on commercially acceptable terms or at all, or we may face increased deductibles on such insurance. A significant "dram-shop" claim or claims could have a material adverse effect on us as a result of the costs of defending against such claims; paying deductibles and increased insurance premium amounts; implementing improved training and heightened control procedures for our employees; and paying any damages or settlements on such claims.

### Federal, state and local environmental regulations relating to the use, storage, discharge, emission and disposal of hazardous materials could expose us to liabilities, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

We are subject to a variety of federal, state and local environmental regulations relating to the use, storage, discharge, emission and disposal of hazardous substances or other regulated materials, release of pollutants into the air, soil and water, and the remediation of contaminated sites.

Failure to comply with environmental laws could result in the imposition of fines or penalties, restrictions on operations by governmental agencies or courts of law, as well as investigatory or remedial liabilities and claims for alleged personal injury or damages to property or natural resources. Some environmental laws impose strict, and under some circumstances joint and several, liability for costs of investigation and remediation of contaminated sites on current and prior owners or operators of the sites, as well as those entities that send regulated materials to the sites. We cannot assure you that we have been or will be at all times in complete compliance with such laws, regulations and permits. Therefore, our costs of complying with current and future environmental, health and safety laws could adversely affect our results of operations.

#### We are subject to all of the risks associated with leasing property subject to long-term non-cancelable leases.

The leases for our restaurant locations generally have initial terms of 20 years, and typically provide for renewal options in five year increments as well as for rent escalations. Generally, our leases are "net" leases, which require us to pay all of the costs of insurance, taxes, maintenance and utilities. We generally cannot cancel these leases. Additional sites that we lease are likely to be subject to similar long-term non-cancelable leases. If an existing or future restaurant is not profitable, and we decide to close it, we may nonetheless be obligated to perform our monetary obligations under the applicable lease including, among other things, paying all amounts due for the balance of the lease term. In addition, as each of our leases expire, we may fail to negotiate renewals, either on commercially acceptable terms or at all, which could cause us to close restaurants in desirable locations.

## We may, in the future, seek to pursue acquisitions and we may not find restaurant companies that are suitable acquisition candidates or successfully operate or integrate any restaurant companies we may acquire.

We may in the future seek to acquire other restaurant chains or additional Burger King restaurants from other Burger King franchisees. Although we believe that opportunities for future acquisitions may be available from time to time, increased competition for acquisition candidates exists and may continue in the future. Consequently, there may be fewer acquisition opportunities available to us as well as higher acquisition prices. There can be no assurance that we will be able to identify, acquire, manage or successfully integrate acquired restaurant companies without substantial costs, delays or operational or financial problems. In the event we are able to acquire other restaurant companies, the integration and operation of the acquired restaurants may place significant demands on our management, which could adversely affect our ability to manage our existing restaurants. We also face the risk that our existing systems, procedures and financial controls will be inadequate to support any restaurant chains we may acquire and that we may be unable to successfully integrate the operations and financial systems of any chains we may acquire with our own systems. While we may evaluate and discuss potential acquisitions from time to time, we currently have no understandings, commitments or agreements with respect to any acquisitions. We may be required to obtain additional financing to fund future acquisitions. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms or at all. Both the new Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities and the indenture governing the Fiesta Notes contain restrictive covenants that may prevent us from incurring additional debt or acquiring additional restaurant chains.

#### Our failure or inability to enforce our trademarks or other proprietary rights could adversely affect our competitive position or the value of our brand.

We own certain common law trademark rights and a number of federal and international trademark and service mark registrations, including the Pollo Tropical name and logo and Taco Cabana name and logo, and proprietary rights relating to certain of our core menu offerings. We believe that our trademarks and other proprietary rights are important to our success and our competitive position. We, therefore, devote appropriate resources to the protection of our trademarks and proprietary rights. The protective actions that we take, however, may not be enough to prevent unauthorized usage or imitation by others, which could harm our image, brand or competitive position and, if we commence litigation to enforce our rights, cause us to incur significant legal fees.

We are not aware of any assertions that our trademarks or menu offerings infringe upon the proprietary rights of third parties, but we cannot assure you that third parties will not claim infringement by us in the future. Any such claim, whether or not it has merit, could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation, cause delays in introducing new menu items in the future or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements. As a result, any such claim could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### An increase in food costs could adversely affect our operating results.

Our profitability and operating margins are dependent in part on our ability to anticipate and react to changes in food costs. Changes in the price or availability of certain food products could affect our ability to offer a broad menu and price offering to guests and could materially adversely affect our profitability and reputation. The type, variety, quality and price of produce, beef and poultry and cheese can be subject to change and to factors beyond our control, including weather, governmental regulation, availability and

seasonality, each of which may affect our food costs or cause a disruption in our supply. For example, weather patterns in recent years have resulted in lower than normal levels of rainfall in key agricultural states such as California, impacting the price of water and the corresponding prices of food commodities grown in states facing drought conditions. Our food distributors or suppliers also may be affected by higher costs to produce and transport commodities used in our restaurants, higher minimum wage and benefit costs and other expenses that they pass through to their customers, which could result in higher costs for goods and services supplied to us. Although we are able to contract for certain of the food commodities used in our restaurants for periods of up to one year, the pricing and availability of some of the commodities used in our operations cannot be locked in for periods of longer than one week or at all. Currently, we have contracts of varying lengths with several of our distributors and suppliers, including our distributors and suppliers of poultry. We do not use financial instruments to hedge our risk to market fluctuations in the price of beef, seafood, produce and other food products at this time. We may not be able to anticipate and react to changing food costs through our purchasing practices and menu price adjustments in the future, and failure to do so could negatively impact our revenues and results of operations.

### Security breaches of confidential guest information in connection with our electronic processing of credit and debit card transactions may adversely affect our business.

A significant amount of our restaurant sales are by credit or debit cards. Other restaurants and retailers have experienced security breaches in which credit and debit card information of their customers has been stolen. We may in the future become subject to lawsuits or other proceedings for purportedly fraudulent transactions arising out of the actual or alleged theft of our guests' credit or debit card information. Any such claim or proceeding, or any adverse publicity resulting from these allegations, may have a material adverse effect on us and our restaurants.

#### We are dependent on information technology and any material failure of that technology could impair our ability to efficiently operate our business.

We rely on information systems across our operations, including, for example, point-of-sale processing in our restaurants, management of our supply chain, collection of cash, and payment of obligations and various other processes and procedures. Our ability to efficiently manage our business depends significantly on the reliability and capacity of these systems. The failure of these systems to operate effectively, problems with maintenance, upgrading or transitioning to replacement systems or a breach in security of these systems could cause delays in customer service and reduce efficiency in our operations. These risks may be increased as a result of integration challenges following the financing transactions. Significant capital investments might be required to remediate any problems.

#### **Risks Related to Our Common Stock**

#### The market price of our common stock may be highly volatile or may decline regardless of our operating performance.

The trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially. The price of our common stock that will prevail in the market may be higher or lower than the price you pay, depending on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. Broad market and industry factors may adversely affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance. The fluctuations could cause a loss of all or part of an investment in our common stock. Factors that could cause fluctuation in the trading price of our common stock may include, but are not limited to the following:

- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market from time to time;
- · significant volatility in the market price and trading volume of companies generally or restaurant companies;
- · actual or anticipated variations in the earnings or operating results of our company or our competitors;
- actual or anticipated changes in financial estimates by us or by any securities analysts who might cover our stock or the stock of other companies in our industry;
- market conditions or trends in our industry and the economy as a whole;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant acquisitions, strategic partnerships or divestitures and our ability to complete any such
  transaction, including without limitation, our recent announcement of our intention to pursue the spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group to our
  stockholders;
- announcements of investigations or regulatory scrutiny of our operations or lawsuits filed against us;
- capital commitments;
- · changes in accounting principles;
- · additions or departures of key personnel; and
- · sales of our common stock, including sales of large blocks of our common stock or sales by our directors and officers.

In addition, if the market for restaurant company stocks or the stock market in general experiences loss of investor confidence, the trading price of our common stock could decline for reasons unrelated to our business, results of operations or financial condition. The trading price of our common stock might also decline in reaction to events that affect other companies in our industry (including Burger King Corporation) or related industries even if these events do not directly affect us.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, class action securities litigation has often been brought against that company. Due to the potential volatility of our stock price, we may therefore be the target of securities litigation in the future. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources from our business, and could also require us to make substantial payments to satisfy judgments or to settle litigation.

#### The concentrated ownership of our capital stock by insiders will likely limit your ability to influence corporate matters.

Our executive officers, directors and Jefferies Capital Partners IV LP, Jefferies Employee Partners IV LLC and JCP Partners IV LLC (collectively referred to as the "JCP Group") together beneficially own approximately 42.3% of our common stock outstanding. In particular, the JCP Group, our largest stockholder, collectively beneficially own approximately 29.7% of our outstanding common stock, based on shares outstanding as of August 4, 2011. In addition, our executive officers and directors (excluding directors affiliated with the JCP Group) together beneficially own approximately 13.2% of our common stock outstanding, based on shares outstanding as of August 4, 2011. As a result, our executive officers, directors and the JCP Group, if they act as a group, will be able to significantly influence matters that require approval by our stockholders, including the election of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions such as mergers and acquisitions. The directors will have the authority to make decisions affecting our capital structure, including the issuance of additional debt and the declaration of dividends. The JCP Group may also have interests that differ from yours and may vote in a way with which you disagree and which may be adverse to your interests. Corporate action might be taken even if other stockholders oppose them. This concentration of ownership might also have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control of our company that other stockholders may view as beneficial, could deprive our stockholders of an opportunity to receive a premium for their common stock as part of a sale of our company and might ultimately depress the market price of our common stock.

We do not expect to pay any cash dividends for the foreseeable future, and the Indenture governing the Notes and the senior credit facility limit Carrols' ability to pay dividends to us and consequently our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders.

We do not anticipate that we will pay any cash dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future. The absence of a dividend on our common stock may increase the volatility of the market price of our common stock or make it more likely that the market price of our common stock will decrease in the event of adverse economic conditions or adverse developments affecting our company. We are a holding company and conduct all of our operations through our direct and indirect subsidiaries. As a result, for us to pay dividends, we would need to rely on dividends or distributions to us from Carrols and indirectly from subsidiaries of Carrols. The indenture governing the Fiesta Notes and the Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities limit, and the debt instruments that we and our subsidiaries may enter into in the future may limit the ability of Carrols and its subsidiaries to pay dividends to us and our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders.

#### If securities analysts do not publish research or reports about our business or if they downgrade our stock, the price of our stock could decline.

The trading market for our common stock will rely in part on the research and reports that industry or financial analysts publish about us or our business. We cannot assure you that these analysts will publish research or reports about us or that any analysts that do so will not discontinue publishing research or reports about us in the future. If one or more analysts who cover us downgrade our stock, our stock price could decline rapidly. If analysts do not publish reports about us or if one or more analysts cease coverage of our stock, we could lose visibility in the market, which in turn could cause our stock price to decline.

Provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws or Delaware law might discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or changes in our management and, therefore, depress the trading price of our common stock.

Delaware corporate law and our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws contain provisions that could discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company or changes in our management that the stockholders of our company may deem advantageous. These provisions:

- require that special meetings of our stockholders be called only by our board of directors or certain of our officers, thus prohibiting our stockholders from calling special meetings;
- deny holders of our common stock cumulative voting rights in the election of directors, meaning that stockholders owning a majority of our outstanding shares of common stock will be able to elect all of our directors;
- authorize the issuance of "blank check" preferred stock that our board could issue to dilute the voting and economic rights of our common stock and to discourage a takeover attempt;

- provide that approval of our board of directors or a supermajority of stockholders is necessary to make, alter or repeal our amended and restated bylaws and that approval of a supermajority of stockholders is necessary to amend, alter or change certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation;
- establish advance notice requirements for stockholder nominations for election to our board or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings;
- divide our board into three classes of directors, with each class serving a staggered 3-year term, which generally increases the difficulty of replacing a majority of the directors;
- provide that directors only may be removed for cause by a majority of the board or by a supermajority of our stockholders; and
- require that any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders and may not be effected by any consent in writing.

#### **Risks Related to Our Indebtedness**

#### Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition.

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness. As of July 3, 2011, we had \$258.2 million of outstanding indebtedness, including \$80.2 million of term loan indebtedness under the Carrols senior credit facility, \$165.0 million of the Carrols Notes, \$11.8 million of lease financing obligations and \$1.2 million of capital leases. As a result, we are a highly leveraged company.

As a result of our substantial indebtedness, a significant portion of our cash flow will be required to pay interest and principal on our outstanding indebtedness, and we may not generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or have future borrowings available under our new Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities, to enable us to repay our indebtedness, including the Fiesta Notes, or to fund other liquidity needs.

Our substantial indebtedness could have important consequences to you. For example, it could:

- · make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the Fiesta Notes and our other debt;
- · increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness and related interest, including indebtedness we may incur in the future, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate purposes;
- · limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;
- · increase our cost of borrowing;
- place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that may have less debt; and
- limit our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements or general corporate purposes.

We expect to use cash flow from operations to meet our current and future financial obligations, including funding our operations, debt service and capital expenditures. Our ability to make these payments depends on our future performance, which will be affected by financial, business, economic and other factors, many of which we cannot control. Our business may not generate sufficient cash flow from operations in the future, which could result in our being unable to repay indebtedness, or to fund other liquidity needs. If we do not have enough money, we may be forced to reduce or delay our business activities and capital expenditures, sell assets, obtain additional debt or equity capital or restructure or refinance all or a portion of our debt, including our new revolving credit facility and the notes offered hereby, on or before maturity. We cannot make any assurances that we will be able to accomplish any of these alternatives on terms acceptable to us, or at all. In addition, the terms of existing or future indebtedness, including the agreements for our new revolving credit facility, may limit our ability to pursue any of these alternatives.

### Despite current indebtedness levels and restrictive covenants, we may still be able to incur more debt or make certain restricted payments, which could further exacerbate the risks described above.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur additional debt in the future, including debt that may be secured on a first lien basis or pari passu with the Fiesta Notes. Although the new Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities and the indenture governing the Fiesta Notes contain restrictions on our ability to incur indebtedness, those restrictions are subject to a number of exceptions. In addition, if we are able to designate some of our restricted subsidiaries under the indenture governing the notes as unrestricted subsidiaries, those unrestricted subsidiaries would be permitted to borrow beyond the limitations specified in the indenture and engage in other activities in which restricted subsidiaries may not engage. We may also consider investments in joint ventures or acquisitions, which may increase our indebtedness. Moreover, although our new Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities contain, and the indenture governing the Fiesta Notes contain, restrictions on our ability to make restricted payments, including the declaration and payment of dividends, we are able to make such restricted payments under certain circumstances. Adding new debt to current debt levels or making restricted payments could intensify the related risks that we and our subsidiaries now face.

## We may not have the funds necessary to satisfy all of our obligations under the Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities, the Fiesta Notes or other indebtedness in connection with certain change of control events.

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of change of control events, the indenture governing the Fiesta Notes requires us to make an offer to repurchase all outstanding notes at 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest (and additional interest, if any) to the date of repurchase. However, it is possible that we will not have sufficient funds, or the ability to raise sufficient funds, at the time of the change of control to make the required repurchase of the notes. In addition, restrictions under Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities may not allow us to repurchase the Fiesta Notes upon a change of control. If we could not refinance such debt or otherwise obtain a waiver from the holders of such debt, we would be prohibited from repurchasing the Fiesta Notes, which would constitute an event of default under the indenture. Certain important corporate events, such as leveraged recapitalizations that would increase the level of our indebtedness, would not constitute a "Change of Control" under the indenture.

In addition, the Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group new secured credit facilities provide that certain change of control events constitute an event of default under the new secured credit facilities. Such an event of default entitles the lenders there under to, among other things, cause all outstanding debt obligations under the Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities to become due and payable and to proceed against the collateral securing such new secured credit facility. Any event of default or acceleration of the Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group secured credit facilities will likely also cause a default under the terms of our other indebtedness.

#### The agreements governing our debt agreements restrict our ability to engage in some business and financial transactions.

Our debt agreements, including the indenture governing the Fiesta Notes and the agreements governing the Carrols LLC and Fiesta Restaurant Group new secured credit facilities, restrict our ability in certain circumstances to, among other things:

- incur additional debt;
- · pay dividends and make other distributions on, redeem or repurchase, capital stock;
- make investments or other restricted payments;
- · enter into transactions with affiliates;
- engage in sale-leaseback transactions;
- · sell all, or substantially all, of our assets;
- · create liens on assets to secure debt; or
- · effect a consolidation or merger.

These covenants limit our operational flexibility and could prevent us from taking advantage of business opportunities as they arise, growing our business or competing effectively. In addition, our new revolving credit facility requires us to maintain specified

financial ratios and satisfy other financial condition tests. Our ability to meet these financial ratios and tests can be affected by events beyond our control, and we cannot assure you that we will meet these tests.

A breach of any of these covenants or other provisions in our debt agreements could result in an event of default, which if not cured or waived, could result in such debt becoming immediately due and payable. This, in turn, could cause our other debt to become due and payable as a result of cross-acceleration provisions contained in the agreements governing such other debt. In the event that some or all of our debt is accelerated and becomes immediately due and payable, we may not have the funds to repay, or the ability to refinance, such debt. In addition, in the event that the notes become immediately due and payable, the holders of the notes would not be entitled to receive any payment in respect of the notes until all of our senior debt has been paid in full.

#### Risks Related to the Proposed Spin-off

The proposed spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group by Carrols Restaurant Group may not occur as or when planned or at all, or could result in issues we do not yet anticipate.

Our ability to complete the proposed spin-off is subject to several conditions, customary regulatory and other approvals, obtaining a favorable letter ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, filing an effective registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, final approval from our board of directors and may be affected by unanticipated developments or changes in market conditions. For these and other reasons, the proposed spin-off may not be completed by the end of 2011 or at all. Additionally, execution of the proposed spin-off may require significant time and attention from management, which may divert management's attention from other aspects of our business operations. Further, if we complete the proposed spin-off, we may not achieve the intended results and may result in additional operating expenses for both companies in the aggregate. Any such difficulties could adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

### The spin-off could result in substantial tax liability.

We will request a private letter ruling from the IRS to the effect that, among other things, the spin-off transaction and certain related transactions will qualify for tax-free treatment under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Our receipt of such private letter ruling will be a condition to the completion of the spin-off.

Although a private letter ruling is generally binding on the IRS, the continuing validity of the ruling will be subject to the accuracy of factual representations and assumptions made in connection with obtaining such private letter ruling, including with respect to post-spin-off operations and conduct of the parties. Also, as part of the IRS's general policy with respect to rulings on spin-off transactions under Section 355 of the Code, the private letter ruling to be obtained by us will be based upon representations by us that certain conditions which are necessary to obtain tax-free treatment under the Code have been satisfied, rather than a determination by the IRS that these conditions have been satisfied. Failure to satisfy such necessary conditions, or any inaccuracy in any representations made by us in connection with the ruling, could invalidate the ruling.

If the spin-off does not qualify for tax-free treatment for U.S. federal income tax purposes, then, in general, Carrols would be subject to tax as if it has sold the common stock of Fiesta Restaurant Group in a taxable sale for its fair market value, and our stockholders would be subject to tax as if they had received a taxable distribution. It is expected that the amount of any such taxes to our stockholders and to Carrols would be substantial.

### $Completing \ the \ spin-off \ might \ present \ significant \ challenges.$

There is a significant degree of difficulty and management distraction inherent in the process of completing the spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group. These difficulties include:

- the challenge of effecting the separation while carrying on the ongoing operations of each business;
- the potential difficulty in retaining key officers and personnel of each company; and
- separating corporate infrastructure, including but not limited to systems, insurance, accounting, legal, finance, tax and human resources, for each of the two companies.

The spin-off might not be completed as successfully and cost-effectively as we anticipate. This could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None

### Item 3. Default Upon Senior Securities

None

#### Item 4. Reserved

#### Item 5. Other Information

None

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#### **Exhibits** Item 6.

(a) The following exhibits are filed as part of this report.

Exhibit No.	
4.1	Indenture governing the 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., the guarantors named therein and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee.
4.2	Form of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Note due 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1).
4.3	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., the guarantors named therein and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC.
4.4	Fourth Supplement to Indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011 by and among Carrols Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon.
10.1	Second Lien Security Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., the guarantors named therein and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as collateral agent.
10.2	Credit Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., the guarantors named therein, the lenders named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent.
10.3	First Lien Security Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., the guarantors named therein, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent.
10.4	Credit Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Carrols LLC, the lenders named therein, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, M&T Bank, as syndication agent and Regions Bank, as documentation agent.
10.5	Security Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Carrols LLC, the lenders named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent.
10.6	Pledge Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Carrols LLC, the lenders named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent.
10.7	Holdings Pledge Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Carrols Corporation, the lenders named therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent.
10.8	Voting Agreement, dated as of July 27, 2011, between Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. and Jefferies Capital Partners IV L.P., Jefferies Employee Partners IV LLC and JCP Partners IV LLC.
10.9	Offer Letter, dated as of July 18, 2011, between Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. and Tim Taft.
10.10	Management Services Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Carrols Corporation and Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.
10.11	Management Services Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, between Carrols Corporation and Carrols LLC.
10.12	Amendment to Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, dated as of March 24, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Appendix A of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement filed on April 28, 2011).
10.13	Amendment to Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, dated as of April 11, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Appendix B of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement filed on April 28, 2011).
31.1	Chief Executive Officer's Certificate Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
31.2	Chief Financial Officer's Certificate Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
31.3	Chief Executive Officer's Certificate Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Carrols Corporation.

Chief Financial Officer's Certificate Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Carrols Corporation.

Exhibit No.	
32.1	Chief Executive Officer's Certificate Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
32.2	Chief Financial Officer's Certificate Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
32.3	Chief Executive Officer's Certificate Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Carrols Corporation.
32.4	Chief Financial Officer's Certificate Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Carrols Corporation.
*101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
*101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
*101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
*101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
*101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
*101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

<sup>\*</sup> As provided in Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, this information is deemed furnished and not filed for purposes of Sections 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

## **SIGNATURES**

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

	CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.
Date: August 12, 2011	/s/ Alan Vituli
	(Signature) Alan Vituli Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Date: August 12, 2011	/s/ Paul R. Flanders
	(Signature) Paul R. Flanders Vice President – Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

## **SIGNATURES**

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

	CARROLS CORPORATION
Date: August 12, 2011	/s/ Alan Vituli
	(Signature) Alan Vituli Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Date: August 12, 2011	/s/ Paul R. Flanders
	(Signature) Paul R. Flanders

# FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.,

as Issuer

THE GUARANTORS PARTY HERETO FROM TIME TO TIME, as Guarantors

8.875% SENIOR SECURED SECOND LIEN NOTES DUE 2016

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INDENTURE

DATED AS OF AUGUST 5, 2011

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., as Trustee

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This Indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011, is by and among Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Issuer*"), the Guarantors (as defined herein) and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association, as trustee (in such capacity and not in its individual capacity, the "*Trustee*").

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other parties and for the equal and ratable benefit of the holders of (i) the Issuer's 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 issued on the date hereof that contain the restrictive legend in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> (the "Initial Notes"), (ii) Exchange Notes issued in exchange for the Initial Notes pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement (as defined herein) or pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act (as defined herein) without the restrictive legends in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> (the "Exchange Notes") and (iii) Additional Notes (as defined herein) issued from time to time (together with the Initial Notes and the Exchange Notes, the "Notes").

#### ARTICLE 1

#### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### SECTION 1.1 Definitions.

- "Acquired Debt" means Debt of a Person (including an Unrestricted Subsidiary) existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person.
  - "Additional Interest" means all amounts, if any, payable pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement.
- "Additional Notes" means Notes (other than the Initial Notes) issued pursuant to Article II hereof and otherwise in compliance with the provisions of this Indenture.
- "Affiliate" of any Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings that correspond to the foregoing.
  - "Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent (so long as Trustee serves in such capacity) or co-registrar.
  - "Applicable Premium" means, as calculated by the Issuer, with respect to any Note on any applicable redemption date, the greater of:
    - (1) 1.0% of the then outstanding principal amount of the Note; and
    - (2) the excess of:
    - (a) the present value at such redemption date of (i) the Redemption Price of the Note at February 15, 2014 (such Redemption Price being set forth in the table appearing in Section 3.7(b)) plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through February 15, 2014 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such redemption date plus 50 basis points; over
      - (b) the then outstanding principal amount of the Note.
- "Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Note, the rules and procedures of the Depositary that apply to such transfer or exchange.

#### "Asset Acquisition" means:

- (i) an Investment by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in any other Person pursuant to which such Person shall become a Restricted Subsidiary, or shall be merged with or into the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary; or
- (ii) the acquisition by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary of the assets of any Person which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person, any division or line of business of such Person or any other properties or assets of such Person other than in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices.
- "Asset Sale" means (x) any transfer, conveyance, sale, lease or other disposition (including, without limitation, dispositions pursuant to any consolidation or merger) by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary to any Person (other than to the Issuer or one or more Restricted Subsidiaries) in any single transaction or series of transactions of:
  - (i) Capital Interests in another Person (other than Capital Interests in the Issuer or directors' qualifying shares or shares or interests required to be held by foreign nationals pursuant to local law); or
  - (ii) any other property or assets (other than in the normal course of business, including any sale or other disposition of obsolete or permanently retired equipment and any sale of inventory in the ordinary course of business); or

#### (y) an Event of Loss;

provided, however, that the term "Asset Sale" shall exclude:

- (a) any asset disposition permitted by Section 5.1 that constitutes a disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole;
- (b) any single transaction or series of related transactions that involve the sale of assets or sale of Capital Interests of a Restricted Subsidiary having a Fair Market Value of less than \$2.5 million;
  - (c) sales or other dispositions of cash or Eligible Cash Equivalents;
  - (d) sales of interests in Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (e) the sale and leaseback of any assets (other than Real Property that is acquired for the purpose of serving as a restaurant) within 180 days of the acquisition thereof;
  - (f) the sale and leaseback of any Real Property that is acquired for the purpose of serving as a restaurant within 365 days of the acquisition thereof;
- (g) the disposition of assets that, in the good faith judgment of the Board of Directors or management of the Issuer, are no longer used or useful in the business of such entity;
  - (h) a Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment that is otherwise permitted by this Indenture;
  - (i) the sale or lease of equipment or inventory in the ordinary course of business;
  - (j) the creation of a Lien (but not the sale or other disposition of the property subject to such Lien);

- (k) leases or subleases in the ordinary course of business to third persons not interfering in any material respect with the business of the Issuer or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture;
  - (1) dispositions of accounts receivable in connection with the collection or compromise thereof in the ordinary course of business;
- (m) licensing of intellectual property in accordance with industry practice in the ordinary course of business, including, without limitation, pursuant to any franchise agreements; or
  - (n) an issuance of Capital Interests by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Issuer or to another Restricted Subsidiary.

For purposes of this definition, any series of related transactions that, if effected as a single transaction, would constitute an Asset Sale shall be deemed to be a single Asset Sale effected when the last such transaction which is a part thereof is effected.

- "Asset Sale Offer" means an Offer to Purchase required to be made by the Issuer pursuant to Section 4.10 to all Holders.
- "Average Life" means, as of any date of determination, with respect to any Debt, the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the products of (x) the number of years from the date of determination to the dates of each successive scheduled principal payment (including any sinking fund or mandatory redemption payment requirements) of such Debt multiplied by (y) the amount of such principal payment by (ii) the sum of all such principal payments.
  - "Bank Lender" means any Lender or holder of Debt under the Revolving Credit Agreement.
- "Bank Product" means any services or facilities provided to the Issuer or any Guarantor by any Bank Lender, or any of their respective Affiliates including, without limitation, Hedging Obligations.
  - "Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.
  - "Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act.
- "Board of Directors" means (i) with respect to the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary, its board of directors or, other than for purposes of the definition of "Change of Control," any duly authorized committee thereof; (ii) with respect to any other corporation, the board of directors of such corporation or any duly authorized committee thereof; and (iii) with respect to any other entity, the board of directors or similar body of the general partner or managers of such entity or any duly authorized committee thereof.
- "Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification and delivered to the Trustee.
  - "Business Day" means any day other than a Legal Holiday.
- "Capital Interests" in any Person means any and all shares, interests (including preferred interests, restricted stock interests and stock options, warrants and other convertible instruments), participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such Person and any rights (other than Debt securities convertible into an equity interest), warrants or options to acquire an equity interest in such Person.
- "Capital Lease Obligations" means any obligation under a lease that is required to be capitalized for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP; and the amount of Debt represented by such obligation shall be

the capitalized amount of such obligations determined in accordance with GAAP; and the Stated Maturity thereof shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date upon which such lease may be terminated by the lessee without payment of a penalty. For purposes of Section 4.12, a Capital Lease Obligation shall be deemed secured by a Lien on the Property being leased.

"Carrols Notes" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.9.

"Certificated Notes" means Notes that are in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto.

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

- (i) the acquisition by any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than one or more Permitted Holders, that is or becomes the "beneficial owner" (as such term is used in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that for purposes of this clause (i) such person or group or Permitted Holder shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all shares that any such person or group has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Interests in the Issuer;
- (ii) following a Qualified Equity Offering, during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Board of Directors of the Issuer (together with any new directors whose election by the Board of Directors or whose nomination for election by the equity holders of the Issuer was approved by a vote of a majority of the directors of the Issuer then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Issuer's Board of Directors then in office; or
- (iii) the Issuer sells, conveys, transfers or leases (either in one transaction or a series of related transactions) all or substantially all of the Issuer's assets (determined on a consolidated basis) to any Person (other than a Person that is controlled by any of the Permitted Holders), or the Issuer consolidates with or merges into another Person or any Person consolidates with or merges into the Issuer other than pursuant to a transaction in which the holders of the Voting Interests in the Issuer immediately prior to such transaction own, directly or indirectly, not less than a majority of the Voting Interests of the surviving corporation immediately after such transaction in substantially the same proportion as before the transaction.

"Change of Control Payment" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.14.

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

"Collateral" means all of the assets of the Issuer and the Guarantors, whether real, personal or mixed, with respect to which a Lien is granted (or purported to be granted) as security for any Obligations pursuant to the Notes and the Note Guarantees and any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations (including proceeds and products thereof).

"Collateral Agent" means The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor thereto.

"Consolidated EBITDA" means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period plus, without duplication, the following to the extent deducted in computing such Consolidated Net Income:

- (i) Consolidated Income Tax Expense (other than income tax expense (either positive or negative) attributable to extraordinary gains or losses); plus
- (ii) the Consolidated Interest Expense of such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period; plus
- (iii) the aggregate depreciation, amortization (including amortization of goodwill and other intangibles) and other Consolidated Non-cash Charges, including straight line rent expense and pension expense, to the extent non-cash; *plus* 
  - (iv) Preopening Costs associated with new restaurant store openings, not to exceed \$300,000 in the aggregate per restaurant; minus
- (v) non-cash items increasing such Consolidated Net Income, other than (a) the accrual of revenue or recording of receivables in the ordinary course of business and (b) reversals of prior accruals or reserves for cash items previously excluded in computing depreciation, amortization or Consolidated Noncash Charges.

"Consolidated EBITDAR" means, with respect to the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for any period, the Consolidated EBITDA of such Person for such period plus Net Rent.

"Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio" means, with respect to any Person, the ratio of the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA of such Person for the four full fiscal quarters, treated as one period, for which financial information in respect thereof is available immediately preceding the date of the transaction (the "Transaction Date") giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (such four full fiscal quarter period being referred to herein as the "Four-Quarter Period") to the aggregate amount of Consolidated Fixed Charges of such Person for the Four-Quarter Period. In addition to and without limitation of the foregoing, for purposes of this definition, "Consolidated EBITDA" and "Consolidated Fixed Charges" shall be calculated after giving effect, on a pro forma basis for the period of such calculation, to any Asset Sales or Asset Acquisitions, investments and discontinued operations (as determined in accordance with GAAP) and designations of any Restricted Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary or any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary occurring during the Four-Quarter Period or any time subsequent to the last day of the Four-Quarter Period and on or prior to the Transaction Date, as if such Asset Sale (including any associated repayment of Debt) or Asset Acquisition (including the incurrence or assumption of any associated Acquired Debt), investment, disposed operation or designation occurred on the first day of the Four-Quarter Period. For purposes of this definition, pro forma calculations shall be made in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act.

The Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated on a pro forma basis as if any such Debt being Incurred (including any other Debt being Incurred contemporaneously), and any other Debt Incurred since the beginning of the Four-Quarter Period, had been Incurred and the proceeds thereof had been applied at the beginning of the Four-Quarter Period had been repaid at the beginning of the Four-Quarter Period had been repaid at the beginning of the Four-Quarter Period, provided that for purposes of calculating the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, the aggregate outstanding amount under the Revolving Credit Agreement shall be based on the average daily outstanding principal balance under such facility during the applicable Four-Quarter Period. Furthermore, interest on Debt determined on a fluctuating basis, to the extent such interest is covered by agreements relating to Hedging Obligations, shall be deemed to accrue at the rate per annum resulting after giving effect to the operation of these agreements.

If such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries directly or indirectly Guarantees Debt of a third Person, the above clause shall give effect to the incurrence of such Guaranteed Debt as if such Person or such Subsidiary had directly incurred or otherwise assumed such Guaranteed Debt.

"Consolidated Fixed Charges" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum of, without duplication, the amounts for such period of:

- (i) Consolidated Interest Expense; and
- (ii) the product of (a) all dividends and other distributions paid or accrued (other than dividends or other distributions paid or accruing in Qualified Capital Interests) during such period in respect of Redeemable Capital Interests of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, times (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is one minus the then current combined federal, state, provincial and local statutory tax rate of such Person, expressed as a decimal.
- "Consolidated Income Tax Expense" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the provision for federal, state, local and foreign income taxes and state franchise taxes of such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.
  - "Consolidated Interest Expense" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication, the sum of:
  - (i) the interest expense of such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, including, without limitation:
    - (a) any amortization of debt discount;
    - (b) the net cost under non-speculative Hedging Obligations (including any amortization of discounts);
    - (c) the interest portion of any deferred payment obligation;
    - (d) all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptance financing or similar activities; and
      - (e) all accrued interest; plus
  - (ii) the interest component of Capital Lease Obligations paid, accrued and/or scheduled to be paid or accrued by such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; *plus* 
    - (iii) the interest expense on any Debt guaranteed by such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries; plus
    - (iv) all capitalized interest of such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period;

provided, however, that Consolidated Interest Expense will exclude the amortization or write-off of debt issuance costs and deferred financing fees, commissions, fees and expenses. In addition, for purposes of calculating "Consolidated Interest Expense," the Sale and Leaseback Transactions relating to the Lease Financing Obligations shall be treated as Sale and Leaseback Transactions and not financing transactions as described under the definition of "Consolidated Net Income" below.

"Consolidated Lease Adjusted Secured Leverage Ratio" means, with respect to any Person, the ratio of (1) the aggregate amount of Secured Debt of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the Transaction Date (determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP) plus 8.0x Net Rent for the Four-Quarter Period to (2) Consolidated EBITDAR for the Four-Quarter Period.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, with respect to any Person, for any period, the consolidated net income (or loss) of such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period as determined in accordance with GAAP, adjusted, to the extent included in calculating such net income, by excluding, without duplication:

- (a) all extraordinary gains or losses (net of fees and expenses relating to the transaction giving rise thereto), income, expenses or charges;
- (b) the portion of net income of such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries allocable to minority interest in unconsolidated Persons or Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries to the extent that cash dividends or distributions have not or could not have been actually been received by such Person or one of the Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (c) gains or losses in respect of any Asset Sales after the Issue Date by such Person or one of the Restricted Subsidiaries (net of fees and expenses relating to the transaction giving rise thereto), on an after-tax basis;
- (d) solely for purposes of determining the amount available for Restricted Payments under clause (c) of the first paragraph of Section 4.7, the net income of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than a Guarantor) or such Person to the extent that the declaration of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of that income is not at the time permitted, directly or indirectly, by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulations applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders;
- (e) any fees and expenses, including deferred finance costs, paid in connection with the issuance of the Notes, documentation and establishment of the Revolving Credit Agreement and consummation of the Transactions and the Spin-Off;
  - (f) non-cash compensation expense incurred with any issuance of equity interests to an employee of such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary; and
  - (g) any gain or loss realized as a result of the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles.

In addition, for purposes of calculating "Consolidated Net Income," the Sale and Leaseback Transactions relating to the Lease Financing Obligations shall be treated as Sale and Leaseback Transactions and not financing transactions (including, without limitation, treating any leases relating to such Lease Financing Obligations as operating leases, i.e. (A) reducing depreciation expense for the property and plant subject to the Lease Financing Obligations as if they were Sale and Leaseback Transactions and (B) characterizing the lease payments as rent expense for the restaurants under Sale and Leaseback Transactions instead of principal repayments and interest expense under a financing transaction).

"Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" means, with respect to any Person, the aggregate amount of assets of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries (less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items) after deducting therefrom (a) all current liabilities (excluding any indebtedness for money borrowed having a maturity of less than 12 months from the date of the most recent consolidated balance sheet of such Person but which by its terms is renewable or extendable beyond 12 months from such date at the option of the borrower) and (b) all goodwill, trade names, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and any other like intangibles, all as set forth on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of such Person and computed in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Non-cash Charges" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate non-cash charges and expenses of such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries reducing Consolidated Net Income of such Person and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (excluding depreciation and amortization and excluding any such charges constituting an extraordinary item or loss or any charge which requires an accrual of or a reserve for cash charges for any future period and including any non-cash charges relating to abandonment of assets or reserves related thereto).

In addition to and without limitation of the foregoing, for purposes of this definition, "Secured Debt" and "Consolidated EBITDAR" shall be calculated on a pro forma basis as if any such Secured Debt being Incurred (including any other Debt being Incurred contemporaneously), and any other Secured Debt Incurred since the beginning

of the Four-Quarter Period, had been Incurred and the proceeds thereof had been applied at the beginning of the Four-Quarter Period, and any other Debt repaid since the beginning of the Four-Quarter Period had been repaid at the beginning of the Four-Quarter Period.

If such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries directly or indirectly Guarantees Debt of a third Person, the above clause shall give effect to the incurrence of such Guaranteed Debt as if such Person or such Subsidiary had directly incurred or otherwise assumed such Guaranteed Debt.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the designated office of the Trustee at which at any time its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date hereof is located at The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., 525 William Penn Place, 38th Floor, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania 15259, Attention: Corporate Unit, or such other address as the Trustee may designate from time to time by written notice to the Holders and the Issuer, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Trustee (or such other address as such successor Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Holders and the Issuer).

"Credit Facility" means one or more debt facilities, including the Revolving Credit Agreement or other financing arrangements (including without limitation commercial paper facilities or indentures) providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, letters of credit or other indebtedness, including any notes, Guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and in each case as, as amended, extended, renewed, restated, supplemented, replaced (whether or not upon termination and whether with the original lenders, institutional investors or otherwise), refinanced (including through the issuance of debt securities), restructured or otherwise modified (in whole or in part, and without limitation as to amount, terms, conditions, covenants and other provisions) from time to time, and any agreement (and related document) governing Debt incurred to refinance, in whole or in part, the borrowings and commitments then outstanding or permitted to be outstanding under such Credit Facility or a successor Credit Facility, whether by the same or any other agent, lender or group of lenders (or institutional investors).

"Debt" means at any time (without duplication), with respect to any Person, whether recourse is to all or a portion of the assets of such Person, or nonrecourse, the following, if and to the extent the following items (other than clauses (iii), (vi), (vii) and (viii) below) would appear as liabilities on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP: (i) all indebtedness of such Person for money borrowed or for the deferred purchase price of property which is due and payable in accordance with the agreement governing such purchase and which is not paid on the date due and payable (excluding any trade payables, trade accounts payable or other current liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business, accrued expenses and any obligations to pay a contingent purchase price as long as such obligation remains contingent); (ii) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, or other similar instruments; (iii) all obligations of such Person for the reimbursement of any obligor on any letters of credit (other than letters of credit that are secured by cash or Eligible Cash Equivalents), bankers' acceptances or similar facilities (other than obligations with respect to letters of credit, banker's acceptances or similar facilities securing obligations (other than obligations described under (i) and (ii) above) entered into in the ordinary course of business of such Person to the extent such letters of credit and banker's acceptances or similar facilities are not drawn upon, or, if and to the extent drawn upon, such drawing is reimbursed no later than the tenth Business Day following payment on the letter of credit, banker's acceptance or similar facility; (iv) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property or assets acquired by such Person which is due and payable in accordance with the agreement governing such purchase and which is not paid on the date due and payable (excluding trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business, deemed expenses and excluding any obligations to pay a contingent purchase price as long as such obligation remains contingent, subject to the penultimate paragraph of this definition); (v) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person (but excluding obligations under operating leases); (vi) the maximum fixed redemption or repurchase price of Redeemable Capital Interests in such Person at the time of determination (but excluding any accrued dividends); (vii) net Obligations under any Hedging Obligations of such Person at the time of determination; and (viii) all obligations of the types referred to in clauses (i) through (vii) of this definition of another Person and all dividends and other distributions of another Person, the payment of which, in either case, (A) such Person has Guaranteed or (B) is secured by any Lien upon the property or other assets of such Person, even though such Person has not assumed or become liable for the payment of such Debt, dividends or other distributions. For purposes of the foregoing: (a) the

maximum fixed repurchase price of any Redeemable Capital Interests that do not have a fixed repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such Redeemable Capital Interests as if such Redeemable Capital Interests were repurchased on any date on which Debt shall be required to be determined pursuant to this Indenture; *provided*, *however*, that, if such Redeemable Capital Interests are not then permitted to be repurchased, the repurchase price shall be the book value of such Redeemable Capital Interests; (b) the amount outstanding at any time of any Debt issued with original issue discount is the principal amount of such Debt less the remaining unamortized portion of the original issue discount of such Debt at such time as determined in conformity with GAAP, but such Debt shall be deemed Incurred only as of the date of original issuance thereof; (c) the amount of any Debt described in clause (viii)(A) above shall be the maximum liability under any such Guarantee; (d) the amount of any Debt described in clause (viii)(B) above shall be the lesser of (I) the maximum amount of the obligations so secured and (II) the Fair Market Value of such property or other assets; and (e) interest, fees, premium, and expenses and additional payments, if any, will not constitute Debt.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with the purchase by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary of any business, the term "Debt" will exclude (x) customary indemnification obligations and (y) post-closing payment adjustments to which the seller may become entitled to the extent such payment is determined by a final closing balance sheet or such payment is otherwise contingent; *provided*, *however*, that such amount would not be required to be reflected as a liability on the face of a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP.

The amount of Debt of any Person at any date shall be the outstanding balance at such date of all unconditional obligations as described above; *provided*, *however*, that in the case of Debt sold at a discount, the amount of such Debt at any time will be the accreted value thereof at such time.

- "Default" means any event that is, or after notice or passage of time, or both, would be, an Event of Default.
- "Depositary" means, with respect to the Notes issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified in Section 2.3 hereof as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, until a successor shall have been appointed and become such pursuant to Section 2.6 hereof, and, thereafter, "Depositary" shall mean or include such successor.
  - "Designation" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18.
  - "Designation Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.18.
- "Discharge of First Lien Obligations" means, subject to any reinstatement of First Lien Obligations in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement,
  (a) payment in full in cash of the principal of and interest (including interest accruing on or after the commencement of any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding at the rate provided for in the respective First Lien Document, whether or not such interest would be allowed in any such Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding) and premiums, if any, of all First Lien Obligations under the First Lien Documents and termination of all commitments of the holders of the First Lien Obligations to lend or otherwise extend credit under the First Lien Documents, (b) payment in full in cash of all other First Lien Obligations (including letter of credit reimbursement obligations) due or otherwise owing at or prior to the time such principal, interest, and premiums are paid, (c) termination or cash collateralization (in an amount and manner, and on terms, reasonably satisfactory to the First Lien Agent) of all letters of credit issued or arranged under the First Lien Credit Documents and (d) termination, repayment or cash collateralization of all Bank Products in an amount, and on terms, reasonably satisfactory to the First Lien Agent (other than with respect to any Bank Products that, at such time, are allowed by the applicable Bank Lender or its Affiliates to remain outstanding without being required to be repaid or cash collateralized.)
  - "DTC" means The Depository Trust Company (55 Water Street, New York, New York).

"Eligible Bank" means a bank or trust company that (i) is organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, or any state, territory or possession thereof, (ii) as of the time of the making or acquisition of an Investment in such bank or trust company, has combined capital and surplus in excess of \$500.0 million and

(iii) the senior Debt of such bank or trust company is rated at least "A-2" by Moody's or at least "A" by Standard & Poor's.

"Eligible Cash Equivalents" means any of the following Investments: (i) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) maturing not more than one year after the date of acquisition; (ii) time deposits in and certificates of deposit of any Eligible Bank; provided that such Investments have a maturity date not more than two years after date of acquisition and that the Average Life of all such Investments is one year or less from the respective dates of acquisition; (iii) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than 180 days for underlying securities of the types described in clause (i) above entered into with any Eligible Bank; (iv) direct obligations issued by any state of the United States or any political subdivision or public instrumentality thereof; provided that such Investments mature, or are subject to tender at the option of the holder thereof within 365 days after the date of acquisition and, at the time of acquisition, have a rating of at least A from Standard & Poor's or A-2 from Moody's (or an equivalent rating by any other nationally recognized rating agency); (v) commercial paper of any Person other than an Affiliate of the Issuer; provided that such Investments have one of the two highest ratings obtainable from either Standard & Poor's or Moody's at the time of their acquisition and mature within 180 days after the date of acquisition; (vi) overnight and demand deposits in and bankers' acceptances of any Eligible Bank and demand deposits in any bank or trust company to the extent insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation against the Bank Insurance Fund; (vii) money market funds substantially all of the assets of which comprise Investments of the types described in clauses (i) through (vi) above; and (viii) instruments equivalent to those referred to in clauses (i) through (vi) above or funds equivalent to those referred to in clause (vii) above denominated in Euros or any other foreign currency comparable in credit quality and tender to those referred to in such clauses and customarily used by corporations for cash management purposes in jurisdictions outside the United States to the extent reasonably required in connection with any business conducted by any Restricted Subsidiary organized in such jurisdiction, all as determined in good faith by the Issuer.

"Equity Offering" means (i) an underwritten public equity offering of Qualified Capital Interests pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of the Issuer, or any direct or indirect parent company of the Issuer but only to the extent contributed to the Issuer or any successor to the Issuer in the form of Qualified Capital Interests, other than any public offerings registered on Form S-8, or (ii) a private equity offering of Qualified Capital Interests of the Issuer, or any direct or indirect parent company of the Issuer but only to the extent contributed to the Issuer or any successor to the Issuer in the form of Qualified Capital Interests.

"Event of Loss" means, with respect to any property or asset (tangible or intangible, real or personal) constituting Collateral, any of the following:

- (i) any loss, destruction or damage of such property or asset;
- (ii) any institution of any proceeding for the condemnation or seizure of such property or asset or for the exercise of any right of eminent domain;
- (iii) any actual condemnation, seizure or taking by exercise of the power of eminent domain or otherwise of such property or asset, or confiscation of such property or asset or the requisition of the use of such property or asset;
  - (iv) any settlement in lieu of clauses (ii) or (iii) above; or
  - (v) any loss as a result of a title event or claim against the title insurance company insuring such property.

"Excess First Lien Obligations" means the sum of (a) the portion of the principal amount of the loans outstanding under the First Lien Documents and the undrawn amount of outstanding letters of credit that is in excess of the Maximum First Lien Principal Debt, <u>plus</u> (b) the portion of interest and fees that accrues or is charged with respect to that portion of the principal amount of the loans and letters of credit described in clause (a) of this definition.

- "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- "Exchange Offer" shall have the meaning as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement.
- "Excluded Collateral" shall have the meaning as defined in the Security Agreement.
- "Expiration Date" has the meaning set forth in the definition of "Offer to Purchase."
- "Fair Market Value" means, with respect to the consideration received or paid in any transaction or series of transactions, the fair market value thereof, as determined in good faith by the Issuer, or, in the event of an exchange of assets with a Fair Market Value in excess of \$2.5 million, determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Issuer.
  - "First Lien Agent" means the collateral agent under the Revolving Credit Agreement.
- "First Lien Credit Documents" means the Revolving Credit Agreement, each other Credit Facility (to the extent that such Credit Facility provides for or evidences First Lien Obligations), the other Loan Documents (as defined in the Revolving Credit Agreement or any such other Credit Facility), and each of the other agreements, documents and instruments providing for or evidencing any other First Lien Obligation and any other document or instrument executed or delivered at any time in connection with any First Lien Obligation (including any intercreditor or joinder agreement among holders of First Lien Obligations but excluding documents governing secured hedging and cash management obligations), to the extent such are effective at the relevant time, as each may be amended, modified, restated, supplemented, replaced or refinanced from time to time.
  - "First Lien DIP Amount" means, after the commencement of an Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding by any Grantor, \$10,000,000.
- "First Lien Documents" means the First Lien Credit Documents and any and all other documents governing the First Lien Obligations (including documents related to Bank Products).

"First Lien Obligations" means (i) all Obligations, and all letters of credit and bankers' acceptances issued or arranged (with letters of credit and bankers' acceptances being deemed to have a principal amount equal to the maximum potential liability of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries thereunder), under the Revolving Credit Agreement or under any other document relating to the Revolving Credit Agreement, (ii) all Obligations under (and as defined in) any other Credit Facility and under any other document relating to such Credit Facility (to the extent that the Obligations under such Credit Facility are designated by the Issuer as "First Lien Obligations" for purposes of this Indenture), (iii) all Bank Products and (iv) including, after an Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, Obligations with respect to the First Lien DIP Amount; provided that Excess First Lien Obligations shall not constitute First Lien Obligations for purposes of this Indenture or First Lien Priority Indebtedness for purposes of the Intercreditor Agreement. "First Lien Obligations" shall in any event include: (a) all interest accrued or accruing, or which would accrue, absent commencement of an Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding (and the effect of provisions such as Section 502(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code), on or after the commencement of an Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding in accordance with the rate specified in the relevant First Lien Document, whether or not the claim for such interest is allowed or allowable as a claim in such Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, (b) any and all fees and expenses (including attorneys' or financial consultants' fees and expenses) incurred by the First Lien Agent and the holders of the First Lien Obligations on or after the commencement of an Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, whether or not the claim for fees and expenses is allowed or allowable under Section 502 or 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or any other provision of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar federal, state or foreign l

"Foreign Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Issuer organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States of America or any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

"Four-Quarter Period" has the meaning set forth in the definition of "Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio."

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, consistently applied, as set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or in such other statements by such other entity as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession of the United States, which are in effect as of the Issue Date.

"Global Note Legend" means the legend identified as such in Exhibit A hereto.

"Global Notes" means the Notes in global form that are in the form of Exhibit A hereto.

"Guarantee" means, as applied to any Debt of another Person, (i) a guarantee (other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the normal course of business), direct or indirect, in any manner, of any part or all of such Debt, (ii) any direct or indirect obligation, contingent or otherwise, of a Person guaranteeing or having the effect of guaranteeing the Debt of any other Person in any manner and (iii) an agreement of a Person, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, the practical effect of which is to assure in any way the payment or performance (or payment of damages in the event of non-performance) of all or any part of such Debt of another Person (and "Guaranteed" and "Guaranteeing" shall have meanings that correspond to the foregoing).

"Guarantor" means any Person that executes a Note Guarantee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and their respective successors and assigns.

"Hedging Obligation" means, with respect to any Person, the obligations of such Person pursuant to (1) any interest rate swap agreement, interest rate collar agreement or other similar agreement or arrangements to manage fluctuations in currency exchange rates or (3) any forward contract, commodity swap agreement, commodity option agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a Note is registered in the security register.

"Incur" means, with respect to any Debt or other obligation of any Person, to create, issue, incur (by conversion, exchange or otherwise), assume, Guarantee or otherwise become liable in respect of such Debt or other obligation or the recording, as required pursuant to GAAP or otherwise, of any such Debt or other obligation on the balance sheet of such Person. Debt otherwise Incurred by a Person before it becomes a Subsidiary of the Issuer shall be deemed to be Incurred at the time at which such Person becomes a Subsidiary of the Issuer. "Incurrence," "Incurred," "Incurredle" and "Incurring" shall have meanings that correspond to the foregoing. A Guarantee by any of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries of Debt Incurred by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, shall not be a separate Incurrence of Debt. In addition, the following shall not be deemed a separate Incurrence of Debt:

- (i) accrual of interest, amortization or accretion of debt discount or accretion of principal;
- (ii) the payment of regularly scheduled interest in the form of additional Debt of the same instrument or the payment of regularly scheduled dividends on Capital Interests in the form of additional Capital Interests of the same class and with the same terms or the accretion or accumulation of dividends on any Capital Interests;
- (iii) the obligation to pay a premium in respect of Debt arising in connection with the issuance of a notice of redemption or making of a mandatory offer to purchase such Debt; and
  - (iv) unrealized losses or charges in respect of Hedging Obligations.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Initial Notes" has the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

"Initial Purchasers" means Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Jefferies & Company, Inc.

"Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding" means (a) any voluntary or involuntary case or proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Issuer or any of the Guarantors, (b) any other voluntary or involuntary insolvency, reorganization or bankruptcy case or proceeding, or any receivership, liquidation, reorganization or other similar case or proceeding with respect to the Issuer or any of the Guarantors or with respect to a material portion of its respective assets, (c) any liquidation, dissolution (other than as permitted by the Revolving Credit Agreement and related documents and this Indenture and Security Documents), reorganization or winding up of the Issuer or any of the Guarantors, whether voluntary or involuntary and whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy, or (d) any assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshalling of assets and liabilities of the Issuer or any of the Guarantors.

"Intercreditor Agreement" means the intercreditor agreement dated as of the Issue Date among the First Lien Agent and the Collateral Agent, as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Indenture.

"Investment" by any Person means any direct or indirect loan, advance (or other extension of credit) or capital contribution to (by means of any transfer of cash or other property or assets to another Person or any other payments for property or services for the account or use of another Person) another Person, including, without limitation, the following: (i) the purchase or acquisition of any Capital Interest or other evidence of beneficial ownership in another Person; and (ii) the purchase, acquisition or Guarantee of the obligations of another Person or the issuance of a "keep-well" with respect thereto; but shall exclude: (a) accounts receivable and other extensions of trade credit on commercially reasonable terms in accordance with normal trade practices; (b) the acquisition of property, assets and services from suppliers and other vendors in the normal course of business; and (c) prepaid expenses and workers' compensation, utility, lease and similar deposits, in the normal course of business. Except as otherwise specified in this definition, the amount of any Investment (other than an Investment made in cash) shall be the Fair Market Value thereof on the date such Investment is made. The amount of Investment pursuant to a Designation under Section 4.18 shall be the Designation Amount determined in accordance with such covenant. If the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries sells or otherwise disposes of any Capital Interests of any direct or indirect Subsidiary such that, after giving effect to any such sale or disposition, such Person is no longer a Subsidiary, the Issuer shall be deemed to have made an Investment on the date of any such sale or other disposition equal to the Fair Market Value of the Capital Interests of any all other Investments in such Subsidiary not sold or disposed of, which amount shall be determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, any payments (i) pursuant to any Guarantee previously incurred in compliance with this Indenture or (ii) p

"Issue Date" means August 5, 2011.

"Issuer" has the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and, thereafter, means the successor.

"Issuer Order" means any written instruction by the Issuer and executed by an Officer of the Issuer.

"Lease Financing Obligations" means the lease financing obligations related to Real Property leases entered into in connection with Sale and Leaseback Transactions in an aggregate amount of \$123.0 million as of April 3, 2011, and any lease financing obligations that arise with respect to the reclassification of Sale and Leaseback Transactions entered into prior to or after the Issue Date; provided that such reclassification is the result of (i) a change in GAAP accounting rules or interpretive releases or literature or (ii) any requirements by the independent auditors of the Issuer.

"Legal Holiday" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York, the city in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee is located or at a place of payment are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed. If a payment date in a place of payment is a Legal Holiday, payment shall be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period.

"Lien" means, with respect to any property or other asset, any mortgage, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, security interest, lien (statutory or otherwise), charge, easement, encumbrance or other security agreement on or with respect to such property or other asset (including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

"Management Services Agreement" means the Management Services Agreement dated as of the Issue Date among Carrols Corporation and the Issuer as in effect on the Issue Date, together with any amendments or modifications thereto that are not materially adverse to Holders of the Notes (it being understood that any amendment or modification increasing the annual fee payable thereunder to an amount not to exceed the amount permitted pursuant to subclause (i) of clause (10) of the second paragraph of Section 4.11 shall be deemed not materially adverse to Holders).

"Maximum First Lien Principal Debt" means Debt, including letters of credit, under the First Lien Credit Documents (with letters of credit being deemed to have a principal amount equal to the maximum potential liability of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries thereunder) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount of Debt permitted under clause (i) of the definition of "Permitted Debt" (as set forth in this Indenture as in effect on the Issue Date) plus, after and Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, the First Lien DIP Amount. For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of this definition only, Bank Products shall not be considered Debt under the First Lien Credit Documents.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or any successor thereto.

"Net Cash Proceeds" means, with respect to Asset Sales of any Person, cash and Eligible Cash Equivalents received, net of: (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses of such Person incurred in connection with such a sale, including, without limitation, all legal, accounting, title and recording tax expenses, commissions and other fees and expenses incurred and all federal, state, foreign and local taxes arising in connection with such an Asset Sale that are paid or required to be accrued as a liability under GAAP by such Person; (ii) amounts provided as a reserve, in accordance with GAAP, against any liabilities under any indemnification obligations associated with such Asset Sale; (iii) all payments made by such Person on any Debt that is secured by such properties or other assets in accordance with the terms of any Lien upon or with respect to such properties or other assets or that must, by the terms of such Lien or such Debt, or in order to obtain a necessary consent to such transaction or by applicable law, be repaid to any other Person (other than the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries) in connection with such Asset Sale (other than in the case of Collateral, any Lien which does not rank prior to the Liens in the Collateral granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Indenture and the Security Documents); and (iv) all contractually required distributions and other payments made to minority interest holders in Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person as a result of such transaction; provided, however, that: (a) in the event that any consideration for an Asset Sale (which would otherwise constitute Net Cash Proceeds) is required by (I) contract to be held in escrow pending determination of whether a purchase price adjustment will be made or (II) GAAP to be reserved against other liabilities in connection with such Asset Sale, such consideration (or any portion thereof) shall become Net Cash Proceeds only at such time as it is released to such Person from escrow or otherwise; and (b) any non-cash

"Net Rent" means, for the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries for any period, the aggregate rent expense (excluding common area maintenance charges and taxes) for the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period other than (1) rent expense under vehicle, machinery, airplane and other equipment leases, (2) Capitalized Lease Obligations and (3) synthetic lease obligations, minus rental income received from franchisees and third parties during such period including without limitation, pursuant to (i) leases of owned Real Property to franchisees and/or third parties, (ii) subleases to such franchisees or third parties, as the case may be, and (iii) leases that have been assigned to such franchisees or third parties, as the case may be, in which the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries, as applicable, remains liable for the payment of rent under such lease to the extent that rent payments are actually made, all as determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of calculating "Net Rent," the Sale and Leaseback Transactions relating to the Lease Financing Obligations shall be treated as Sale and Leaseback Transactions and not financing transactions (including, without limitation,

treating any leases relating to such Lease Financing Obligations as operating leases, i.e. (A) reducing depreciation expense for the property and plant subject to the Lease Financing Obligations as if they were Sale and Leaseback Transactions and (B) characterizing the lease payments as rent expense for the restaurants under Sale and Leaseback Transactions instead of principal repayments and interest expense under a financing transaction) as set forth in the definition of "Consolidated Net Income" and the rent thereunder shall be included in the calculation of "Net Rent."

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Debt:

- (1) as to which neither the Issuer nor any Restricted Subsidiary (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Debt), (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, or (c) constitutes the lender; and
- (2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both, any holder of any other Debt (other than the Notes) of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary to declare a default on such other Debt or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity.
- "Note Custodian" means the Trustee when serving as custodian for the Depositary with respect to the Global Notes, or any successor entity thereto.
- "Note Guarantee" means any guarantee of the Notes by any Guarantor pursuant to this Indenture.
- "Notes" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Indenture.
- "Obligations" means any principal, premium, interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition in bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable state, federal or foreign law), penalties, fees, expenses, costs, indemnifications, reimbursements (including reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit and banker's acceptances), damages and other liabilities, and guarantees of payment of such principal, interest, penalties, fees, expenses, costs, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities, payable under the documentation governing any Debt.
  - "Obligor" on the Notes means the Issuer, the Guarantors and any successor obligor upon the Notes.
  - "Offer" has the meaning set forth in the definition of "Offer to Purchase."
- "Offer to Purchase" means a written offer (the "Offer") sent by the Issuer by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each Holder at his address appearing in the security register on the date of the Offer, offering to purchase up to the aggregate principal amount of Notes set forth in such Offer at the purchase price set forth in such Offer (as determined pursuant to this Indenture). Unless otherwise required by applicable law, the Offer shall specify an expiration date (the "Expiration Date") of the Offer to Purchase which shall be, subject to any contrary requirements of applicable law, not less than 30 days or more than 60 days after the date of mailing of such Offer and a settlement date (the "Purchase Date") for purchase of Notes within five business days after the Expiration Date. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee at least 15 days (or such shorter period as is acceptable to the Trustee) prior to the mailing of the Offer of the Issuer's obligation to make an Offer to Purchase, and the Offer shall be mailed by the Issuer or, at the Issuer's request and provision of such Offer information, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. The Offer shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Offer to Purchase. The Offer shall also state:
  - (i) the section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Offer to Purchase is being made;
  - (ii) the Expiration Date and the Purchase Date;

- (iii) the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes offered to be purchased pursuant to the Offer to Purchase (including, if less than 100%, the manner by which such amount has been determined pursuant to Section 4.10) (the "Purchase Amount");
- (iv) the purchase price to be paid by the Issuer for each \$1,000 principal amount of Notes accepted for payment (as specified pursuant to this Indenture) (the "Purchase Price");
- (v) that the Holder may tender all or any portion of the Notes registered in the name of such Holder and that any portion of a Note tendered must be tendered in a minimum amount of \$2,000 principal amount;
  - (vi) the place or places where Notes are to be surrendered for tender pursuant to the Offer to Purchase, if applicable;
- (vii) that, unless the Issuer defaults in making such purchase, any Note accepted for purchase pursuant to the Offer to Purchase will cease to accrue interest on and after the Purchase Date, but that any Note not tendered or tendered but not purchased by the Issuer pursuant to the Offer to Purchase will continue to accrue interest at the same rate;
- (viii) that, on the Purchase Date, the Purchase Price will become due and payable upon each Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Offer to Purchase;
- (ix) that each Holder electing to tender a Note pursuant to the Offer to Purchase will be required to surrender such Note or cause such Note to be surrendered at the place or places set forth in the Offer prior to the close of business on the Expiration Date (such Note being, if the Issuer or the Trustee so require, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Issuer and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing);
- (x) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw all or any portion of Notes tendered if the Issuer (or its paying agent) receives, not later than the close of business on the Expiration Date, a facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes the Holder tendered, the certificate number of the Note the Holder tendered and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing all or a portion of his tender;
- (xi) that (a) if Notes having an aggregate principal amount less than or equal to the Purchase Amount are duly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Offer to Purchase, the Issuer shall purchase all such Notes and (b) if Notes having an aggregate principal amount in excess of the Purchase Amount are tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Offer to Purchase, the Issuer shall purchase Notes having an aggregate principal amount equal to the Purchase Amount on a pro rata basis (including with respect to Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations required to be purchased in connection therewith, and with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate so that only Notes in denominations of \$2,000 principal amount or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof shall remain outstanding following such purchase); and
- (xii) if applicable, that, in the case of any Holder whose Note is purchased only in part, the Issuer shall execute, and, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Note without service charge, a new Note or Notes, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder in the aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unpurchased portion of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes so tendered.

"Offering Memorandum" means the Offering Memorandum related to the issuance of the Initial Notes on the Issue Date, dated July 28, 2011.

- "Officer" means, with respect to any Person, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary or any Vice-President of such Person.
- "Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by two officers of the Issuer or a Guarantor, as applicable, one of whom must be the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer or the principal accounting officer of the Issuer or such Guarantor, as applicable.
- "Opinion of Counsel" means an opinion, reasonably acceptable to the Trustee, from legal counsel. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer.
  - "Participant" means, with respect to DTC, a Person who has an account with DTC.
- "Paying Agent" means any Person authorized by the Issuer to pay the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, or redemption, purchase, retirement, defeasance, covenant defeasance or similar payment with respect to, any Notes on behalf of the Issuer.
- "Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations" means obligations under any Additional Notes or other Debt secured by liens pari passu with the Notes on the Collateral in compliance with clause (b)(ii) under the definition of "Permitted Liens"; provided that (i) the representative of such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations executes a joinder agreement to the Security Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement, in each case in the form attached thereto agreeing to be bound thereby and (ii) the Issuer has designated such Debt as "Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations" under the Security Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement, if applicable.
- "Permitted Business" means any business similar in nature to any business conducted by the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries on the Issue Date and any business reasonably ancillary, incidental, complementary or related to the business conducted by the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries on the Issue Date or a reasonable extension, development or expansion thereof, in each case, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Issuer.

#### "Permitted Collateral Liens" means:

- (i) Liens securing the Notes outstanding on the Issue Date, Refinancing Debt with respect to such Notes, the Guarantees relating thereto and any Obligations with respect to such Notes, Refinancing Debt and Guarantees;
- (ii) Liens securing First Lien Obligations and Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations permitted to be incurred pursuant to this Indenture and Refinancing Debt with respect to such First Lien Obligations and Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations; *provided* that any such Liens granted by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to this clause (ii) are subject to the Intercreditor Agreement;
- (iii) Liens existing on the Issue Date (other than Liens specified in clause (i) above) and any extension, renewal, refinancing or replacement thereof so long as such extension, renewal, refinancing or replacement does not extend to any other property or asset and does not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof (except by the amount of any premium or fee paid or payable or original issue discount in connection with such extension, renewal, replacement or refinancing plus fees and expenses); and
- (iv) Liens described in clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii), (xii), (xiv), (xv), (xvi), (xvii), (xix) and (xx) of the definition of "Permitted Liens."
- "Permitted Debt" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.9(b).

"Permitted Holders" means each of: (i) Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. and any of its Subsidiaries (but only for so long as the Issuer continues to be a Subsidiary of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.); (ii) Alan Vituli, Tim Taft and executives of the Issuer or Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. on the date of this offering memorandum listed under

"Management"; (iii) Jefferies Capital Partners IV L.P., Jefferies Employee Partners IV LLC and JCP Partners IV LLC and their Affiliates; (iv) for the individuals named in (ii) above, each of his or her spouse, siblings, ancestors, descendants (whether by blood, marriage or adoption, and including stepchildren) and the spouses, siblings, ancestors and descendants thereof (whether by blood, marriage or adoption, and including stepchildren) of such natural persons, the beneficiaries, estates and legal representatives of any of the foregoing, the trustee of any bona fide trust of which any of the foregoing, individually or in the aggregate, are the majority in interest beneficiaries or grantors, and any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other Person in which any of the foregoing, individually or in the aggregate, own or control a majority in interest; (v) for the entity named in (iii) above, any investment fund controlled by or under common control with Jefferies Capital Partners; and (vi) any Affiliates controlled by the Persons named in clauses (ii) and (iii) above.

### "Permitted Investments" means:

- (i) Investments in existence on the Issue Date;
- (ii) Investments required pursuant to any agreement or obligation of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries, in effect on the Issue Date, to make such Investments:
  - (iii) Eligible Cash Equivalents;
  - (iv) Investments in property and other assets owned or used by the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries in the operation of a Permitted Business;
- (v) Investments by the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries in the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries and guarantees by the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries of Debt of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary of Debt otherwise permitted under Section 4.9 or of other obligations of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary otherwise permitted hereunder;
- (vi) Investments by the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries in a Person, if as a result of such Investment (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or (b) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated or wound up into, the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (vii) Hedging Obligations entered into to manage interest rates, commodity prices and currency exchange rates (and not for speculative purposes) and other Bank Products;
- (viii) Investments received in settlement of obligations owed to the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries, as a result of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, upon the foreclosure or enforcement of any Lien in favor of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries, or in settlement of litigation, arbitration or other disputes;
- (ix) Investments by the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries not otherwise permitted under this definition, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10.0 million at any one time outstanding;
- (x)(a) loans and advances (including for travel and relocation) to employees in an amount not to exceed \$2.5 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding, (b) loans or advances against, and repurchases of, Capital Interests and options of the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries held by management and employees in connection with any stock option, deferred compensation or similar benefit plans approved by the Board of Directors (or similar governing body) and otherwise issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and (c) loans or advances to management and employees to pay taxes in respect of Capital Interests issued under stock option, deferred compensation or similar benefit plans in an amount not to exceed \$2.5 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding; and
- (xi) any Investment in any Person to the extent such Investment represents the non-cash portion of the consideration received in connection with an Asset Sale consummated in compliance with Section 4.10 or any other disposition of Property not constituting an Asset Sale.

#### "Permitted Liens" means:

- (i) Liens existing on the Issue Date;
- (ii) Liens that secure Obligations:
- (a) in respect of any First Lien Obligations not to exceed the amount permitted to be incurred pursuant to clause (i) of the definition of "Permitted Debt"; provided that in the event the Issuer obtains any revolving credit commitments under any Credit Facility, all Liens securing such commitments shall, for purposes of this clause (ii)(a), be deemed to be incurred pursuant to this clause (ii)(a) at the time of obtaining such commitments regardless of when any borrowings, repayments or reborrowings under such commitments are made; provided, further, that Liens under this clause (ii)(a) are subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement;
- (b) in respect of any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations in an amount such that at the time of incurrence and after giving *pro forma* effect thereto, the Consolidated Lease Adjusted Secured Leverage Ratio would be no greater than 5.00 to 1.00; *provided*, *further*, that Liens under this clause (ii)(b) are subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement;
  - (c) incurred pursuant to clause (vii) or clause (viii) of the definition of "Permitted Debt."
- (iii) any Lien for taxes or assessments or other governmental charges or levies not yet delinquent more than 30 days (or which, if so due and payable, are being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves are being maintained, to the extent required by GAAP);
- (iv) any carrier's, warehousemen's, materialmen's, mechanic's, landlord's or other similar Liens arising by law for sums not then due and payable more than 30 days after giving effect to any applicable grace period (or which, if so due and payable, are being contested in good faith and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained, to the extent required by GAAP);
- (v) minor survey exceptions, minor imperfections of title, minor encumbrances, easements or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights-of-way, sewers, electric lines, telegraph and telephone lines and other similar purposes, or zoning or other restrictions as to the use of real properties or Liens incidental, to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties which were not incurred in connection with Debt and which do not in the aggregate materially adversely affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of such Person:
- (vi) pledges or deposits (a) in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security, or to secure other types of statutory obligations or the requirements of any official body, or (b) to secure the performance of tenders, bids, surety or performance bonds, appeal bonds, leases, purchase, construction, sales or servicing contracts and other similar obligations Incurred in the normal course of business consistent with industry practice; or (c) to obtain or secure obligations with respect to letters of credit, banker's acceptances, Guarantees, bonds or other sureties or assurances given in connection with the activities described in clauses (a) and (b) above, in each case not Incurred or made in connection with the borrowing of money, the obtaining of advances or credit or the payment of the deferred purchase price of property or services or imposed by ERISA or the Code in connection with a "plan" (as defined in ERISA) or (d) arising in connection with any attachment unless such Liens are in excess of \$5.0 million in the aggregate and shall not be satisfied or discharged or stayed pending appeal within 60 days after the entry thereof or the expiration of any such stay;
- (vii) Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or consolidated with the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries or becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or on property acquired by the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries (and in each case not created or Incurred in anticipation of such transaction), including Liens securing Acquired Debt permitted under this Indenture; *provided* that

such Liens are not extended to the property and assets of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries other than the property or assets acquired

- (viii) Liens securing Debt of a Guarantor owed to and held by the Issuer or Guarantors;
- (ix) other Liens (not securing Debt) incidental to the conduct of the business of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, or the ownership of their assets which do not individually or in the aggregate materially adversely affect the value of such assets or materially impair the operation of the business of the Issuer or the Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (x) Liens to secure any permitted extension, renewal, refinancing or refunding (or successive extensions, renewals, refinancings or refundings), in whole or in part, of any Debt secured by Liens referred to in the foregoing clauses (i) and (vii); *provided* that such Liens do not extend to any other property or assets and the principal amount of the obligations secured by such Liens is not greater than the sum of the outstanding principal amount of the refinanced Debt plus any fees and expenses, including premiums or original issue discount related to such extension, renewal, refinancing or refunding;
- (xi) Liens in favor of customs or revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of custom duties in connection with the importation of goods incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (xii) Liens to secure Capital Lease Obligations or Purchase Money Debt permitted to be Incurred pursuant to clause (viii) of the definition of "Permitted Debt" covering only the assets financed by or acquired with such Debt;
- (xiii) Liens upon specific items of inventory or other goods and proceeds of any Person securing such Person's obligation in respect of banker's acceptances issued or created in the ordinary course of business for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment, or storage of such inventory or other goods;
- (xiv) Liens securing Debt Incurred to finance the construction, purchase or lease of, or repairs, improvements or additions to, property, plant or equipment of such Person; *provided*, *however*, that the Lien may not extend to other property owned by such Person or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries at the time the Lien is Incurred (other than assets and property affixed or appurtenant thereto and any proceeds thereof), and the Debt (other than any interest thereon) secured by the Lien may not be Incurred more than 180 days after the later of the acquisition, completion of construction, repair, improvement, addition or commencement of full operation of the property subject to the Lien;
- (xv) Liens on property or shares of Capital Interests of another Person at the time such other Person becomes a Subsidiary of such Person; *provided*, *however*, that (a) the Liens may not extend to any other property owned by such Person or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than assets and property affixed or appurtenant thereto and proceeds thereof) and (b) such Liens are not created or incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person becoming such a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (xvi) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money not constituting an Event of Default under clause (7) under Section 6.1 of this Indenture so long as any appropriate legal proceedings that may have been duly initiated for the review of such judgment have not been finally terminated or the period within which such proceedings may be initiated has not expired;
- (xvii) Liens on the Collateral granted under the Security Documents in favor of the Collateral Agent to secure the Notes and the Guarantees and the other Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations;
- (xviii) Liens securing Hedging Obligations that are otherwise permitted under this Indenture; *provided* that such Liens are subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement;

(xix) leases, subleases, licenses or sublicenses granted to others in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a disposition otherwise permitted hereunder which do not materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiaries and do not secure any Debt:

(xx) Liens securing Debt or other obligations, as measured by principal amount, which, when taken together with the principal amount of all other Debt secured by Liens (excluding Liens permitted by clauses (i) though (xix) above) at the time of determination, does not exceed \$20.0 million in the aggregate at any one time outstanding; and

(xxi) any extensions, substitutions, replacements or renewals of the foregoing.

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

"Preopening Costs" means "start-up costs" (such term used herein as defined in SOP 98-5 published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) related to the acquisition, opening and organizing of new restaurants, including, without limitation, the cost of feasibility studies, staff training and recruiting and travel costs for employees engaged in such start-up activities.

"Property" means, with respect to any Person, any interest of such Person in any kind of property or asset, whether real, personal or mixed, or tangible or intangible, including, without limitation, Capital Interests in any other Person.

"Purchase Amount" has the meaning set forth in the definition of "Offer to Purchase."

"Purchase Date" has the meaning set forth in the definition of "Offer to Purchase."

"Purchase Money Debt" means Debt (i) Incurred to finance the purchase, lease or construction (including additions, repairs and improvements thereto) of any assets (other than Capital Interests) of such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary; and (ii) that is secured by a Lien on such assets where the lender's sole security is to the assets so purchased or constructed (and assets or property affixed or appurtenant thereto and any proceeds thereof); and in either case that does not exceed 100% of the cost and to the extent the purchase or construction prices for such assets are or should be included in "addition to property, plant or equipment" in accordance with GAAP.

"Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in the definition of "Offer to Purchase."

"Qualified Capital Interests" in any Person means a class of Capital Interests other than Redeemable Capital Interests.

"Qualified Equity Offering" means an underwritten primary public equity offering of Qualified Capital Interests of Issuer (or any direct or indirect parent company of the Issuer or any successor thereto but only to the extent contributed to the Issuer in the form of Qualified Capital Interests) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, other than a registered offering on Form S-8.

"Real Property" means, collectively, all right, title and interests (including any leasehold, mineral or other estate) in and to any and all parcels of or interests in real property owned, leased or operated by any Person, whether by lease, license or other means, together with, in each case, all easements, hereditaments and appurtenances relating thereto, all buildings, structures, parking areas and improvements and appurtenant fixtures and equipment, all general intangibles and contract rights and other property and rights incidental to the ownership, lease or operation thereof.

"Redeemable Capital Interests" in any Person means any equity security of such Person that by its terms (or by terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable), or otherwise (including the passage of time or the happening of an event), is required to be redeemed, is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof in whole or in part (including by operation of a sinking fund), or is convertible or exchangeable for Debt of

such Person at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, at any time prior to the Stated Maturity of the Notes; *provided* that only the portion of such equity security which is required to be redeemed, is so convertible or exchangeable or is so redeemable at the option of the holder thereof before such date will be deemed to be Redeemable Capital Interests. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any equity security that would constitute Redeemable Capital Interests solely because the holders of the equity security have the right to require any of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries to repurchase such equity security upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, Qualified Equity Offering or an Asset Sale will not constitute Redeemable Capital Interests if the terms of such equity security provide that the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiary may not repurchase or redeem any such equity security pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with Section 4.7. The amount of Redeemable Capital Interests deemed to be outstanding at any time for purposes of this Indenture will be the maximum amount that the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries may become obligated to pay upon the maturity of, or pursuant to any mandatory redemption provisions of, such Redeemable Capital Interests or portion thereof, exclusive of accrued dividends.

"Redemption Price" when used with respect to any Note to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this Indenture.

- "Refinancing Debt" means Debt that refunds, refinances, defeases, renews, replaces or extends any Debt permitted to be Incurred by the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the terms of this Indenture (including the Notes), whether involving the same or any other lender or creditor or group of lenders or creditors, but only to the extent that:
  - (i) the Refinancing Debt is subordinated to the Notes to at least the same extent as the Debt being refunded, refinanced, defeased, renewed, replaced or extended, if such Debt was subordinated to the Notes,
  - (ii) the Refinancing Debt has a Stated Maturity either (a) no earlier than the Debt being refunded, refinanced or extended or (b) at least 91 days after the maturity date of the Notes.
  - (iii) the Refinancing Debt has a weighted average life to maturity at the time such Refinancing Debt is Incurred that is equal to or greater than the weighted average life to maturity of the Debt being refunded, refinanced, defeased, renewed, replaced or extended,
  - (iv) such Refinancing Debt is in an aggregate principal amount that is less than or equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate principal or accreted amount (in the case of any Debt issued with original issue discount, as such) then outstanding under the Debt being refunded, refinanced, defeased, renewed, replaced or extended, (b) the amount of accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and premiums owed, if any, not in excess of pre-existing optional prepayment provisions on such Debt being refunded, refinanced, defeased, renewed, replaced or extended and (c) the amount of reasonable and customary fees, expenses and costs related to the Incurrence of such Refinancing Debt, and
  - (v) such Refinancing Debt shall not include (x) Debt of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor that refinances Debt of the Issuer or a Guarantor or (y) Debt of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Debt of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.
- "Registration Rights Agreement" means that certain Registration Rights Agreement, dated the Issue Date, by and among the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers.
  - "Regulation S" means Regulation S under the Securities Act.
  - "Regulation S Global Note" means a Regulation S Temporary Global Note or Regulation S Permanent Global Note, as applicable.
- "Regulation S Permanent Global Note" means a permanent Global Note in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Restricted Notes Legend and deposited with or on behalf of and registered

in the name of the Depository or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note upon expiration of the Restricted Period.

"Regulation S Temporary Global Note" means a temporary Global Note in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend, the Restricted Notes Legend and the Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend and deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Notes initially sold in reliance on Rule 903.

"Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.6(e)(3) hereof.

"Responsible Officer" means, when used with respect to the Trustee, any officer of the Trustee within the corporate trust department of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, senior associate, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee who customarily performs functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

"Restricted Notes Legend" means the legend identified as such in Exhibit A hereto.

"Restricted Payment" is defined to mean any of the following:

- (i) any dividend or other distribution declared and paid on the Capital Interests in the Issuer or on the Capital Interests in any Restricted Subsidiary that are held by, or declared and paid to, any Person other than the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that the following shall not be "Restricted Payments":
  - (a) dividends, distributions or payments, in each case, made solely in Qualified Capital Interests in the Issuer; and
  - (b) dividends or distributions payable to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or to other holders of Capital Interests of a Restricted Subsidiary on a pro rata basis;
- (ii) any payment made by the Issuer or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to purchase, redeem, acquire or retire any Capital Interests in the Issuer or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries, including any issuance of Debt, in exchange for such Capital Interests or the conversion or exchange of such Capital Interests into or for Debt other than any such Capital Interests owned by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (iii) any payment made by the Issuer or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a payment made solely in Qualified Capital Interests in the Issuer) to redeem, repurchase, defease (including an in substance or legal defeasance) or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including pursuant to mandatory repurchase covenants), (a) prior to any scheduled maturity, scheduled sinking fund or mandatory redemption payment, Debt of the Issuer or any Guarantor that is subordinate (whether pursuant to its terms or by operation of law) in right of payment to the Notes or Note Guarantees (excluding any Debt owed to the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary); except (x) payments of principal in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, scheduled maturity or mandatory redemption date, in each case, within one year of the due date thereof and (y) any payments in respect of Debt to the extent the issuance of such Debt was a Restricted Payment and (ii) any Debt which would have constituted a Restricted Payment under clause (b) above;
  - (iv) any Investment by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary in any Person, other than a Permitted Investment; and
  - (v) any designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

- "Restricted Period" means the 40-day "distribution compliance period" as defined in Regulation S.
- "Restricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Issuer that has not been designated as an "Unrestricted Subsidiary" in accordance with this Indenture.
- "Revolving Credit Agreement" means that certain revolving credit agreement, dated the Issue Date, by and among Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, collateral agent, syndicating agent and a lender, the revolving credit lenders named therein, Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., as the borrower, the domestic subsidiaries of the borrower from time to time party thereto as guarantors, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as sole lead arranger, together with all related notes, letters of credit, collateral documents, guarantees, and any other related agreements and instruments executed and delivered in connection therewith, in each case as amended, modified, supplemented, restated, refinanced, refunded or replaced in whole or in part from time to time including by or pursuant to any agreement or instrument that extends the maturity of any Debt thereunder, or increases the amount of available borrowings thereunder (provided that such increase in borrowings is permitted under clause (i) of the definition of the term "Permitted Debt"), or adds Subsidiaries of the Issuer as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder, in each case with respect to such agreement or any successor or replacement agreement and whether by the same or any other agent, lender, group of lenders, purchasers or debt holders.
- "Sale and Leaseback Transaction" means any direct or indirect arrangement pursuant to which property is sold or transferred by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary and is thereafter leased back by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary.
  - "Second Lien Obligations" means the Debt Incurred and Obligations under this Indenture and any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations.
  - "Secured Debt" means any Debt of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries secured by a Lien.
  - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- "Security Agreement" means the security agreement to be dated as of the Issue Date between the Collateral Agent, the Issuer and the Guarantors, granting, among other things, a Lien on the Collateral subject to Permitted Collateral Liens and Permitted Liens, in each case in favor of the Collateral Agent for its benefit and for the benefit of the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes and the holders of any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations as amended, modified, restated, supplemented or replaced from time to time in accordance with its terms.
- "Security Documents" means the Security Agreement, the Mortgages with respect to the Real Property, the Intercreditor Agreement and all of the security agreements, pledges, collateral assignments, mortgages, deeds of trust, trust deeds or other instruments evidencing or creating or purporting to create any security interests in favor of the Collateral Agent for its benefit and for the benefit of the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes and the holders of any other Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations, in all or any portion of the Collateral, as amended, modified, restated, supplemented or replaced from time to time.
- "Significant Subsidiary" has the meaning set forth in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act and Exchange Act, but shall not include any Unrestricted Subsidiary.
- "Spin-Off" means the spin-off of the Capital Interests of the Issuer to the shareholders of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. as generally described in the Offering Memorandum.
  - "Standard & Poor's" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and its successors.
- "Stated Maturity," when used with respect to (i) any Note or any installment of interest thereon, means the date specified in such Note as the fixed date on which the principal amount of such Note or such installment of interest is due and payable and (ii) any other Debt or any installment of interest thereon, means the date specified in the instrument governing such Debt as the fixed date on which the principal of such Debt or such installment of

interest is due and payable, including any date upon which a repurchase at the option of the holders of such Debt is required to be consummated.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, limited or general partnership, trust, association or other business entity of which an aggregate of at least a majority of the outstanding Voting Interests therein is, at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such Person and/or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

- "Surviving Entity" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.
- "Tax Group" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.7.
- "TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S. Code §§ 77aaa-77bbbb), as amended, as in effect on the date hereof.
- "Transaction Date" has the meaning set forth in the definition of "Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio."
- "Transactions" means the issuance of the Notes on the Issue Date, the entry into the Revolving Credit Agreement on the Issue Date, the repayment of the existing Debt as described under "Use of Proceeds" in the Offering Memorandum, the payment of fees and expenses as described under "Use of Proceeds" in the Offering Memorandum and the transactions related thereto.
  - "Transfer Restricted Global Notes" means a Global Note that is a Transfer Restricted Note.
  - "Transfer Restricted Notes" means Notes that bear or are required to bear the Restricted Notes Legend.
- "Transition Services Agreement" means the Transition Services Agreement among Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., Carrols Corporation and the Issuer to be entered into in connection with the consummation of the Spin-Off on terms substantially consistent with those described in the Offering Memorandum and, so long as the Board of Directors of the Issuer in good faith shall have approved the terms thereof and deemed the services theretofore or thereafter to be performed for such compensation or fees to be fair consideration therefor, together with any amendments or modifications thereto that are not materially adverse to Holders of the Notes.

"Treasury Rate" means, as obtained by the Issuer, with respect to the Notes, as of the applicable redemption date, the yield to maturity as of such redemption date of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to such redemption date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from such redemption date to February 15, 2014; provided, however, that if the period from such redemption date to February 15, 2014 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used.

"Trustee" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Indenture until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and, thereafter, means the successor.

"UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York or, as the context requires in determining whether or not an asset is Excluded Collateral, the law governing the interpretation of any such agreement; provided, however, that, at any time, if by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any or all of the perfection or priority of the Collateral Agent's security interest in any item or portion of the Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other that the State of New York, the term "UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect, at such time, in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions relating to such provisions.

"Unrestricted Notes" means one or more Notes that do not and are not required to bear the Restricted Notes Legend, including the Exchange Notes and any Notes registered under the Securities Act pursuant to and in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means:

- (1) Cabana Club of Webbs Chapel, Inc., Cabana Club of Bruckner, Inc., Cabana Club of Cocker Hill, Inc., Two Pesos Private Club 1, Two Pesos Private Club 3 and Cabana Club of Pasadena, Inc.;
  - (2) any Subsidiary designated as such by the Board of Directors of the Issuer in compliance with Section 4.18; and
  - (3) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Voting Interests" means, with respect to any Person, securities of any class or classes of Capital Interests in such Person entitling the holders thereof generally to vote on the election of members of the Board of Directors or comparable body of such Person.

## SECTION 1.2 Other Definitions.

<u>Term</u>	Defined in Section
"Act"	13.14
"Additional Assets"	4.10
"Affiliate Transaction"	4.11
"Agent Members"	2.6
"Authentication Order"	2.2
"Change of Control Payment"	4.14
"covenant defeasance"	8.3
"Custodian"	6.1
"defeasance"	8.3
"Discharge"	8.8
"Event of Default"	6.1
"Excess Proceeds"	4.10
"Independent Financial Advisor"	4.11(iii)
"legal defeasance"	8.2
"Note Register"	2.3
"Offer Amount"	3.9
"QIB"	2.1
"QIB Global Note"	2.1
"redemption date"	3.1
"Registrar"	2.3
"Rule 144A"	2.1
"Surviving Entity"	5.1

# SECTION 1.3 Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) a term has the meaning assigned to it herein;
- (2) an accounting term not otherwise defined herein has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (3) "or" is not exclusive;

- (4) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
- (5) unless otherwise specified, any reference to Section or Article refers to such Section or Article of this Indenture;
- (6) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;
- (7) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or the TIA shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement or successor sections or rules adopted by the Commission from time to time; and
  - (8) "including" means "including without limitation".

#### ARTICLE II

#### THE NOTES

## SECTION 2.1 Form and Dating.

The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage. Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes initially shall be issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

(a) The Notes shall be issued initially in the form of one or more Global Notes substantially in the form attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto and shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Notes represented thereby with the Trustee as custodian for the Depositary, and registered in the name of the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided.

Each Global Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified therein and each shall provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges, redemptions and transfers of interests. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Note Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with written instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.16 hereof.

Except as set forth in Section 2.6 hereof, the Global Notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of the Depositary or to a successor of the Depositary or its nominee.

(b) The Initial Notes are being issued by the Issuer only (i) to "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("Rule 144A")) ("QIBs") and (ii) in reliance on Regulation S. After such initial offers, Initial Notes that are Transfer Restricted Notes may be transferred to QIBs, in reliance on Rule 144A, outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S or to the Issuer, in accordance with certain transfer restrictions. Initial Notes that are offered in reliance on Rule 144A shall be issued in the form of one or more permanent Global Notes substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A (the "QIB")

Global Note") deposited with the Trustee, as Note Custodian, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. Initial Notes offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S shall be issued initially in the form of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note, which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Notes represented thereby with the Trustee, as Note Custodian for the Depositary, and registered in the name of the Depositary, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. Early termination of the Restricted Period may be effectuated upon receipt by the Trustee of (i) a written certificate from the Depositary certifying that they have received certification of non-United States beneficial ownership of 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note (except to the extent of any beneficial owners thereof who acquired an interest therein during the Restricted Period pursuant to another exemption from registration under the Securities Act and who shall take delivery of a beneficial ownership interest in a QIB Global Note bearing a Restricted Notes Legend, all as contemplated by Section 2.6(e) hereof); and (ii) an Officer's Certificate from the Issuer. Following the termination of the Restricted Period, beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note shall be exchanged for beneficial interests in the Regulation S Permanent Global Note pursuant to the Applicable Procedures. Simultaneously with the authentication of the Regulation S Permanent Global Note, the Trustee shall cancel the Regulation S Temporary Global Note. The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee and the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, in connection with transfers of interest as hereinafter provided. The QIB Global Note and the Regulation S Global Note shall each be issued with separate CUSIP numbers. Transfers of Notes between QIBs and to or by purchasers pursuant to Regulation S shall be represented by appropriate increases and decreases to the respective amounts of the appropriate Global Note, as more fully provided in Section 2.16.

(c) Section 2.1(b) shall apply only to Global Notes deposited with or on behalf of the Depositary or its nominee.

The Trustee shall have no responsibility or obligation to any Holder, any member of (or a Participant in) DTC or any other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC (or its nominee) or of any Participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Notes or with respect to the delivery of any notice (including any notice of redemption) or the payment of any amount or delivery of any Notes (or other security or property) under or with respect to the Notes. The Trustee may rely (and shall be fully protected in relying) upon information furnished by DTC with respect to its members, Participants and any Beneficial Owners in the Notes.

(d) Notes issued in certificated form, including Global Notes, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto.

SECTION 2.2 Execution and Authentication.

An Officer shall sign the Notes for the Issuer by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time a Note is authenticated, the Note shall nevertheless be valid.

A Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of an authorized signatory of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

All Notes shall be dated the date of their authentication. The Trustee shall, upon receipt of a written Issuer Order signed by one Officer directing the Trustee to authenticate and deliver the Notes and certifying that all conditions precedent to the issuance of the Notes contained herein have been complied with (an "Authentication Order") and an Opinion of Counsel, authenticate Notes for original issue up to the aggregate principal amount stated in paragraph 4 of the reverse of the Notes. The aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.17 hereof.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent reasonably acceptable to the Issuer to authenticate Notes. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, an authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer.

# SECTION 2.3 Registrar; Paying Agent.

The Issuer shall maintain (i) an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("Registrar") and (ii) an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment to a Paying Agent. The Registrar shall keep a register of the Notes (the "Note Registrar") and of their transfer and exchange. The Issuer may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents; provided, however, that at all times there shall be only one Note Register. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Issuer may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. The Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Issuer initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent and initially appoints the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as the office or agency of the Issuer for such purposes and as the office or agency of the Issuer where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served and the Trustee as the agent of the Issuer to receive such notices and demands.

The Issuer initially appoints DTC to act as the Depositary with respect to the Global Notes.

## SECTION 2.4 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Issuer shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of the Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, and shall notify the Trustee of any Default by the Issuer in making any such payment. While any such Default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Issuer at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Issuer or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Issuer or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon the occurrence of events specified in Section 6.1(8) hereof, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

## SECTION 2.5 Holder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Issuer shall furnish to the Trustee at least seven (7) Business Days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders, including the aggregate principal amount of the Notes held by each Holder thereof, and the Trustee thereafter shall preserve such list in as current a form as is reasonably practicable.

## SECTION 2.6 Book-Entry Provisions for Global Securities.

(a) Each Transfer Restricted Global Note shall (i) be registered in the name of the Depositary for such Global Notes or the nominee of such Depositary, (ii) be delivered to the Trustee as custodian for such Depositary and (iii) bear legends as required by Section 2.6(e).

Members of, or Participants in, the Depositary ("Agent Members") shall have no rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Note held on their behalf by the Depositary, or the Trustee as its custodian, or under the Global Note, and the Depositary may be treated by the Issuer, the Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee

as the absolute owner of such Global Note for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Issuer, the Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee, from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depositary or impair, as between the Depositary and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of a Holder of any Note.

- (b) Transfers of a Global Note shall be limited to transfers of such Global Note in whole, but not in part, to the Depositary, its successors or their respective nominees. Interests of Beneficial Owners in a Global Note may be transferred in accordance with Section 2.16 and the rules and procedures of the Depositary. In addition, Certificated Notes shall be transferred to all Beneficial Owners in exchange for their beneficial interests if (i) the Depositary notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for the Global Notes or the Depositary ceases to be a "clearing agency" registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depositary is not appointed by the Issuer within ninety (90) days of such notice or (ii) an Event of Default of which a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual notice has occurred and is continuing and the Registrar has received a request from the Depositary to issue such Certificated Notes.
- (c) In connection with the transfer of the entire Global Note to Beneficial Owners pursuant to clause (b) of this Section, such Global Note shall be deemed to be surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation, and the Issuer shall execute, and the Trustee shall upon receipt of an Authentication Order authenticate and deliver, to each Beneficial Owner identified by the Depositary in exchange for its beneficial interest in such Global Note an equal aggregate principal amount of Certificated Notes of authorized denominations.
- (d) The Holder of a Global Note may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any person, including Agent Members and persons that may hold an interest through Agent Members, to take any action which a Holder is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Notes.
- (e) <u>Legends</u>. The following legends shall appear on the face of all Global Notes and Certificated Notes issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture:
  - (1) <u>Restricted Notes Legend</u>. Unless and until either (x) a Note is exchanged for an Exchange Note or sold in connection with an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement or (y) the Issuer determines that the following legend and the related restrictions on transfer are not required in order to maintain compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act and there is delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee and a letter of representation of the Issuer reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee to that effect, each Global Note and each Certificated Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution therefor) shall bear the legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH BELOW. BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER (1) REPRESENTS THAT (A) IT IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) OR (B) IT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THIS SECURITY IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (2) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF THIS SECURITY) RESELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS SECURITY EXCEPT (A) TO FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), (D) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE

SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), (E) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR (F) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (3) AGREES THAT IT WILL GIVE TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS SECURITY IS TRANSFERRED A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF THIS SECURITY) PURSUANT TO (C), (D) OR (E), THE HOLDER MUST, PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER, FURNISH TO THE TRUSTEE AND THE COMPANY SUCH CERTIFICATIONS, LEGAL OPINIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS EITHER OF THEM MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH TRANSFER IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT. AS USED HEREIN, THE TERMS "OFFSHORE TRANSACTION," "UNITED STATES" AND "U.S. PERSON" HAVE THE MEANING GIVEN TO THEM BY REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT."

(2) Global Note Legend. Each Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL NOTE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF A DEPOSITARY OR A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. THIS NOTE IS NOT EXCHANGEABLE FOR NOTES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITARY OR ITS NOMINEE EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY) MAY BE REGISTERED EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), TO FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF CEDE & CO. OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2.16 OF THE INDENTURE."

(3) <u>Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend</u>. The Regulation S Temporary Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

# "THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN)."

- (f) At such time as all beneficial interests in Global Notes have been exchanged for Certificated Notes, redeemed, repurchased or cancelled, all Global Notes shall be returned to or retained and cancelled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.11 hereof. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for Certificated Notes, redeemed, repurchased or cancelled, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note, by the Trustee or the Note Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, to reflect such reduction.
  - (g) General provisions relating to transfers and exchanges:
  - (i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate Global Notes and Certificated Notes at the Registrar's request.
  - (ii) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer, exchange, or redemption, but the Issuer may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp or transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such stamp or transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.2, 2.10, 3.6, 4.10, 4.14 and 9.4 hereto).
  - (iii) All Global Notes and Certificated Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Certificated Notes shall, upon execution by the Issuer and authentication by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, be the valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Certificated Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.
  - (iv) The Registrar shall not be required (A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange Notes during a period beginning at the opening of fifteen (15) days before the day of any selection of Notes for redemption under Section 3.2 hereof and ending at the close of business on the day of selection, (B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part, or (C) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Note between a record date and the next succeeding interest payment date.
  - (v) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Issuer may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and neither the Trustee, any Agent nor the Issuer shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
  - (vi) The Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Certificated Notes in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2 hereof. Except as provided in Section 2.6(b), neither the Trustee nor the Registrar shall authenticate or deliver any Certificated Note in exchange for a Global Note.
  - (vii) Each Holder agrees to provide indemnity to the Issuer and the Trustee satisfactory to the Issuer and the Trustee against any liability that may result from the transfer, exchange or assignment of such Holder's Note in violation of any provision of this Indenture and/or applicable United States federal or state securities law.
  - (viii) The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Note (including any transfers between or among Agent Members or

Beneficial Owners of interests in any Global Note) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by the terms of, this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

(ix) Neither the Trustee nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any actions taken or not taken by the Depository.

#### SECTION 2.7 Replacement Notes.

If any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee, or the Issuer and the Trustee receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, the Issuer shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate a replacement Note if the requirements set forth in Section 2.2 are met. If required by the Trustee or the Issuer, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Issuer to protect the Issuer, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Issuer and the Trustee may charge a Holder for their expenses in replacing a Note.

Every replacement Note is an additional obligation of the Issuer and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

## SECTION 2.8 Outstanding Notes.

The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those cancelled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this Section 2.8 as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 2.9 hereof, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer holds the Note.

If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.7 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.1 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Issuer, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds, on a redemption date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Notes payable on that date, then on and after that date such Notes shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding and shall cease to accrue interest.

## SECTION 2.9 Treasury Notes.

In determining whether the Holders of the required aggregate principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by the Issuer or by any Affiliate of the Issuer shall be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Notes that are to be acquired by the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer pursuant to an exchange offer, tender offer or other agreement shall not be deemed to be owned by such entity until legal title to such Notes passes to such entity.

# SECTION 2.10 Temporary Notes.

Until Certificated Notes are ready for delivery, the Issuer may prepare and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of Certificated Notes but may have variations that the Issuer considers appropriate for temporary Notes. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuer shall prepare and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Issuer Order, authenticate Certificated Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

Holders of temporary Notes shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

## SECTION 2.11 Cancellation.

The Issuer at any time may deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder or which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Trustee upon receipt of an Issuer Order. All Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, shall be delivered to the Trustee. The Trustee and no one else shall cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation. Subject to Section 2.7 hereof, the Issuer may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that they have redeemed or paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation. All cancelled Notes held by the Trustee shall be disposed of in accordance with its customary practice, and, at the written request of the Issuer, certification of their disposal delivered to the Issuer, unless by Issuer Order, the Issuer shall direct that cancelled Notes be returned to it.

## SECTION 2.12 Defaulted Interest.

If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, it shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, which date shall be at the earliest practicable date but in all events at least five (5) Business Days prior to the payment date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.1 hereof. The Issuer shall fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date and shall promptly thereafter notify the Trustee in writing of any such date. At least fifteen (15) days before the special record date, the Issuer (or the Trustee, in the name and at the expense of the Issuer) shall mail or cause to be mailed to Holders a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

## SECTION 2.13 Record Date.

The record date for purposes of determining the identity of Holders entitled to vote or consent to any action by vote or consent authorized or permitted under this Indenture shall be the later of 30 days prior to the first solicitation of such consent or the date of the most recent list of Holders furnished to the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.5.

## SECTION 2.14 Computation of Interest.

Interest on the Notes shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

## SECTION 2.15 CUSIP Number.

The Issuer in issuing the Notes may use a "CUSIP" and/or ISIN or other similar number, and if it does so, the Issuer may use the CUSIP and/or ISIN or other similar number in notices of redemption or exchange as a convenience to Holders; *provided* that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP and/or ISIN or other similar number printed in the notice or on the Notes and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes. The Issuer shall promptly notify the Trustee of any change in the CUSIP and/or ISIN or other similar number.

# SECTION 2.16 Special Transfer Provisions.

Unless and until (i) a Transfer Restricted Note is exchanged for an Exchange Note or sold in connection with an effective shelf registration statement under the Securities Act pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement or (ii) the Restricted Notes Legend is no longer required pursuant to Section 2.16(d), the following provisions shall apply:

(a) <u>Transfers to QIBs</u>. The following provisions shall apply with respect to the registration of any proposed transfer of a Transfer Restricted Note (other than pursuant to Regulation S):

- (i) The Registrar shall register the transfer of a Transfer Restricted Note by a Holder to a QIB if such transfer is being made by a proposed transferor who has provided the Registrar with (a) an appropriately completed certificate of transfer in the form attached to the Note and (b) a letter substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit C hereto.
- (ii) If the proposed transferee is an Agent Member and the Transfer Restricted Note to be transferred consists of an interest in the Regulation S Global Note, upon receipt by the Registrar of (x) the items required by paragraph (i) above and (y) instructions given in accordance with the Depositary's and the Registrar's procedures therefor, the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an increase in the principal amount of the QIB Global Note in an amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note to be so transferred, and the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an appropriate decrease in the principal amount of such Regulation S Global Note.
- (b) <u>Transfers Pursuant to Regulation S</u>. The following provisions shall apply with respect to registration of any proposed transfer of a Transfer Restricted Note pursuant to Regulation S:
  - (i) The Registrar shall register any proposed transfer of a Transfer Restricted Note pursuant to Regulation S by a Holder upon receipt of (a) an appropriately completed certificate of transfer in the form attached to the Note and (b) a letter substantially in the form set forth in <u>Exhibit D</u> hereto from the proposed transferor.
  - (ii) If the proposed transferee is an Agent Member holding a beneficial interest in a QIB Global Note and the Transfer Restricted Note to be transferred consists of an interest in a QIB Global Note, upon receipt by the Registrar of (x) the letter, if any, required by paragraph (i) above and (y) instructions in accordance with the Depositary's and the Registrar's procedures therefor, the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an increase in the principal amount of the Regulation S Global Note in an amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interest in the QIB Global Note to be transferred, and the Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an appropriate decrease in the principal amount of the QIB Global Note.
- (c) Exchange Offer. Upon the occurrence of the Exchange Offer in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement, the Issuer shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.2, the Trustee shall authenticate, one or more Global Notes not bearing the Restricted Notes Legend in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interests in the Transfer Restricted Global Notes tendered for acceptance in accordance with the Exchange Offer and accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer. Concurrently with the issuance of such Global Notes, the Registrar shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Transfer Restricted Global Notes to be reduced accordingly, and the Registrar shall deliver to the Persons designated by the Holders of Transfer Restricted Global Notes so accepted Global Notes not bearing the Restricted Notes Legend in the appropriate principal amount.
- (d) <u>Restricted Notes Legend</u>. Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Unrestricted Notes, the Registrar shall deliver Unrestricted Notes that do not bear the Restricted Notes Legend. Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Transfer Restricted Notes, the Registrar shall deliver only Transfer Restricted Notes that bear the Restricted Notes Legend unless the Restricted Notes Legend is no longer required by this Section 2.16(d), or the Issuer determines and there is delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee and a letter of representation of the Issuer reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee to the effect that neither such legend nor the related restrictions on transfer are required or appropriate in order to ensure that subsequent transfers of the Notes are effected in compliance with the Securities Act.
- (e) <u>General</u>. By its acceptance of any Note bearing the Restricted Notes Legend, each Holder of such a Note acknowledges receipt of a Transfer Restricted Note with restrictions on transfer of such

Note set forth in this Indenture and in the Restricted Notes Legend and agrees that it shall transfer such Note only as provided in this Indenture.

The Registrar shall retain copies of all letters, notices and other written communications received pursuant to this Section 2.16.

## SECTION 2.17 Issuance of Additional Notes.

The Issuer shall be entitled to issue Additional Notes under this Indenture that shall have identical terms as the Initial Notes, other than with respect to the date of issuance, issue price, amount of interest payable on the first interest payment date applicable thereto and any customary escrow provisions, transfer restrictions and any registration rights agreement and additional interest with respect thereto; *provided* that such issuance is not otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Indenture, including Section 4.9. The Initial Notes and any Additional Notes and Exchange Notes shall be, without limitation, treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture.

With respect to any Additional Notes, the Issuer shall set forth in a resolution of its Board of Directors and in an Officers' Certificate, a copy of each of which shall be delivered to the Trustee, along with an Opinion of Counsel which will address conditions precedent, due authorization, execution and enforceability, the following information:

- (1) the aggregate principal amount of such Additional Notes to be authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture;
- (2) the issue price, the Issue Date, the CUSIP number of such Additional Notes, the first interest payment date and the amount of interest payable on such first interest payment date applicable thereto and the date from which interest shall accrue;
  - (3) whether such Additional Notes shall be Transfer Restricted Notes; and
  - (4) an Authentication Order.

## ARTICLE III

## REDEMPTION AND PREPAYMENT

## SECTION 3.1 Notices to Trustee.

If the Issuer elects to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of Section 3.7 hereof, it shall furnish to the Trustee, at least forty-five (45) days (or such shorter period as is acceptable to the Trustee) before a date fixed for redemption (the "redemption date"), an Officers' Certificate setting forth (i) the Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur, (ii) the redemption date, (iii) the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed and (iv) the Redemption Price.

# SECTION 3.2 Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed.

If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed at any time, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be redeemed among the Holders in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Notes are listed or, if the Notes are not so listed, on a *pro rata* basis, by lot or by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate (and in a manner that complies with applicable legal requirements and, as applicable the procedures of the DTC); *provided* that no Notes of \$2,000 or less shall be redeemed in part. If any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to such Note shall state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. A new Note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original Note will be issued in the name of the Holder thereof upon cancellation of the original Note. On and after the redemption date, interest shall cease to accrue on Notes or portions of them called for redemption. The Trustee shall make the selection from the Notes outstanding and not previously called for redemption and shall promptly

notify the Issuer in writing of the Notes selected for redemption. The Trustee may select for redemption portions (equal to \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal of the Notes that have denominations larger than \$2,000.

## SECTION 3.3 Notice of Redemption.

Subject to the provisions of Section 3.9, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Issuer shall mail or cause to be mailed by first class mail (and, to the extent permitted by applicable procedures or regulations, electronically), a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address.

The notice shall identify the Notes (including the CUSIP numbers, if any) to be redeemed and shall state:

- (1) the redemption date;
- (2) the Redemption Price;
- (3) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Notes to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date, upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion shall be issued upon cancellation of the original Note;
  - (4) the name, telephone number and address of the Paying Agent;
  - (5) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the Redemption Price;
- (6) that, unless the Issuer defaults in making such redemption payment, interest, if any, on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;
  - (7) the paragraph of the Notes and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed; and
  - (8) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Notes.

At the Issuer's written request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Issuer's name and at the Issuer's expense; *provided*, *however*, that the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee at least 45 days prior to the redemption date (or such shorter period as is acceptable to the Trustee), an Officers' Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in the notices as provided in the preceding paragraph. The notice mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given whether or not a Holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice by mail or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Note shall not affect the validity of the proceeding for the redemption of any other Note.

## SECTION 3.4 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed in accordance with Section 3.3 hereof, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the redemption date at the Redemption Price plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to such date. A notice of redemption may not be conditional.

## SECTION 3.5 Deposit of Redemption of Purchase Price.

Prior to 10:00 a.m New York City time, on each redemption date or the date on which Notes must be accepted for purchase pursuant to Section 4.10 or 4.14, the Issuer shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent (or, if the Issuer or a Subsidiary is the Paying Agent, shall segregate and hold in trust) money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all Notes to be redeemed or purchased on that

date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Issuer any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Issuer in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the Redemption Price of (including any Applicable Premium), and accrued interest, if any, on, all Notes to be redeemed or purchased.

## SECTION 3.6 Notes Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Issuer shall issue and, upon receipt of an Issuer Order, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Issuer a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Note surrendered.

## SECTION 3.7 Optional Redemption.

- (a) The Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at any time prior to February 15, 2014, at the option of the Issuer, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice mailed by first class mail to each Holder's registered address, at a Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but not including, the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of Holders on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).
- (b) The Notes are subject to redemption, at the option of the Issuer, in whole or in part, at any time on or after February 15, 2014, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice at the Redemption Prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount to be redeemed) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the redemption date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant regular record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date), if redeemed during the 12-month period beginning on February 15 of the years indicated:

	Redemption
Year	Price
<u>Year</u> 2014	104.438%
2015	102.219%
2016 and thereafter	100.000%

(c) Prior to February 15, 2014, the Issuer may, with the net proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes (including Additional Notes) at a Redemption Price equal to 108.875% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to but not including the date of redemption; *provided* that at least 65% of the principal amount of Notes then outstanding (including Additional Notes) remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Issuer or its Subsidiaries) and that any such redemption occurs within 90 days following the closing of any such Equity Offering.

## SECTION 3.8 Mandatory Redemption.

The Issuer shall not be required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

## SECTION 3.9 Offer to Purchase.

In the event that the Issuer shall be required to commence an Offer to Purchase pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer or as a result of a Change of Control, the Issuer shall follow the procedures specified below.

Unless otherwise required by applicable law, an Offer to Purchase shall specify an Expiration Date of the Offer to Purchase, which shall be, subject to any contrary requirements of applicable law, not less than 30 days or more than 60 days after the date of mailing of such Offer, and a Purchase Date for purchase of Notes within five Business Days after the Expiration Date. On the Purchase Date, the Issuer shall purchase the aggregate principal amount of Notes required to be purchased pursuant to Section 4.10 or Section 4.14 hereof (the "Offer Amount"), or

if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered in response to the Offer to Purchase. If the Purchase Date is on or after the interest record date and on or before the related interest payment date, any accrued and unpaid interest, if any, shall be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such record date, and no additional interest, if any, shall be payable to the Holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Offer to Purchase. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee at least 15 days (or such shorter period as is acceptable to the Trustee) prior to the mailing of the Offer of the Issuer's obligation to make an Offer to Purchase, and the Offer shall be mailed by the Issuer or, at the Issuer's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. The Offer shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Offer to Purchase.

On the Business Day preceding each Purchase Date, the Issuer shall irrevocably deposit with the Trustee or Paying Agent (or, if the Issuer or a Subsidiary is the Paying Agent, shall segregate and hold in trust) in immediately available funds the aggregate purchase price equal to the Offer Amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to be held for payment in accordance with the terms of this Section 3.9. On the Purchase Date, the Issuer shall, to the extent lawful, (i) accept for payment, on a *pro rata* basis to the extent necessary in the case of an Asset Sale Offer, the Offer Amount of Notes or portions thereof tendered pursuant to the Offer to Purchase, or if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered, (ii) deliver or cause the Paying Agent or Depositary, as the case may be, to deliver to the Trustee Notes so accepted and (iii) deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Notes or portions thereof were accepted for payment by the Issuer in accordance with the terms of this Section 3.9. The Issuer shall promptly (but in any case not later than three (3) Business Days after the Purchase Date) mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Issuer for purchase, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, and the Issuer shall promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate and mail or deliver at the expense of the Issuer such new Note to such Holder, equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of such Holder's Notes surrendered. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Issuer to the Holder thereof. The Issuer shall publicly announce in a newspaper of general circulation or in a press release provided to a nationally recognized financial wire service the results of the Offer to Purchase on the Purchase Date.

## ARTICLE IV

#### **COVENANTS**

## SECTION 4.1 Payment of Notes.

- (a) The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Notes. Principal, premium, if any, and interest shall be considered paid for all purposes hereunder on the date the Paying Agent, if other than the Issuer or a Subsidiary, holds, as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time), money deposited by the Issuer in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all such principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.
- (b) The Issuer shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal at the rate equal to the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

## SECTION 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Issuer shall maintain an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an Affiliate of the Trustee or Registrar) where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Issuer shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. The Issuer hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as one such office or agency of the Issuer in accordance with Section 2.3 hereof. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may

be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee and the Issuer hereby appoints the Trustee its agent to receive all such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

The Issuer may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations. The Issuer shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

## SECTION 4.3 Provision of Financial Information.

Whether or not required by the Commission, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Issuer will furnish without cost to the Trustee and the Holders of Notes, or file electronically with the Commission through the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (or any successor system), within 15 days after the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations:

- (1) all quarterly and annual reports, including financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the Commission on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Issuer were required to file such Forms, including a "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" (such reports, until consummation of the Spin-Off, to include a calculation of Consolidated EBITDA and related ratios substantially consistent with that set forth in the Offering Memorandum) and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by the Issuer's certified independent accountants; and
- (2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the Commission on Form 8-K if the Issuer were required to file such reports; *provided* that prior to registration of the Notes or exchange notes with the Commission pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement such current reports shall be deemed provided if Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. files a current report on Form 8-K with the Commission for public availability within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations covering the applicable events.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the Issuer may satisfy its obligations to deliver the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above by filing the same with the Commission for public availability within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations (unless the Commission will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to prospective investors (b) unless required by the rules and regulations of the Commission, no certifications or attestations concerning disclosure controls and procedures or internal controls, and no certifications, that would otherwise be required pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 will be required at any time when it would not otherwise be subject to such statute and (c) nothing contained in this Indenture shall otherwise require the Issuer to comply with the terms of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 at any time when it would not otherwise be subject to such statute. In addition, the Issuer and the Guarantors have agreed that, for so long as any Notes remain outstanding, they will furnish to the Holders and to prospective investors, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

If the Issuer has designated any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, then, to the extent such Unrestricted Subsidiaries constitute in the aggregate in excess of either 5.0% of the Issuer's Consolidated Net Tangible Assets or 5.0% of the Issuer's consolidated revenues, the quarterly and annual financial information required by the preceding paragraph shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes thereto, and in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of the financial condition and results of operations of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Issuer.

## SECTION 4.4 Compliance Certificate.

The Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year commencing January 1, 2012, an Officers' Certificate stating that in the course of the performance by the signers of their duties as Officers of the Issuer they would normally have knowledge of any Default or stating that a review of the activities of

the Issuer and its Subsidiaries during such period has been made under their supervision with a view to determining whether the Issuer has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that, to his or her knowledge, no Default or Event of Default has occurred during such period (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto).

The Issuer shall, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon becoming aware and in any event within 15 days of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

#### SECTION 4.5 Taxes.

The Issuer shall pay, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency all material taxes, assessments and governmental levies, except such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which appropriate reserves have been taken in accordance with GAAP or where the failure to effect such payment is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

# SECTION 4.6 Stay, Extension and Usury Laws.

The Issuer covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it shall not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer and each of the Guarantors (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it shall not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

## SECTION 4.7 Limitation on Restricted Payments.

The Issuer will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, make any Restricted Payment unless, at the time of the proposed Restricted Payment:

- (a) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or will occur as a consequence thereof;
- (b) after giving effect to such Restricted Payment, the Issuer would be permitted to Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Debt (other than Permitted Debt) pursuant to Section 4.9(a); and
- (c) after giving effect to such Restricted Payment, the aggregate amount expended or declared for all Restricted Payments made on or after the Issue Date (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi) and (xii) of the next succeeding paragraph), shall not exceed the sum (without duplication) of
  - (1) 50% of the Consolidated Net Income (or if Consolidated Net Income shall be a deficit, 100% of such deficit) of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for the period (taken as one accounting period) from July 4, 2011 to the end of the Issuer's most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available at the time of such Restricted Payment, *plus*
  - (2) 100% of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds received by the Issuer subsequent to the initial issuance of the Notes either (i) as a contribution to its common equity capital or (ii) from the issuance and sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of its Qualified Capital Interests, including Qualified Capital Interests issued upon the conversion of Debt or Redeemable Capital Interests of the Issuer, and from the exercise of options, warrants or other rights to purchase such

Qualified Capital Interests (other than, in each case, Capital Interests or Debt sold to a Subsidiary of the Issuer), plus

- (3) 100% of the amount by which Debt of the Issuer is reduced on the Issuer's consolidated balance sheet upon the conversion or exchange (other than by a Subsidiary of the Issuer) subsequent to the initial issuance of the Notes of any Debt for Qualified Capital Interests of the Issuer (less the amount of any cash, or the fair value of any other property, distributed by the Issuer upon such conversion or exchange), *plus*
- (4) 100% of the net reduction in Investments (other than Permitted Investments), subsequent to the date of the initial issuance of the Notes, in any Person, resulting from (x) payments of interest on Debt, dividends, distributions, redemption, repurchases, repayments of loans or advances or other transfers of assets (but only to the extent such interest, dividends, distributions, redemptions, repurchases, repayments or other transfers were made in (i) cash or (ii) assets (valued at Fair Market Value) other than cash (other than pay-in-kind dividends or interest)), in each case to the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary from any Person (including, without limitation, an Unrestricted Subsidiary), (y) the sale or other disposition (other than to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary) thereof made by the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries or (z) the redesignation of any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, in each case, not to exceed in the case of any Person the amount of Investments (other than Permitted Investments) previously made by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in such Person.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries may take the following actions; *provided* that, in the cases of clauses (iv) and (x) below, no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing unless, in the case of clause (iv), the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary is contractually required to make a payment as described in such clause (iv):

- (i) the payment of any dividend or other distribution or the consummation of any irrevocable redemption on Capital Interests in the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary within 60 days after declaration or setting the record date for redemption thereof, as applicable, if at such date such payment would not have been prohibited by the foregoing provisions of this covenant;
- (ii) the retirement of any Capital Interests of the Issuer by conversion into, or by or in exchange for, Qualified Capital Interests, or out of net cash proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Issuer) of other Qualified Capital Interests of the Issuer;
- (iii) the redemption, defeasance, repurchase or acquisition or retirement for value of any Debt of the Issuer or a Guarantor that is subordinate in right of payment to the Notes or the applicable Note Guarantee out of the net cash proceeds of a substantially concurrent issue and sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Issuer) of (x) new Refinancing Debt Incurred in accordance with this Indenture or (y) of Qualified Capital Interests of the Issuer;
- (iv) the purchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition for value of Capital Interests in the Issuer (or Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. so long as a substantial portion of such Person's employment is related to the Issuer and its Subsidiaries) held by employees, officers or directors or by former employees, officers or directors of the Issuer (or Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. so long as a substantial portion of the following Person's employment is related to the Issuer and its Subsidiaries) or any Restricted Subsidiary (or their estates or beneficiaries under their estates) upon death, disability, retirement or termination of employment; *provided* that the aggregate consideration paid for such purchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition of such Capital Interests does not exceed the sum of (A) \$2.5 million in any fiscal year (*provided* that if less than \$2.5 million is used for such purposes in any fiscal year, any unused amounts may be carried forward for use in one or more future periods; *provided*, *further*, that the aggregate amount of repurchases made pursuant to this clause (iv) (A) may not exceed \$5.0 million in any fiscal year); plus (B) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Issuer and its Restricted

Subsidiaries after the Issue Date (it being understood that the Issuer may elect to apply all or any portion of the aggregate increase contemplated by this clause (B) in any calendar year);

- (v) repurchase of Capital Interests in the Issuer (or Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. so long as a substantial portion of the following Person's employment is related to the Issuer and its Subsidiaries) deemed to occur upon the exercise of stock options, warrants or other convertible or exchangeable securities to the extent such Capital Interests represent a portion of the exercise price of those stock options, warrants or other convertible or exchangeable securities or repurchase of such Capital Interests to the extent the proceeds of such repurchase are used to pay taxes incurred by the holder thereof as a result of the issuance or grant thereof;
  - (vi) the prepayment of intercompany Debt, the Incurrence of which was permitted pursuant to Section 4.9;
- (vii) cash payment, in lieu of issuance of fractional shares in connection with the exercise of warrants, options or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for the Capital Interests of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (viii) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Redeemable Capital Interests of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary issued or Incurred in compliance with Section 4.9;
- (ix) upon the occurrence of a Change of Control or an Asset Sale, the defeasance, redemption, repurchase or other acquisition of any subordinated Debt pursuant to provisions substantially similar to those set forth in Section 4.10 and 4.14 in accordance with the terms of such subordinated Debt; provided that prior to or contemporaneously with such defeasance, redemption, repurchase or other acquisition, the Issuer has made an Offer to Purchase with respect to the Notes and has repurchased all Notes validly tendered for payment and not withdrawn in connection therewith;
  - (x) other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount since the Issue Date not in excess of \$20.0 million;
- (xi) the making of one or more Restricted Payments using a portion of the proceeds of the Notes on or after the Issue Date as part of the transactions as described under, and not to exceed the amount set forth in, "Use of Proceeds" in the Offering Memorandum (including the repayment, redemption or defeasance of the Carrols Notes);
  - (xii) the making of Restricted Payments pursuant to and in accordance with clause (10) of the second paragraph of Section 4.11; and
- (xiii) with respect to any taxable year (or portion thereof) for which the Issuer is a member of a consolidated, combined or similar income tax group (a "*Tax Group*") of which Carrols is a member, payments, dividends or distributions by the Issuer made to Carrols Corporation to permit Carrols Corporation or Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. to pay federal, state, local and foreign income taxes of such tax group that are attributable to the taxable income of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries; *provided* that, for each taxable period, the amount of such payments made in respect of such taxable period in the aggregate shall not exceed the amount that the Issuer and its Subsidiaries would have been required to pay as a stand-alone Tax Group; *provided*, *further* that the permitted payment pursuant to this clause (xiii) with respect to any taxes for any Unrestricted Subsidiary for any taxable period shall be limited to the amount actually paid with respect to such period by such Unrestricted Subsidiary to the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries for the purposes of paying such consolidated, combined or similar taxes.

For purposes of this Section 4.7, if any Investment or Restricted Payment would be permitted pursuant to one or more provisions described above and/or one or more of the exceptions contained in the definition of "Permitted Investments," the Issuer may classify such Investment or Restricted Payment in any manner that complies with

this Section 4.7 and may later reclassify any such Investment or Restricted Payment so long as the Investment or Restricted Payment (as so reclassified) would be permitted to be made in reliance on the applicable exception as of the date of such reclassification.

If any Person in which an Investment is made, which Investment constitutes a Restricted Payment when made, thereafter becomes a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with this Indenture, all such Investments previously made in such Person shall no longer be counted as Restricted Payments for purposes of calculating the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments pursuant to clause (c) of the first paragraph under this Section 4.7 or clause (x) of the second paragraph under this Section 4.7, in each case to the extent such Investments would otherwise be so counted.

If the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary transfers, conveys, sells, leases or otherwise disposes of an Investment in accordance with Section 4.10, which Investment was originally included in the aggregate amount expended or declared for all Restricted Payments pursuant to clause (c) of the first paragraph of this Section 4.7, the aggregate amount expended or declared for all Restricted Payments shall be reduced by the lesser of (i) the Net Cash Proceeds from the transfer, conveyance, sale, lease or other disposition of such Investment or (ii) the amount of the original Investment, in each case, to the extent originally included in the aggregate amount expended or declared for all Restricted Payments pursuant to clause (c) of the first paragraph of this Section 4.7.

For purposes of this Section 4.7, if a particular Restricted Payment involves a non-cash payment, including a distribution of assets, then such Restricted Payment shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the cash portion of such Restricted Payment, if any, plus an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of the non-cash portion of such Restricted Payment.

# SECTION 4.8 Limitation on Dividends and Other Payments Affecting Restricted Subsidiaries.

The Issuer will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, cause or suffer to exist or become effective or enter into any encumbrance or restriction (other than pursuant to this Indenture, law, rules or regulation) on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to (i) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Interests owned by any of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries or pay any Debt or other obligation owed to any of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries, (ii) make loans or advances to any of the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries thereof or (iii) transfer any of its property or assets to the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiaries.

However, the preceding restrictions will not apply to the following encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

- (a) any encumbrance or restriction in existence on the Issue Date and any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings thereof; *provided* that the amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings, in the good faith judgment of the Issuer, are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend or other payment restrictions than those contained in these agreements on the Issue Date or refinancings thereof;
- (b) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to an agreement relating to an acquisition of property, so long as the encumbrances or restrictions in any such agreement relate solely to the property so acquired (and are not or were not created in anticipation of the acquisition thereof by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary);
- (c) any encumbrance or restriction which exists with respect to a Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date, which is in existence at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, but not created in connection with or in anticipation of such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary, and which is not applicable to any Person or the property or assets of any Person other than such Person or the property or assets of such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary;

- (d) any encumbrance or restriction pursuant to an agreement effecting a permitted renewal, refunding, replacement, refinancing or extension of Debt issued pursuant to an agreement containing any encumbrance or restriction referred to in the foregoing clauses (a) through (c), so long as the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any such refinancing agreement are no less favorable in any material respect to the Holders than the encumbrances and restrictions contained in the agreements governing the Debt being renewed, refunded, replaced, refinanced or extended in the good faith judgment of the Board of Directors of the Issuer;
- (e) customary provisions restricting subletting or assignment of any lease, contract, or license of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary or provisions in agreements that restrict the assignment of such agreement or any rights thereunder;
  - (f) any restriction on the sale or other disposition of assets or property securing Debt as a result of a Permitted Lien on such assets or property;
  - (g) any encumbrance or restriction by reason of applicable law, rule, regulation or order;
  - (h) any encumbrance or restriction under this Indenture, the Notes and the Note Guarantees;
  - (i) restrictions on cash and other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (j) provisions with respect to the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements, asset sale agreements, sale-leaseback agreements, stock sale agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (k) any instrument governing Debt or Capital Interests of a Person acquired by the Issuer or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Debt or Capital Interests was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired;
- (l) Liens securing Debt otherwise permitted to be incurred under this Indenture, including pursuant to Section 4.12, that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets subject to such Liens;
- (m) provisions of the Credit Facility as in effect on the Issue Date and provisions of any other Credit Facility that, as determined by management of the Issuer in its reasonable and good faith judgment, (i) will not materially impair the Issuer's ability to make payments required under the Notes and (ii) are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, than the provisions under the Credit Facility as in effect on the Issue Date; and
- (n) provisions of any agreement evidencing Debt incurred under Section 4.9 that, as determined by management of the Issuer in its reasonable and good faith judgment, (i) will not materially impair the Issuer's ability to make payments required under the Notes and (ii) are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, than customary for financings of this type.

## SECTION 4.9 Limitation on Incurrence of Debt.

(a) The Issuer will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, Incur any Debt (including Acquired Debt); *provided* that the Issuer and any of the Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Guarantor may Incur Debt (including Acquired Debt) if, immediately after giving effect to the Incurrence of such Debt and the receipt and application of the proceeds therefrom, (a) the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries would be greater than 2.0:1.0 and (b) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time or as a consequence of the Incurrence of such Debt.

- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries may Incur "Permitted Debt" as follows:
- (i) Debt incurred pursuant to, and the issuance or creation of letters of credit and bankers' acceptances under or in connection with (with letters of credit and bankers' acceptances being deemed to have a principal amount equal to the maximum potential liability of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries thereunder), any Credit Facility in an aggregate principal amount outstanding under this clause (i) at any time not to exceed the greater of (x) \$35.0 million and (y) 50% of Consolidated EBITDA of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries for the Four-Quarter Period most recently ended prior to the date of such Incurrence; *provided* that with respect to any revolving credit commitments under any Credit Facility, any Debt thereunder will be deemed to be Incurred on the date the Issuer obtains such revolving credit commitments for the purposes of this clause (i) regardless of when any borrowings, repayments or reborrowings under such commitments are made;
- (ii) Debt outstanding under the Notes (excluding any Additional Notes) and Guarantees of the Notes and contribution, indemnification and reimbursement obligations owed by the Issuer or any Guarantor to any of the other of them in respect of amounts paid or payable on such Notes;
- (iii) Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary outstanding at the time of the Issue Date (other than clauses (i) or (ii) above or (xiii) or (xv) below);
- (iv) Debt Incurred following the Issue Date that is owed to and held by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that if such Debt is owed by the Issuer or a Guarantor to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, such Debt shall be subordinated to the prior payment in full of the Obligations;
- (v) Guarantees Incurred by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary of Debt or other obligations of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that (a) such Debt is Permitted Debt or is otherwise Incurred in accordance with this Section 4.9 and (b) such Guarantees are subordinated to the Notes to the same extent as the Debt being guaranteed;
- (vi) Debt Incurred in respect of workers' compensation claims, self-insurance obligations, indemnity, bid, performance, warranty, release, appeal, surety and similar bonds, letters of credit for operating purposes and completion guarantees provided or Incurred (including Guarantees thereof) by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;
- (vii) Debt under Hedging Obligations entered into to manage fluctuations in interest rates, commodity prices and currency exchange rates (and not for speculative purposes);
- (viii) Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to Capital Lease Obligations and Purchase Money Debt; *provided* that the aggregate principal amount of such Debt outstanding at any time under this clause (viii) may not exceed \$20.0 million in the aggregate;
- (ix) the issuance by any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to the Issuer or to any of the Restricted Subsidiaries of shares of preferred stock; *provided*, *however*, that:
  - (a) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Capital Interests that results in any such preferred stock being held by a Person other than the Issuer or Restricted Subsidiaries; and
    - (b) any sale or other transfer of any such preferred stock to a Person that is not either the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an issuance of such preferred stock by such Restricted Subsidiary that was not permitted by this clause (ix);

- (x) Debt arising from (x) customary cash management services and automated clearing house transactions, (y) any Bank Product or (z) the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business; *provided*, *however*, that any such Debt Incurred pursuant to clause (z) is extinguished within five business days of the Incurrence;
- (xi) Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary not otherwise permitted pursuant to this definition, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20.0 million at any time outstanding;
- (xii) Refinancing Debt in respect of any Debt permitted by clauses (ii) and (iii) above, this clause (xii) or Debt Incurred in accordance with clause (a) of this Section 4.9;
  - (xiii) Lease Financing Obligations;
- (xiv) Debt of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary consisting of take-or-pay obligations contained in supply arrangements in the ordinary course of business:
- (xv) Debt consisting of Guarantees of the existing Carrols Corporation 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (the "Carrols Notes"); provided that such Carrols Notes shall be redeemed and discharged within 60 days of the Issue Date; and
- (xvi) Debt consisting of Debt issued by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to current or former officers, directors, employees and consultants thereof, their respective estates, spouses or former spouses, in each case to finance the purchase or redemption of Equity Interests of the Issuer or any direct or indirect parent company of the Issuer to the extent pursuant to clause (iv) of the second paragraph of Section 4.7.
- (c) For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.9, (x) the outstanding principal amount of any Debt shall be counted only once such that (without limitation) any obligation arising under any Guarantees or obligations with respect to letters of credit supporting Debt otherwise included in the determination of such particular amount shall not be included and (y) except as provided above, in the event that an item of Debt meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Debt described above, including categories of Permitted Debt and paragraph (a) of this Section 4.9, the Issuer, in its sole discretion, shall classify, and from time to time may reclassify, all or any portion of such item of Debt.
- (d) The accrual of interest, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount and the payment of interest on Debt in the forms of additional Debt or payment of dividends on Capital Interests in the forms of additional shares of Capital Interests with the same terms and changes in the amount outstanding due solely to the result of fluctuations in the exchange rates of currencies will not be deemed to be an Incurrence of Debt or issuance of Capital Interests for purposes of this Section 4.9.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the maximum amount of Debt that may be outstanding pursuant to this Section 4.9 will not be deemed exceeded due to the results of fluctuations in exchange rates or currency values. For purposes of determining compliance with any U.S. dollar-denominated restriction on the Incurrence of Debt, the U.S. dollar equivalent principal amount of Debt denominated in a foreign currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Debt was Incurred.
- (f) None of the Issuer and Guarantors will Incur any Debt that pursuant to its terms is subordinate or junior in right of payment to any Debt unless such Debt is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes and the Note Guarantees to the same extent; *provided* that Debt will not be considered subordinate or junior in right of payment to any other Debt solely by virtue of being unsecured or secured to a greater or lesser extent or with greater or lower priority.

## SECTION 4.10 Limitation on Asset Sales

- (a) The Issuer will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly consummate an Asset Sale, unless:
- (1) other than in the case of an Event of Loss, the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Issuer) of the assets sold or otherwise disposed of;
- (2) other than in the case of an Event of Loss, at least 75% of the consideration therefor received by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, is in the form of cash, Eligible Cash Equivalents or Additional Assets;
- (3) to the extent that any consideration received by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary in such Asset Sale constitute securities or other assets that constitute Collateral, such securities or other assets, including the assets of any Person that becomes a Guarantor as a result of such transaction, are promptly following their acquisition added to the Collateral securing the Notes; and
- (4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of, or would occur after giving effect, on a pro forma basis, to, such Asset Sale.

Within 365 days after the Issuer's or a Restricted Subsidiary's receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Asset Sale covered by this clause (a), the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, at its option, may apply the Net Cash Proceeds from such Asset Sale:

- (i) to prepay, repay or otherwise purchase First Lien Obligations; *provided*, *however*, that in connection with any prepayment, repayment or purchase of Debt pursuant to this clause (i), the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary shall permanently retire such Debt and shall cause the related loan commitment (if any) to be permanently reduced in an amount equal to the principal amount so prepaid, repaid or purchased;
- (ii) to make one or more offers to the holders of the Notes (and, at the option of the Issuer, the holders of Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations) to purchase Notes (and such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations) pursuant to and subject to the conditions contained in this Indenture (each, an "Asset Sale Offer"); provided, however, that in connection with any prepayment, repayment or purchase of Debt pursuant to this clause (ii), the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary shall permanently retire such Debt and shall cause the related loan commitment (if any) to be permanently reduced in an amount equal to the principal amount so prepaid, repaid or purchased; provided further that if the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary shall so reduce any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations, the Issuer will equally and ratably reduce Debt under the Notes by making an offer to all Holders of Notes to purchase at a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, the pro rata principal amount of the Notes, such offer to be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth below for an Asset Sale Offer but without any further limitation in amount; or
- (iii) to an investment in (a) any one or more businesses; *provided* that such investment in any business is in the form of the acquisition of Capital Interests and results in the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, owning an amount of the Capital Interests of such business such that it constitutes a Restricted Subsidiary, (b) properties, (c) capital expenditures or (d) other assets that, in each of (a), (b), (c) and (d), replace the businesses, properties and assets that are the subject of such Asset Sale or are used or useful in a Permitted Business (clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) together, the "Additional Assets"); provided that to the extent that the assets that were subject to the Asset Sale constituted Collateral, such Additional Assets shall also constitute Collateral; provided, further, that the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, promptly takes such action (if any) as may be required to cause that portion of such investment constituting Collateral to be added to the Collateral securing the Notes.

Any Net Cash Proceeds from the Asset Sales covered by this clause (a) that are not invested or applied as provided and within the time period set forth in the preceding paragraph will be deemed to constitute "Excess Proceeds." Within 15 business days after the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$15.0 million, the Issuer shall make an Asset Sale Offer to all holders of the Notes, and, if required by the terms of any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations, to the holders of such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations, to purchase the maximum principal amount of Notes and such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations that is \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds at an offer price in cash in an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date fixed for the closing of such offer, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Indenture. To the extent that the aggregate amount of Notes and such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations tendered pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer is less than the Excess Proceeds, the Issuer may use any remaining Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes or the Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations surrendered by such holders thereof exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Issuer shall select the Notes and such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations to be purchased on a pro rata basis based on the accreted value or principal amount of the Notes or such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations tendered. Upon completion of any such Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds shall be reset at zero. After the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary has applied the Net Cash Proceeds, if any, from such Asset Sale of Collateral shall be released by the Collateral Agent to the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary for use by the Issuer or such Restricted Sub

- (b) For purposes of this Section 4.10, the following are deemed to be cash or Eligible Cash Equivalents:
- (1) any liabilities (as shown on the Issuer's, or such Restricted Subsidiary's, most recent balance sheet or in the notes thereto) of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets and for which the Issuer and all Restricted Subsidiaries have been validly released by all creditors in writing; and
- (2) any securities received by the Issuer, a Guarantor or such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash (to the extent of the cash received) within 180 days following the closing of such Asset Sale.

The Issuer will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other applicable securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of Notes pursuant to an Offer to Purchase. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Asset Sale provisions of this Indenture, the Issuer will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Asset Sale provisions of this Indenture by virtue of such compliance.

## SECTION 4.11 Limitation on Transactions with Affiliates.

The Issuer will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction or series of related transactions, contract, agreement, loan, advance or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate of the Issuer (each of the foregoing, an "Affiliate Transaction"), unless:

- (i) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are not materially less favorable to the Issuer, taken as a whole, or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that could reasonably have been obtained in a comparable arm's-length transaction by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unaffiliated party; and
- (ii) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$5.0 million, the Issuer delivers to the Trustee a resolution adopted

in good faith by the majority of the Board of Directors of the Issuer approving such Affiliate Transaction and set forth in an Officers' Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with clause (i) above; and

(iii) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$15.0 million, the Issuer must obtain and deliver to the Trustee a written opinion of a nationally recognized investment banking, accounting or appraisal firm (an "Independent Financial Advisor") stating that the transaction is fair to the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, from a financial point of view.

The foregoing limitation does not limit, and shall not apply to:

- (1) Restricted Payments that are permitted by the provisions of this Indenture pursuant to Section 4.7 or Permitted Investments;
- (2) the payment of reasonable and customary fees and indemnities to members of the Board of Directors of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (3) the payment (and any agreement, plan or arrangement relating thereto) of reasonable and customary compensation and other benefits (including retirement, health, option, deferred compensation and other benefit plans) and indemnities to officers and employees of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary;
  - (4) transactions between or among the Issuer and/or the Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (5) the issuance of Capital Interests (other than Redeemable Capital Interests) of the Issuer otherwise permitted hereunder and the granting of registration and other customary rights in connection therewith;
- (6) any agreement or arrangement as in effect on the Issue Date and any amendment, extension or modification thereto so long as such amendment, extension or modification is not more disadvantageous to the Holders of the Notes in any material respect;
- (7) any agreement between any Person and an Affiliate of such Person existing at the time such Person is acquired by or merged into the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that such agreement was not entered into in contemplation of such acquisition or merger, or any amendment thereto (so long as any such amendment is not disadvantageous to the Holders in the good faith judgment of the board of directors of the Issuer when taken as a whole as compared to the applicable agreement as in effect on the date of such acquisition or merger);
- (8) transactions in which the Issuer delivers to the Trustee a written opinion from an Independent Financial Advisor to the effect that the transaction is fair, from a financial point of view, to the Issuer and any relevant Restricted Subsidiaries;
  - (9) any contribution of capital to the Issuer;
- (10) payments to Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. or its affiliates pursuant to the Management Services Agreement of (i) management, consulting, monitoring, administration and advisory fees not to exceed \$12.0 million per annum; provided that such amount shall increase by \$1.0 million per annum on the first anniversary of the Issue Date and each subsequent anniversary of the Issue Date thereafter, and (ii) reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses payable pursuant to the Management Services Agreement; *provided* that payments under this clause (10) shall not be permitted for services rendered after consummation of the Spin-Off;

- (11) any provision of services to Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. or its affiliates pursuant to the Transition Services Agreement in exchange for (i) the payment of management, consulting, monitoring, administration and advisory fees and (ii) the reimbursement of reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses payable pursuant to the Transition Services Agreement;
- (12) the separation and distribution agreement, tax matters agreement and employee matters agreement, and any ancillary agreements contemplated therewith, consistent in all material respects with the description thereof in this offering memorandum, together with any changes, additions, modifications or amendments thereto as are not, taken as a whole, materially more disadvantageous to the Issuer or Holders;
- (13) the existence of, or the performance by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of its obligations under the terms of, any stockholders agreement (including any registration rights agreement) to which it is a party as of the Issue Date and any similar agreements which it may enter into thereafter; *provided*, *however*, that the existence of, or the performance by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of obligations under, any future amendment to any such existing agreement or any similar agreement entered into after the Issue Date shall only be permitted by this clause (13) to the extent that the terms of any such amendment or new agreement are not otherwise disadvantageous in any material respect to the Holders when taken as a whole as compared to the original agreement in effect on the Issue Date; and
  - (14) the payment of all fees and expenses related to the Transactions.

# SECTION 4.12 Limitation on Liens.

- (a) The Issuer will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to enter into, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Liens of any kind, on or with respect to the Collateral except Permitted Collateral Liens.
- (b) Subject to paragraph (a) of this Section 4.12, the Issuer will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, to enter into, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Liens of any kind, other than Permitted Liens, on or with respect to any of its property or assets now owned or hereafter acquired or any interest therein or any income or profits therefrom other than the Collateral without securing the Notes and all other amounts due under this Indenture and the Security Documents (for so long as such Lien exists) equally and ratably with (or prior to) the obligation or liability secured by such Lien.

## SECTION 4.13 Maintenance of Property and Insurance.

Subject to and in compliance with the provisions of Article X and the provisions of the applicable Security Documents, all property (including equipment) material to, and used or useful in the conduct of the business of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as whole, shall be maintained and kept in good operating condition and working order (ordinary wear and tear and casualty loss excepted), and the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall make any repairs, replacements and improvements thereto as they determine to be reasonable and prudent; *provided* that the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be obligated to comply with the foregoing provisions of this Section 4.13 to the extent that the Issuer's management determines that the maintenance and repair of such property is no longer in the best interests of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

The Issuer will provide or cause to be provided, for itself and its Restricted Subsidiaries, insurance (including appropriate self-insurance) on its and its Subsidiaries business and the Collateral, with recognized, financially sound insurers or with the government of the United States of America, or an agency or instrumentality thereof, in such amounts, with such deductibles and by such methods as are determined by the Issuer in good faith to be reasonable and prudent.

## SECTION 4.14 Offer to Purchase upon Change of Control.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each Holder of Notes will have the right to require the Issuer to repurchase all or any part of the outstanding Notes at a Purchase Price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount tendered, together with accrued interest, if any, to but not including the Purchase Date pursuant to an Offer to Purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"). For purposes of the foregoing, an Offer to Purchase shall be deemed to have been made if (i) within 60 days following the date of the consummation of a transaction or series of transactions that constitutes a Change of Control, the Issuer commences an Offer to Purchase all outstanding Notes at the Purchase Price and (ii) all Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Offer to Purchase are purchased on the terms of such Offer to Purchase.

On the Purchase Date, the Issuer shall, to the extent lawful, (a) accept for payment all Notes or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Offer to Purchase, (b) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof so tendered and (c) otherwise comply with Section 3.9.

The Change of Control provisions described above will be applicable whether or not any other provisions of this Indenture are applicable.

The Issuer will not be required to make an Offer to Purchase upon a Change of Control if (i) a third party makes such Offer to Purchase contemporaneously with or upon a Change of Control in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth herein applicable to an Offer to Purchase made by the Issuer and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Offer to Purchase or (ii) a notice of redemption has been given pursuant to Section 3.7(a) or Section 3.7(b).

To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of this Indenture, the Issuer will comply with Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other applicable securities laws and regulations and no Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred as a result of such compliance.

In addition, an Offer to Purchase may be made in advance of a Change of Control, conditional upon such Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of making the Offer to Purchase.

## SECTION 4.15 Corporate Existence.

Except as permitted by Section 11.5 and Article V hereof, as the case may be, the Issuer shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence and the corporate, partnership, limited liability company or other existence of each of its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Issuer or any such Restricted Subsidiary; *provided* that the Issuer shall not be required to preserve the corporate, partnership or other existence of any of its Subsidiaries to the extent that the Issuer's management determines that the preservation thereof is no longer in the best interests of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

#### SECTION 4.16 Limitation on Business Activities.

The Issuer will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, engage in any business other than a Permitted Business.

## SECTION 4.17 Additional Note Guarantees.

After the Issue Date, the Issuer will cause each of the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than (x) any Foreign Subsidiary and (y) any Restricted Subsidiary that is prohibited by law from guaranteeing the Notes or that would experience adverse regulatory consequences as a result of providing a guarantee of the Notes (so long as, in the case

of this clause (y), such Restricted Subsidiary has not provided a guarantee of any other Debt of the Issuer or any of the Guarantors)) to guarantee the Notes and the Issuer's other obligations under this Indenture.

Subject to Section 4.19, such Guarantor will within thirty (30) days of becoming such Restricted Subsidiary enter into a joinder agreement to the applicable Security Documents or new Security Documents defining the terms of the security interests that secure payment and performance when due of the Notes and take all actions advisable in the opinion of the Issuer, as set forth in an Officers' Certificate accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the Issuer to cause the Liens created by the Security Documents to be duly perfected to the extent required by such documents in accordance with all applicable law, including the filing of financing statements in the jurisdictions of incorporation or formation of the Issuer and the Guarantors. The Issuer shall also deliver an Opinion of Counsel satisfactory to the Trustee. The Note Guarantees will be released as set forth in Article XI.

#### SECTION 4.18 Limitation on Creation of Unrestricted Subsidiaries

The Issuer may designate any Subsidiary of the Issuer to be an "Unrestricted Subsidiary" as provided below, in which event such Subsidiary and each other Person that is a Subsidiary of such Subsidiary will be deemed to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

The Issuer may designate any Subsidiary (including any newly formed or newly acquired Subsidiary) of the Issuer as an Unrestricted Subsidiary under this Indenture (a "Designation") only if:

- (1) no Default shall be continuing after giving effect to such Designation; and
- (2) the Issuer would be permitted to make, at the time of such Designation, (i) a Permitted Investment or (ii) an Investment pursuant to the first paragraph of Section 4.7, in either case, in an amount (the "Designation Amount") equal to the Fair Market Value of the Issuer's proportionate interest in such Subsidiary on such date.

No Subsidiary shall be Designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary:

- (1) to the extent the Debt of the Subsidiary is not Non-Recourse Debt, any guarantee or other credit support thereof by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary is permitted under Section 4.9
- (2) is a Person with respect to which neither the Issuer nor any Restricted Subsidiary has any direct or indirect obligation (a) to subscribe for additional Capital Interests or (b) to maintain or preserve the Person's financial condition or to cause the Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results, unless such obligation is a Permitted Investment or is otherwise permitted under Section 4.7.

If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary fails to meet the preceding requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of this Indenture and any Debt of the Subsidiary and any Liens on assets of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary as of the date and, if the Debt is not permitted to be incurred under Section 4.9, or the Lien is not permitted under Section 4.12, the Issuer shall be in default of the applicable covenant.

An Unrestricted Subsidiary may be designated as a Restricted Subsidiary if (i) all the Debt of such Unrestricted Subsidiary could be Incurred in accordance with under Section 4.9 and (ii) all the Liens on the property and assets of such Unrestricted Subsidiary could be incurred pursuant to Section 4.12.

All Designations must be evidenced by an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee certifying compliance with the foregoing provisions.

# SECTION 4.19 Further Assurances.

Upon the acquisition by the Issuer or any Guarantor after the Issue Date of (1) any after-acquired assets, including, but not limited to, any after-acquired Real Property or any equipment or fixtures which constitute accretions,

additions or technological upgrades to the equipment or fixtures or any working capital assets that, in any such case, form part of the Collateral, or (2) any replacement assets in compliance with Section 4.10, the Issuer or such Guarantor shall execute and deliver, (i) with regard to any Real Property that is acquired for the purpose of serving as a restaurant, mortgages and related documentation and opinions specified in this Indenture within 365 days of the date of acquisition, (ii) with regard to any other Real Property, mortgages and related documentation and opinions as specified in this Indenture within 180 days of the date of acquisition (or such later date as any applicable regulatory approvals have been obtained) and (iii) to the extent required by the Security Documents, any information, documentation, financing statements or other certificates as may be necessary to vest in the Collateral Agent a perfected security interest, subject only to Permitted Liens, in such after-acquired Property (other than Excluded Property (as defined in the Security Agreement) and Collateral that the Issuer or such Guarantor is not required under the Security Documents to take actions to perfect) and to have such after-acquired Property added to the Collateral, and thereupon all provisions of this Indenture, the Security Documents and the Intercreditor Agreement relating to the Collateral shall be deemed to relate to such after-acquired Property to the same extent and with the same force and effect.

## SECTION 4.20 Additional Interest Notice.

In the event that the Company is required to pay Additional Interest to holders of Notes pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company will provide written notice ("Additional Interest Notice") to the Trustee of its obligation to pay Additional Interest no later than five days prior to the proposed payment date for the Additional Interest, and the Additional Interest Notice shall set forth the amount of Additional Interest to be paid by the Company on such payment date. The Trustee shall not at any time be under any duty or responsibility to any holder of Notes to determine the Additional Interest, or with respect to the nature, extent, or calculation of the amount of Additional Interest owed, or with respect to the method employed in such calculation of the Additional Interest.

## ARTICLE V

#### **SUCCESSORS**

## SECTION 5.1 Consolidation, Merger, Conveyance, Transfer or Lease.

The Issuer will not, in any transaction or series of transactions, consolidate with or merge into any other Person (other than a merger of a Restricted Subsidiary into the Issuer in which the Issuer is the continuing Person), or sell, assign, convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries (determined on a consolidated basis), taken as a whole, to any other Person, unless:

- (i) either: (a) the Issuer shall be the continuing Person or (b) the Person (if other than the Issuer) formed by such consolidation or into which the Issuer is merged, or the Person that acquires, by sale, assignment, conveyance, transfer, lease or other disposition, all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Issuer (such Person, the "Surviving Entity"), (1) shall be a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or similar entity organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States, any political subdivision thereof or any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (2) shall expressly assume, by a supplemental indenture, the due and punctual payment of all amounts due in respect of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all the Notes and the performance of the covenants and obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture and (3) shall expressly assume the due and punctual performance of the covenants and obligations of the Issuer under the Security Documents; provided, however, that the Issuer may not consolidate or merge with or into any Person other than a corporation satisfying such requirement;
- (ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction or series of transactions on a *pro forma* basis (including, without limitation, any Debt Incurred in connection with or in respect of such transaction or series of transactions), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom;
- (iii) in the case of a transaction involving the Issuer, immediately after giving effect to any such transaction or series of transactions on a pro forma basis (including, without limitation, any Debt

Incurred or anticipated to be Incurred in connection with or in respect of such transaction or series of transactions) as if such transaction or series of transactions had occurred on the first day of the determination period, the Issuer (or the Surviving Entity if the Issuer is not the continuing Person), could Incur \$1.00 of additional Debt (other than Permitted Debt) under Section 4.9(a);

- (iv) the Issuer delivers, or causes to be delivered, to the Trustee, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance, assignment, transfer, lease or other disposition complies with the requirements of this Indenture;
- (v) the Surviving Entity causes such amendments, supplements or other instruments to be executed, delivered, filed and recorded, as applicable, in such jurisdictions as may be required by applicable law to preserve and protect the Lien of the Security Documents on the Collateral owned by or transferred to the Surviving Entity;
- (vi) the Collateral owned by or transferred to the Surviving Entity shall (a) continue to constitute Collateral under this Indenture and the Security Documents, (b) be subject to the Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes and (c) not be subject to any Lien other than Permitted Collateral Liens; and
- (vii) the property and assets of the Person which is merged or consolidated with or into the Surviving Entity, to the extent that they are property or assets of the types which would constitute Collateral under the Security Documents, shall be treated as after-acquired property and the Surviving Entity shall take such action as may be reasonably necessary to cause such property and assets to be made subject to the Lien of the Security Documents in the manner and to the extent required in this Indenture.

The preceding clause (iii) will not prohibit:

- (a) a merger between the Issuer and a Restricted Subsidiary; or
- (b) a merger between the Issuer and an Affiliate incorporated solely for the purpose of converting the Issuer into a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision or state thereof;

so long as, in each case, the amount of Debt of the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries is not increased thereby, except for Debt incurred in the ordinary course of business to pay fees, expenses and other costs associated with such transaction.

## SECTION 5.2 Successor Person Substituted.

Upon any transaction or series of transactions that are of the type described in, and are effected in accordance with, conditions described in Section 5.1, the Surviving Entity shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Issuer under this Indenture with the same effect as if such Surviving Entity had been named as the Issuer herein, as applicable; and when a Surviving Entity duly assumes all of the obligations and covenants of the Issuer pursuant to this Indenture and the Notes, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor Person shall be relieved of all such obligations.

## ARTICLE VI

## **DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES**

SECTION 6.1 Events of Default

Each of the following constitutes an "Event of Default":

- (1) default in the payment in respect of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Note at its maturity (whether at Stated Maturity or upon repurchase, acceleration, optional redemption or otherwise);
  - (2) default in the payment of any interest upon any Note when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
  - (3) failure by the Issuer to accept and pay for Notes tendered when and as required pursuant to an Offer to Purchase made pursuant to Section 4.14;
- (4) except as permitted by this Indenture, (i) any Note Guarantee of any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) shall for any reason cease to be in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms (except as specifically provided in this Indenture) for a period of 30 days after written notice thereof by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes or (ii) the Note Guarantee of any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) shall for any reason be asserted by any of the Guarantors or the Issuer not to be in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms;
- (5) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or agreement of the Issuer or any Guarantor in this Indenture (other than a covenant or agreement a default in whose performance or whose breach is specifically dealt with in clauses (1), (2), (3) or (4) above), and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after written notice thereof has been given to the Issuer by the Trustee or to the Issuer and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes;
- (6) a default or defaults under any bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of Debt (other than the Notes) by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary having, individually or in the aggregate, a principal or similar amount outstanding of at least \$15.0 million, whether such Debt now exists or shall hereafter be created, which default or defaults shall have resulted in the acceleration of the maturity of such Debt prior to its express maturity or shall constitute a failure to pay at least \$15.0 million of the principal amount of such Debt when due and payable after the expiration of any applicable grace period with respect thereto;
- (7) the entry against the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) of a final judgment or final judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$15.0 million and not covered by insurance (not disputed), by a court or courts of competent jurisdiction, which judgments remain undischarged, unwaived, unstayed, unbonded or unsatisfied for a period of 60 consecutive days;
- (8)(i) the Issuer, any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
  - (a) commences a voluntary case,
  - (b) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
  - (c) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property,
  - (d) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or
  - (e) admits, in writing, its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due;
  - (ii) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

- (a) is for relief against the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, in an involuntary case;
- (b) appoints a Custodian of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary or for all or substantially all of the property of the Issuer or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries; or
- (c) orders the liquidation of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days; or

(9)(x) with respect to any Collateral having a fair market value in excess of \$15.0 million, individually or in the aggregate, (a) any default or breach by the Issuer or any Guarantor in the performance of its obligations under the Security Documents or this Indenture which adversely affects the condition or value of such Collateral or the enforceability, validity, perfection or priority of the Liens in such Collateral, in each case taken as a whole in any material respect, and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after written notice thereof by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes, or (b) any security interest created under the Security Documents or under this Indenture is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or (y) the Issuer or any of the Guarantors asserts, in any pleading in any court of competent jurisdiction, that any security interest in any Collateral is invalid or unenforceable.

The term "Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Event of Default and shall not have any duty or responsibility in respect thereof unless and until a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received written notice of such Event of Default or has actual knowledge of such Event of Default. Delivery of reports, information and documents to the Trustee under Section 4.3 is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of the foregoing shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Issuer's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder or the existence of an Event of Default (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates, except as otherwise provided herein).

## SECTION 6.2 Acceleration.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (8) of Section 6.1 with respect to the Issuer) occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may declare the principal of the Notes and any accrued interest on the Notes to be due and payable immediately by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to the Trustee if given by Holders); *provided*, *however*, that after such acceleration, but before a judgment or decree based on acceleration, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul such acceleration if all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of accelerated principal of or interest on the Notes, have been cured or waived as provided in this Indenture.

In the event of a declaration of acceleration of the Notes solely because an Event of Default described in clause (6) of Section 6.1 has occurred and is continuing, the declaration of acceleration of the Notes shall be automatically rescinded and annulled if the event of default or payment default triggering such Event of Default pursuant to clause (6) of Section 6.1 shall be remedied or cured by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or waived by the holders of the relevant Debt within 20 Business Days after the declaration of acceleration with respect thereto and if the rescission and annulment of the acceleration of the Notes would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Trustee for the payment of amounts due on the Notes.

If an Event of Default specified in clause (8) of Section 6.1 occurs with respect to the Issuer, the principal of and any accrued interest on the Notes then outstanding shall ipso facto become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder. The Trustee may withhold from Holders notice of any Default (except Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest) if the Trustee determines that withholding notice is in the interests of the Holders to do so.

## SECTION 6.3 Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium, if any, interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes, this Indenture and the Security Documents.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

#### SECTION 6.4 Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes waive any past default under this Indenture and its consequences, except a default:

- (i) in any payment in respect of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Notes (including any Note which is required to have been purchased pursuant to an Offer to Purchase which has been made by the Issuer), or
- (ii) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which under this Indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Note affected.

## SECTION 6.5 Control by Majority.

Subject to the terms of the Security Documents and Section 7.2(f), the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust power conferred on it. However, (i) the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture, that the Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability, and (ii) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

## SECTION 6.6 Limitation on Suits.

A Holder may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes only if:

- (a) the Holder gives to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default or the Trustee receives such notice from the Issuer;
- (b) the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
  - (c) such Holder or Holders, provide to the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
  - (d) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the provision of such indemnity; and

(e) during such 60-day period the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

A Holder may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder.

## SECTION 6.7 Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Note (including in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

## SECTION 6.8 Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(1) or (2) hereof occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Issuer for the whole amount of principal of, premium and interest remaining unpaid on the Notes and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

## SECTION 6.9 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Issuer (or any other obligor upon the Notes), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other securities or property payable or deliverable upon the conversion or exchange of the Notes or on any such claims and any Custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7 hereof. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7 hereof out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

## SECTION 6.10 Priorities.

Subject to the terms of the Security Documents, any money collected by the Trustee (or received by the Trustee from the Collateral Agent under any Security Documents) pursuant to this Article VI and any money or other property distributable in respect of the Issuer's obligations under this Indenture after an Event of Default shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, upon presentation of the Notes and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

First: to the Trustee (including any predecessor Trustee) and Collateral Agent, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.7 hereof, including payment of all reasonable compensation,

expense and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee or Collateral Agent and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest respectively; and

Third: to the Issuer or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders pursuant to this Section 6.10.

## SECTION 6.11 Undertaking for Costs.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.7 hereof, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

## ARTICLE VII

## TRUSTEE

#### SECTION 7.1 Duties of Trustee.

- (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and the Security Documents, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his or her own affairs.
  - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  - (i) the duties of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
  - (ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the certificates and opinions specifically required to be furnished to it to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts or conclusions stated therein).
  - (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:
    - (i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraphs (b) or (e) of this Section 7.1;
  - (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

- (iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.5 hereof or otherwise in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding Notes relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee or the Collateral Agent, under this Indenture or the Security Documents.
- (d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture or any provision of any Security Document that in any way relates to the Trustee or the Collateral Agent is subject to Sections 7.1 and 7.2 hereof.
- (e) No provision of this Indenture or the Security Documents shall require the Trustee or the Collateral Agent to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee and the Collateral Agent shall be under no obligation to exercise any of their rights and powers under this Indenture or the Security Documents at the request of any Holders, unless such Holder shall have offered to the Trustee and/or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

# SECTION 7.2 Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in any such document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel of the Trustee's own choosing and the Trustee shall be fully protected from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance on the advice or opinion of such counsel or on any Opinion of Counsel.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any attorney or agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture. Any request or direction of the Issuer mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Officers' Certificate and any resolution of the Board of Directors may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution. Whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, conclusively rely upon an Officers' Certificate.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Issuer or a Guarantor shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the Issuer or such Guarantor.
- (f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security and indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

- (g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or documents, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine during normal business hours the books, records and premises of the Issuer or any Guarantor, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Issuer, and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.
- (h) The rights, privileges, protections and benefits given to the Trustee, including its rights to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and to each agent, custodian and other Persons employed to act hereunder or under any Security Document (including the Collateral Agent).
- (i) The Trustee may request that the Issuer deliver an Officers' Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.
- (j) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities and this Indenture.
- (k) The permissive right of the Trustee to take or refrain from taking any actions enumerated in this Indenture or any Security Document shall not be construed as a duty.

## SECTION 7.3 Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11 hereof.

## SECTION 7.4 Trustee's Disclaimer.

Neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall be responsible for or make any representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, or the existence, genuineness, value or protection of any Collateral (except for the safe custody of Collateral in its possession actually received by it in accordance with the terms hereof) for the legality, effectiveness or sufficiency of any Security Document, or for the creation, perfection, priority, sufficiency or protection of any Lien in the Collateral, and neither shall be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Issuer or upon the Issuer's direction under any provision of this Indenture, neither shall be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes, any statement or recital in any document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than the Trustee's certificate of authentication on the Notes.

#### SECTION 7.5 Notice of Defaults.

If a Default occurs and is continuing and if it is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to Holders a notice of the Default within 90 days after knowledge by the Trustee. Except in the case of a Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as the Trustee in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders.

## SECTION 7.6 Reports by Trustee to Holders of the Notes.

Within 60 days after each March 1 beginning with the March 1, 2012, and for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee shall mail to the Holders a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with TIA § 313(a) (but if no event described in TIA § 313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also shall comply with TIA § 313(b). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports as required by TIA § 313(c).

## SECTION 7.7 Compensation and Indemnity.

The Issuer and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, shall pay to the Trustee and the Collateral Agent from time to time such compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder as the Issuer and the Trustee shall from time to time agree in writing. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Issuer and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, shall indemnify the Trustee and the Collateral Agent (which for purposes of this Section 7.7 shall include its officers, directors, stockholders, employees and agents) against any and all claims, damage, losses, liabilities or expenses including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee) incurred by it arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Issuer (including this Section 7.7) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Issuer or any Holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder except to the extent any such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense shall be determined to have been caused by its own negligence or willful misconduct. The Trustee (or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be) shall notify the Issuer promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee (or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be) to so notify the Issuer shall not relieve the Issuer of their obligations hereunder. The Issuer shall defend the claim and the Trustee (or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be) shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee (or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be) may have one separate counsel, but at the Trustee's (or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be) expense unless the named parties in any such proceeding (including impleaded parties) include both the Issuer and the Trustee (or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be) and in the reasonable judgment of the Trustee (or Collateral Agent, as the case may be) representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing or conflicting interests between them. The Issuer need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which

To secure the Issuer's and the Guarantors' obligations in this Section 7.7, the Trustee and the Collateral Agent shall have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee or the Collateral Agent, except that held in trust to pay principal or interest, if any, on particular Notes.

In addition, and without prejudice to the rights provided to the Trustee and the Collateral Agent under any of the provisions of this Indenture, when the Trustee or the Collateral Agent incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(8) hereof occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

"*Trustee*" for the purposes of this Section 7.7 shall include any predecessor Trustee and the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder and each agent, custodian and other person employed to act hereunder or under any Security Document; *provided*, *however*, that the negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of any Trustee hereunder shall not affect the rights of any other Trustee hereunder.

The Trustee shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 313(b)(2) to the extent applicable.

The provisions of this Section 7.7, including the obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantors hereunder, shall survive the satisfaction and discharge or termination for any reason of this Indenture or the resignation or removal of the Trustee or the Collateral Agent.

# SECTION 7.8 Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section 7.8.

The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Issuer. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Issuer in writing. The Issuer may remove the Trustee if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10 hereof;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (c) a Custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Issuer.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 30 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Issuer or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with Section 7.10 hereof, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Issuer. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and the duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to the Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, *provided* that all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.7 hereof. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.8, the Issuer's obligations under and the Lien provided for in Section 7.7 hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

## SECTION 7.9 Successor Trustee by Merger, Etc.

If the Trustee or any Agent consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another Person, the successor Person without any further act shall be the successor Trustee or any Agent, as applicable.

# SECTION 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust power and that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities. The Trustee together

with its Affiliates shall at all times have a combined capital surplus of at least \$50.0 million as set forth in its most recent annual report of condition.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA §§ 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee is subject to TIA § 310(b) including the provision in § 310(b)(1); provided that there shall be excluded from the operation of TIA § 310(b)(1) any indenture or indentures under which other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in other securities, of the Issuer or the Guarantors are outstanding if the requirements for exclusion set forth in TIA § 310(b)(1) are met.

## SECTION 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against the Issuer.

The Trustee is subject to TIA § 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA § 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA § 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

## SECTION 7.12 <u>Trustee's Application for Instructions from the Issuer</u>.

Any application by the Trustee for written instructions from the Issuer may, at the option of the Trustee, set forth in writing any action proposed to be taken or omitted by the Trustee under this Indenture and the date on and/or after which such action shall be taken or such omission shall be effective. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken by, or omission of, the Trustee in accordance with a proposal included in such application on or after the date specified in such application (which date shall not be less than twenty Business Days after the date any officer of the Issuer actually receives such application, unless any such officer shall have consented in writing to any earlier date) unless prior to taking any such action (or the effective date in the case of an omission), the Trustee shall have received written instructions in response to such application specifying the action to be taken or omitted.

#### SECTION 7.13 Limitation of Liability.

In no event shall the Trustee, in its capacity as such or as Collateral Agent, Paying Agent or Registrar or in any other capacity hereunder, be liable for indirect, special or consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to lost profits, even if the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action. The Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Indenture arising out of or caused, directly or indirectly, by circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including acts of God; earthquakes; fire; flood; terrorism; wars and other military disturbances; sabotage; epidemics; riots; interruptions; loss or malfunctions of utilities, computer (hardware or software) or communication services; accidents; labor disputes; acts of civil or military authority and governmental action. The provisions of this Section 7.13 shall survive satisfaction and discharge or the termination for any reason of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

## SECTION 7.14 Collateral Agent.

The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Collateral Agent as if the Collateral Agent were named as the Trustee herein and the Security Documents were named as this Indenture herein.

#### SECTION 7.15 Co-Trustees; Separate Trustee; Collateral Agent.

At any time or times, for the purpose of meeting the legal requirements of any jurisdiction in which any of the Collateral may at the time be located, the Issuer, the Collateral Agent and the Trustee shall have power to appoint, and, upon the written request of (i) the Trustee or the Collateral Agent or (ii) the holders of at least 25% of the outstanding principal amount at maturity of the Notes, the Issuer shall for such purpose join with the Trustee in the execution, delivery and performance of all instruments and agreements necessary or proper to appoint, one or more Persons approved by the Trustee either to act as co-trustee, jointly with the Trustee, or to act as separate trustee, co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent of any such property, in either case with such powers as may be provided in the instrument of appointment, and to vest in such Person or Persons in the capacity aforesaid, any property, title, right or power deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the other provisions of this

Section 7.15. If the Issuer does not join in such appointment within 15 days after the receipt by it of a request so to do, or in case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee or the Collateral Agent alone shall have power to make such appointment.

Should any written instrument from the Issuer be requested by any co-trustee or separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent so appointed for more fully confirming to such co-trustee or separate trustee such property, title, right or power, any and all such instruments shall, on request of such co-trustee or separate trustee or separate collateral agent, be executed, acknowledged and delivered by the Issuer.

Any co-trustee, separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent shall agree in writing to be and shall be subject to the provisions of the applicable Security Documents as if it were the Trustee thereunder (and the Trustee shall continue to be so subject).

Every co-trustee or separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent shall, to the extent permitted by law, but to such extent only, be appointed subject to the following terms, namely:

- (a) The Notes shall be authenticated and delivered, and all rights, powers, duties and obligations hereunder in respect of the custody of securities, cash and other personal property held by, or required to be deposited or pledged with, the Trustee hereunder, shall be exercised solely, by the Trustee.
- (b) The rights, powers, duties and obligations hereby conferred or imposed upon the Trustee in respect of any property covered by such appointment shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Trustee or by the Trustee and such co-trustee or separate trustee jointly, or by the Trustee and such co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent jointly as shall be provided in the instrument appointing such co-trustee, separate trustee or separate collateral agent, except to the extent that under any law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act is to be performed, the Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations shall be exercised and performed by such co-trustee, separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent.
- (c) The Trustee at any time, by an instrument in writing executed by it, with the concurrence of the Issuer, may accept the resignation of or remove any co-trustee, separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent appointed under this Section 7.15, and, in case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall have power to accept the resignation of, or remove, any such co-trustee, separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent without the concurrence of the Issuer. Upon the written request of the Trustee, the Issuer shall join with the Trustee in the execution, delivery and performance of all instruments and agreements necessary or proper to effectuate such resignation or removal. A successor to any co-trustee, separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent so resigned or removed may be appointed in the manner provided in this Section 7.15.
- (d) No co-trustee, separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent hereunder shall be liable by reason of any act or omission of the Trustee, or any other such trustee, co-trustee, separate trustee, co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent hereunder.
- (e) The Trustee shall not be liable by reason of any act or omission of any co-trustee, separate trustee, co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent.
- (f) Any act of holders delivered to the Trustee shall be deemed to have been delivered to each such co-trustee, separate trustee or co-collateral agent, sub-collateral agent or separate collateral agent, as the case may be.

## SECTION 7.16 Limitation on Duty of Trustee and Collateral Agent in Respect of Collateral; Indemnification.

- (a) Beyond the exercise of reasonable care in the custody thereof, neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall have any duty as to any Collateral in its possession or control or in the possession or control of any agent or bailee or any income thereon or as to preservation of rights against prior parties or any other rights pertaining thereto and neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall have any responsibility for filing any financing or continuation statements or recording any documents or instruments in any public office at any time or times or otherwise perfecting or maintaining the perfection of any security interest in the Collateral. Each of the Trustee and the Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody of the Collateral in its possession if the Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which it accords its own property and neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall be liable or responsible for any loss or diminution in the value of any of the Collateral, by reason of the act or omission of any carrier, forwarding agency or other agent or bailee selected by the Trustee or the Collateral Agent in good faith.
- (b) Neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall be responsible for the existence, genuineness or value of any of the Collateral or for the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Liens in any of the Collateral, whether impaired by operation of law or by reason of any action or omission to act on its part hereunder, except to the extent such action or omission constitutes gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on the part of the Trustee or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, for the validity or sufficiency of the Collateral or any agreement or assignment contained therein, for the validity of the title of the Issuer or any Guarantor to the Collateral, for insuring the Collateral or for the payment of taxes, charges, assessments or Liens upon the Collateral or otherwise as to the maintenance of the Collateral. Neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall have any duty to ascertain or inquire as to the performance or observance of any of the terms of this Indenture, the Pledge and Security Agreement, or any other Security Document by the Issuer, the Guarantors, the holders of any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations or any other Person.

# ARTICLE VIII

## LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

## SECTION 8.1 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Issuer may, at the option of their Boards of Directors evidenced by a Board Resolution set forth in an Officers' Certificate, at any time, elect to have either Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article VIII.

# SECTION 8.2 Legal Defeasance.

Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.2, the Issuer shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "legal defeasance"). For this purpose, legal defeasance means that the Issuer shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Debt represented by the outstanding Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.5 hereof and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in (a) and (b) below, and to have satisfied all of its other obligations under such Notes and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on written demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder: (a) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such Notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to in Section 8.4(1); (b) the Issuer's obligations with respect to such Notes under Sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.10 and 4.2 hereof; (c) the rights, powers, trusts, benefits and immunities of the Trustee, including under Section 7.7, 8.5 and 8.7 hereof and the Issuer's obligations in connection therewith; (d) the Issuer's rights pursuant to Section 3.7; and (e) the provisions of this

Article VIII. Subject to compliance with this Article VIII, the Issuer may exercise its option under this Section 8.2 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 8.3 hereof.

# SECTION 8.3 Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Issuer's and the Guarantors, if applicable, exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, the Issuer and the Guarantors, if applicable, shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, be released from its obligations under the covenants contained in Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14, 4.15, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18, 4.19 and 5.1 hereof with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "covenant defeasance" and, together with legal defeasance, "defeasance"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, covenant defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes, the Issuer or any of the Subsidiaries may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.1 hereof, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, Sections 6.1(3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (9) hereof shall not constitute Events of Default.

# SECTION 8.4 Conditions to Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to the ability of the Issuer and the Guarantors to effect legal defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to the outstanding Notes:

In order to exercise either legal defeasance or covenant defeasance:

- (1) the Issuer must irrevocably have deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to the benefits of the Holders of such Notes: (A) money in an amount, or (B) U.S. government obligations which through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than the due date of any payment, money in an amount or (C) a combination thereof, in each case sufficient without reinvestment, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge, and which shall be applied by the Trustee to pay and discharge, the entire indebtedness in respect of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Notes on the Stated Maturity thereof or (if the Issuer has made irrevocable arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer) the redemption date thereof, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and such Notes;
- (2) in the case of legal defeasance, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (A) the Issuer has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (B) since the date of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable United States federal income tax law, in either case (A) or (B) to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the Holders of such Notes will not recognize gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, defeasance and discharge to be effected with respect to such Notes and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would be the case if such deposit, defeasance and discharge were not to occur;
- (3) in the case of covenant defeasance, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of such outstanding Notes will not recognize gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and covenant defeasance to be effected

with respect to such Notes and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would be the case if such deposit and covenant defeasance were not to occur;

- (4) no Default or Event of Default with respect to the outstanding Notes shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such deposit after giving effect thereto (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit and the grant of any Lien to secure such borrowing);
- (5) such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or material instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Issuer is a party or by which the Issuer is bound; and
- (6) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent with respect to such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Opinion of Counsel required by clause (2) above with respect to a legal defeasance need not to be delivered if all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (x) have become due and payable, or (y) will become due and payable at Stated Maturity within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer.

# SECTION 8.5 Deposited Money and Government Securities to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to Section 8.6 hereof, all money and non-callable U.S. government obligations (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.5, the "*Trustee*") pursuant to Section 8.4 hereof in respect of the outstanding Notes shall be held in trust, shall not be invested, and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuer or any Subsidiary acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Issuer shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or non-callable U.S. government obligations deposited pursuant to Section 8.4 hereof or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Notes.

Anything in this Article VIII to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuer from time to time upon the written request of the Issuer and be relieved of all liability with respect to any money or non-callable U.S. government obligations held by it as provided in Section 8.4 hereof which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.4(1) hereof), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent legal defeasance or covenant defeasance.

## SECTION 8.6 Repayment to Issuer.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Issuer, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any Note and remaining unclaimed for one year after such principal and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuer on its written request or (if then held by the Issuer) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Issuer for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Issuer as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such

repayment, may at the expense of the Issuer cause to be published once, in the *New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining shall be repaid to the Issuer.

# SECTION 8.7 Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any United States dollars or non-callable U.S. government obligations in accordance with Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof, as the case may be; *provided*, *however*, that, if the Issuer makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Issuer shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

## SECTION 8.8 Discharge.

The Issuer and the Guarantors may terminate the obligations under this Indenture and the Security Documents (a "Discharge") when:

- (1) either: (A) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, or (B) all such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable or (ii) will become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under irrevocable arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer, and the Issuer has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee funds in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Notes, not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal of, premium, if any, and interest to the Stated Maturity or date of redemption;
  - (2) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums then due and payable under this Indenture by the Issuer;
- (3) the deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other material instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Issuer or any of the Guarantors is a party or by which the Issuer or any of the Guarantors is bound;
- (4) the Issuer has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee under this Indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or on the redemption date, as the case may be; and
- (5) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the Trustee, each stating that all conditions precedent under this Indenture relating to the Discharge and any redemption, if applicable, have been complied with.

## ARTICLE IX

## AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

## SECTION 9.1 Without Consent of Holders of the Notes.

Notwithstanding Section 9.2 of this Indenture, without the consent of any Holders, the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Trustee and the Collateral Agent, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental to this Indenture, the Guarantees and the Security Documents for any of the following purposes:

- (1) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Issuer or any of the Guarantors and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Issuer or such Guarantor in this Indenture, the Guarantees, the Security Documents and the Notes;
  - (2) to add to the covenants of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
  - (3) to add additional Events of Default;
  - (4) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of the Certificated Notes;
- (5) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under this Indenture and the Security Documents by a successor Trustee or Collateral Agent;
  - (6) to provide for or confirm the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with the terms of this Indenture;
  - (7) to add to the Collateral securing the Notes, to add a Guarantor or to release a Guarantor and Collateral in accordance with this Indenture;
  - (8) to cure any ambiguity, defect, omission, mistake or inconsistency; provided that any such change shall not adversely affect the Holders;
- (9) to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture; *provided* that such actions pursuant to this clause shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Issuer;
- (10) to conform the text of this Indenture, the Security Documents or the Notes to any provision of the "Description of Notes" in the Offering Memorandum;
- (11) to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant any other Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Notes, as additional security for the payment and performance of all or any portion of the Obligations under this Indenture, the Notes and the Security Documents, in any property or assets, including any which are required to be mortgaged, pledged or hypothecated, or in which a Lien is required to be granted to or for the benefit of the Trustee or the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Indenture, any of the Security Documents or otherwise;
- (12) to provide for the release of Collateral from the Lien of this Indenture and the Security Documents or subordinate to such Lien when permitted or required by the Security Documents or this Indenture; or
- (13) to enter into or amend the Intercreditor Agreement and/or the Security Documents (or supplement the Intercreditor Agreement and/or the Security Documents) under circumstances provided therein including (x) if the Issuer incurs First Lien Obligations and/or Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations and (y) in connection with the refinancing of the Revolving Credit Agreement and to secure any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations under the Security Documents and to appropriately include any of the foregoing in the Intercreditor Agreement and Security Documents.

# SECTION 9.2 With Consent of Holders of Notes.

(a) With the consent of (i) the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes, the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental to this Indenture (together with the other consents required thereby) for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or the Notes or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Notes under this Indenture, including the definitions herein, and (ii) the

holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes and the Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations, voting as one class, the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Trustee and the Collateral Agent may amend or otherwise modify in any manner the Security Documents or the obligations thereunder, including, without limitation, as to property that constitutes less than all or substantially all of the Collateral, release the Lien on such Collateral; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture, modification or amendment shall, without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Note affected thereby:

- (1) change the Stated Maturity of any Note or of any installment of interest on any Note, or reduce the amount payable in respect of the principal thereof or the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable thereon, or reduce the amount that would be due and payable on acceleration of the maturity thereof, or change the place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or any premium or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof, or change the date on which any Notes may be subject to redemption or reduce the Redemption Price therefor,
- (2) reduce the percentage in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture or amendment, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences) provided for in this Indenture,
- (3) modify the obligations of the Issuer to make Offers to Purchase upon a Change of Control or from the Excess Proceeds of Asset Sales or Excess Proceeds from an Event of Loss if such modification was done after the occurrence of such Change of Control, or after the obligation to make an Asset Sale Offer has arisen, as applicable; *provided* that prior to the occurrence of a Change Control, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may waive the requirement to make or complete an Offer to Purchase,
  - (4) subordinate, in right of payment, the Notes to any other Debt of the Issuer,
- (5) modify any of the provisions of this Section 9.2 or provisions of Section 6.4 of this Indenture relating to waivers of past payment defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of principal or premium, if any, on the Notes, except to increase any such percentage required for such actions or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Note affected thereby, or
  - (6) release any Guarantees required to be maintained under this Indenture (other than in accordance with the terms of this Indenture).
- (b) In addition, any amendment to, or waiver of, the provisions of this Indenture or any Security Document that has the effect of releasing all or substantially all of the Collateral from the Liens securing the Notes other than in accordance with this Indenture and the Security Documents or modifying the Intercreditor Agreement in any manner adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes will require the consent of the Holders of at least 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Additional Notes) then outstanding, voting as one class.

# SECTION 9.3 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of that Note or portion of the Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on the Note. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the waiver, supplement or amendment becomes effective. When an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms, it thereafter binds every Holder.

The Issuer may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for determining which Holders consent to such amendment, supplement or waiver. If the Issuer fixes a record date, the record date shall be fixed at (i) the later of 30 days prior to the first solicitation of such consent or the date of the most recent list of Holders furnished for the Trustee prior to such solicitation pursuant to Section 2.5 hereof or (ii) such other date as the Issuer shall designate.

# SECTION 9.4 Notation on or Exchange of Notes.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Issuer in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

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

After any amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, the Issuer shall mail to Holders a notice briefly describing such amendment, supplement or waiver. The failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

# SECTION 9.5 Trustee to Sign Amendments, Etc.

The Trustee shall sign any amended or supplemental indenture authorized pursuant to this Article IX if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Issuer and the Guarantors may not sign an amendment or supplemental indenture until their respective Boards of Directors approve it. In signing or refusing to sign any amendment or supplemental indenture the Trustee shall receive and (subject to Section 7.1 hereof) shall be fully protected in relying upon an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amendment or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture, that all conditions precedent thereto have been met or waived and that such amendment or supplemental indenture is not inconsistent herewith.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **SECURITY**

## SECTION 10.1 Security Documents; Additional Collateral.

- (a) <u>Security Documents</u>. In order to secure the due and punctual payment of the Obligations, the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Collateral Agent and the other parties thereto have simultaneously with the execution of this Indenture entered or, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.17, Section 4.19 and this Article X will enter into the Security Documents.
- (b) <u>Post-Closing Collateral</u>. The Issuer and the Guarantors will take the actions required by Section 4.10 (Post-Closing Collateral Matters) of the Security Agreement.

# SECTION 10.2 Recording, Registration and Opinions.

Any release of Collateral permitted or required by Section 10.3 hereof or the Security Documents will be deemed not to impair the Liens under this Indenture and the Security Documents in contravention thereof and any Person that is required to deliver a certificate or opinion under this Indenture or the Security Documents, shall be entitled to rely upon the foregoing as a basis for delivery of such certificate or opinion. The Trustee may, to the extent permitted by Sections 7.1 and 7.2 hereof, accept as conclusive evidence of compliance with the foregoing provisions the appropriate statements contained in such documents and opinion.

## SECTION 10.3 Releases of Collateral.

The Liens securing the Notes and the Note Guarantees will, automatically and without the need for any further action by any Person be released:

- (a) in whole or in part, with the consent of the requisite holders in accordance with <u>Article IX</u>, including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, Notes;
  - (b) in whole, upon:
    - (i) Discharge of this Indenture under Section 8.8 hereof; or
    - (ii) a legal defeasance or covenant defeasance of this Indenture under Article VIII hereof;
    - (iii) upon payment in full of principal, interest and all other Obligations on the Notes issued under this Indenture;
  - (c) in whole or in part and in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement, in connection with a sale or other disposition of the Collateral
    - (i) in connection with an Enforcement Action (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) by the First Lien Agent;
  - (ii) any disposition of Collateral permitted under the First Lien Documents as in effect on the Issue Date, other than in connection with a Discharge of First Lien Obligations or after and during the continuance of any Event of Default;
  - (iii) consented to by the First Lien Agent after the occurrence of an event of default under the First Lien Credit Documents in connection with good faith efforts by First Lien Agent to collect the First Lien Obligations through the disposition of Collateral with the net cash proceeds of such disposition being used to permanently retire such Debt and cause the related loan commitment (if any) to be permanently reduced in an amount equal to the principal amount so repaid; provided that, in each case, the First Lien Agent has released its Liens on the applicable Collateral;
  - (d) in part, as to any asset constituting Collateral
  - (i) that is sold or otherwise disposed of by the Issuer or any of the Guarantors (other than any such sale to the Issuer or a Guarantor) in a transaction permitted under Section 4.10 and the Security Documents (to the extent of the interest sold or disposed of) or otherwise permitted by this Indenture and the Security Documents, if all other Liens on that asset securing the First Lien Obligations and any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations then secured by that asset (including all commitments thereunder) are released (other than in connection with a Discharge of First Lien Obligations or after and during the continuance of an Event of Default);
    - (ii) that is cash withdrawn from deposit accounts for any purpose not prohibited under this Indenture or the Security Documents;
  - (iii) that is a Capital Interest of a Subsidiary of the Company to the extent necessary for such Subsidiary not to be subject to any requirement pursuant to Rule 3-16 or Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act, due to the fact that such Subsidiary's Capital Interest secures the Notes or Guarantees, to file separate financial statements with the Commission (or any other governmental agency);

- (iv) that is used to make a Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment permitted by this Indenture;
- (v) that becomes Excluded Property (as defined in the Security Agreement); or
- (vi) that is otherwise released in accordance with, and as expressly provided for in accordance with, this Indenture and the Security Documents.

## SECTION 10.4 Form and Sufficiency of Release.

In the event that either the Issuer or any Guarantor has sold, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of or proposes to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of any portion of the Collateral that, under the terms of this Indenture may be sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of by the Issuer or any Guarantor, and the Issuer or such Guarantor requests the Trustee to furnish a written disclaimer, release or quitclaim of any interest in such property under this Indenture, the applicable Guarantee and the Security Documents, upon receipt of an Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such release complies with Section 10.3 and specifying the provision in Section 10.3 pursuant to which such release is being made (upon which the Trustee may exclusively and conclusively rely), the Trustee shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Issuer or such Guarantor (or instruct the Collateral Agent to do the same) such an instrument in the form provided by the Issuer, and providing for release without recourse (other than with respect to Liens attributable to it) and shall take such other action as the Issuer or such Guarantor may reasonably request and as necessary to effect such release. Before executing, acknowledging or delivering any such instrument, the Trustee shall be furnished with an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel (on which the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively and exclusively rely) each stating that such release is authorized and permitted by the terms hereof and the Security Documents and that all conditions precedent with respect to such release have been complied with.

# SECTION 10.5 Possession and Use of Collateral.

Subject to the provisions of the Security Documents, the Issuer and the Guarantors shall have the right to remain in possession and retain exclusive control of and to exercise all rights with respect to the Collateral (other than monies or U.S. government obligations deposited pursuant to <u>Article VIII</u>, and other than as set forth in the Security Documents and this Indenture), to operate, manage, develop, lease, use, consume and enjoy the Collateral (other than monies and U.S. government obligations deposited pursuant to <u>Article VIII</u> and other than as set forth in the Security Documents and this Indenture), to alter or repair any Collateral so long as such alterations and repairs do not impair the creation or perfection of the Lien of the Security Documents thereon, and to collect, receive, use, invest and dispose of the reversions, remainders, interest, rents, lease payments, issues, profits, revenues, proceeds and other income thereof.

## SECTION 10.6 Purchaser Protected.

No purchaser or grantee of any property or rights purporting to be released shall be bound to ascertain the authority of the Trustee to execute the release or to inquire as to the existence of any conditions herein prescribed for the exercise of such authority so long as the conditions set forth in Section 10.4 have been satisfied.

# SECTION 10.7 Authorization of Actions to Be Taken by the Collateral Agent Under the Security Documents.

In acting hereunder and under the Security Documents, the Holders, the Issuer and the Guarantors agree that the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to the rights, privileges, protections, immunities, indemnities and benefits provided to the Trustee hereunder as if such were provided to the Collateral Agent. Furthermore, each Holder of a Note, by accepting such Note, appoints The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as its collateral agent, and consents to the terms of and authorizes and directs the Trustee (in each of its capacities) and the Collateral Agent to enter into and perform the Security Documents in each of its capacities thereunder.

## SECTION 10.8 Authorization of Receipt of Funds by the Trustee Under the Security Agreement.

Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, the Trustee is authorized to receive any funds for the benefit of Holders distributed under the Security Documents to the Trustee, to apply such funds as provided in this Indenture and the Security Documents.

## SECTION 10.9 Powers Exercisable by Receiver or Collateral Agent.

In case the Collateral shall be in the possession of a receiver or trustee, lawfully appointed, the powers conferred in this <u>Article X</u> upon the Issuer or any Guarantor, as applicable, with respect to the release, sale or other disposition of such property may be exercised by such receiver or trustee, and an instrument signed by such receiver or trustee shall be deemed the equivalent of any similar instrument of the Issuer or any Guarantor, as applicable, or of any officer or officers thereof required by the provisions of this <u>Article X</u>.

# SECTION 10.10 Appointment and Authorization of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. Trust as Collateral Agent.

- (a) The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is hereby designated and appointed as the Collateral Agent of the Holders under the Security Documents, and is authorized and directed as the Collateral Agent for such Holders to execute and enter into each of the Security Documents and all other instruments relating to the Security Documents and (i) to take action and exercise such powers as are expressly required or permitted hereunder and under the Security Documents and all instruments relating hereto and thereto and (ii) to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are in each case, expressly delegated to the Collateral Agent by the terms hereof and thereof together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental hereto and thereto.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Indenture or the Security Documents, the Collateral Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities except those expressly set forth herein or therein or any fiduciary relationship with any Holder, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Indenture or any Security Document or otherwise exist against the Collateral Agent.
- (c) The Collateral Agent may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice or opinion of such counsel as to matters of law shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder or under the Security Documents in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel.

#### ARTICLE XI

## NOTE GUARANTEES

#### SECTION 11.1 Note Guarantees.

(a) Each Guarantor hereby jointly and severally, unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees the Notes and obligations of the Issuer hereunder and thereunder, and guarantees to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee on behalf of such Holder, that: (i) the principal of and premium, if any and interest on the Notes shall be paid in full when due, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise (including the amount that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code), together with interest on the overdue principal, if any, and interest on any overdue interest, to the extent lawful, and all other obligations of the Issuer to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder shall be paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and (ii) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or of any such other obligations, the same shall be paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration or otherwise. Each of the Note Guarantees shall be a guarantee of payment and not of collection.

- (b) Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Notes or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Issuer, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a Guarantor.
- (c) Each Guarantor hereby waives the benefits of diligence, presentment, demand for payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Issuer, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer or any other Person, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenants that the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor shall not be discharged as to any Note except by complete performance of the obligations contained in such Note and such Note Guarantee or as provided for in this Indenture. Each of the Guarantors hereby agrees that, in the event of a default in payment of principal or premium, if any or interest on such Note, whether at its Stated Maturity, by acceleration, call for redemption, purchase or otherwise, legal proceedings may be instituted by the Trustee on behalf of, or by, the Holder of such Note, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Indenture, directly against each of the Guarantors to enforce such Guarantor's Note Guarantee without first proceeding against the Issuer or any other Guarantor. Each Guarantor agrees that if, after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Trustee or any of the Holders are prevented by applicable law from exercising their respective rights to accelerate the maturity of the Notes, to collect interest on the Notes, or to enforce or exercise any other right or remedy with respect to the Notes, such Guarantor shall pay to the Trustee for the account of the Holders, upon demand therefor, the amount that would otherwise have been due and payable had such rights and remedies been permitted to be exercised by the Trustee or any of the Holders.
- (d) If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Issuer or any Guarantor, or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to the Issuer or any Guarantor, any amount paid by any of them to the Trustee or such Holder, the Note Guarantee of each of the Guarantors, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect. This paragraph (d) shall remain effective notwithstanding any contrary action which may be taken by the Trustee or any Holder in reliance upon such amount required to be returned. This paragraph (d) shall survive the termination of this Indenture.
- (e) Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between each Guarantor, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in <u>Article VI</u> hereof for the purposes of the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any acceleration of such obligations as provided in <u>Article VI</u> hereof, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by each Guarantor for the purpose of the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor.

# SECTION 11.2 Execution and Delivery of Note Guarantee.

To evidence its Note Guarantee set forth in Section 11.1, each Guarantor agrees that a notation of such Note Guarantee substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B shall be endorsed on each Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee. Such notation of Note Guarantee shall be signed on behalf of such Guarantor by an officer of such Guarantor (or, if an officer is not available, by a board member, director or member, as applicable) on behalf of such Guarantor by manual or facsimile signature. In case the officer, board member or director or member of such Guarantor who shall have signed such notation of Note Guarantee shall cease to be such Officer, board member, director or member before the Note on which such Note Guarantee is endorsed shall have been authenticated and delivered by the Trustee, such Note nevertheless may be authenticated and delivered as though the Person who signed such notation of Note Guarantee had not ceased to be such officer, board member, director or member.

Each Guarantor agrees that its Note Guarantee set forth in Section 11.1 shall remain in full force and effect and apply to all the Notes notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Note a notation of such Note Guarantee. The delivery of any Note by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, shall constitute due delivery of any Note Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guarantors.

The failure to endorse a Note Guarantee shall not affect or impair the validity thereof.

## SECTION 11.3 Severability.

In case any provision of any Note Guarantee shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

## SECTION 11.4 Limitation of Guarantors' Liability.

Each Guarantor and by its acceptance hereof each Holder confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of the Bankruptcy Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law or the provisions of its local law relating to fraudulent transfer or conveyance. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Trustee, the Holders and Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of such Guarantor under its Note Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount that will not, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under its Note Guarantee, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Note Guarantee constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

# SECTION 11.5 Guarantors May Consolidate, Etc., on Certain Terms.

No Guarantor may sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to, or consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person), another Person other than the Issuer or a Guarantor, unless:

- (1) immediately after giving effect to such transactions no Default or Event of Default exists; and
- (2) either:
- (A) the Person acquiring the property in any such sale or disposition or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger assumes all the obligations of that Guarantor under this Indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture; or
- (B) the Net Cash Proceeds of any such sale or other disposition of a Guarantor are applied in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.10 hereof; and
- (3) the Issuers deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate (upon which the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively and exclusively rely), stating that such sale, other disposition, consolidation or merger complies with the requirements of this Indenture.

Upon any transaction or series of transactions that are of the type described in, and are effected in accordance with, conditions described in the immediately preceding paragraph, the Surviving Entity shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Guarantors under this Indenture with the same effect as if such Surviving Entity had been named as a Guarantor herein, as applicable; and when a Surviving Entity duly assumes all of the obligations and covenants of the Guarantors pursuant to this Indenture and the Note Guarantees, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor Person shall be relieved of all such obligations.

Except as set forth in Articles IV and  $\underline{V}$  hereof, nothing contained in this Indenture or in any of the Notes shall prevent any consolidation or merger of a Guarantor with or into the Issuer or another Guarantor, or shall prevent any sale or conveyance of the property of a Guarantor as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the Issuer or another Guarantor.

## SECTION 11.6 Release of a Guarantor.

The Note Guarantee of a Guarantor will be automatically and unconditionally released:

- (a) in the event of a sale or other transfer (including by way of consolidation or merger) of Capital Interests in such Guarantor in compliance with Section 4.10 following which such Guarantor ceases to be a Subsidiary;
  - (b) upon the designation of such Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in compliance with Section 4.18;
- (c) upon a release of such Guarantor from its guarantee of, and all pledges and security interest, if any, granted under the Revolving Credit Agreement in connection with an enforcement action by the collateral agent under the Revolving Credit Agreement; provided that (x) prior to such release, such Guarantor is also a guarantor or borrower under the Revolving Credit Agreement and (y) after giving effect to such release, such Guarantor will not guarantee any indebtedness of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
  - (d) in connection with a Discharge, legal defeasance or covenant defeasance in compliance with Article VIII.

Upon any release of a Guarantor from its Notes Guarantee, such Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released from its obligations under the Security Documents.

# SECTION 11.7 Benefits Acknowledged.

Each Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by this Indenture and that its Notes guarantee and waivers pursuant to its Note Guarantee are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

## SECTION 11.8 Future Guarantors.

Each Person that is required to become a Guarantor after the Issue Date pursuant to Section 4.17 shall promptly (but no longer than thirty (30) days of becoming required to become a Guarantor) execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture in the form of Exhibit E pursuant to which such Person shall become a Guarantor. Concurrently with the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel and an Officers' Certificate (upon which the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively and exclusively rely) to the effect, subject to customary assumptions and qualifications, that such supplemental indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by such Person and that, subject to the application of bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer and other similar laws relating to creditors' rights generally and to the principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity, the Guarantee of such Guarantor is a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Guarantor, enforceable against such Guarantor in accordance with its terms and/or to such other matters as the Trustee may reasonably request.

## ARTICLE XII

#### MISCELLANEOUS

## SECTION 12.1 Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Issuer, any Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or mailed by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telecopier or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others address:

If to the Issuer or any Guarantor:

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. 7300 North Kendall Drive, 8th Floor Miami, Florida 33156

Facsimile: (305) 670-6403

Attention: Joseph A. Zirkman, Vice President and General Counsel

# With a copy to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP 575 Madison Avenue New York, New York Facsimile: (212) 940-8776 Attention: Wayne A. Wald, Esq.

## If to the Trustee:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. 525 William Penn Place, 38th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15259 Facsimile: (412) 234-7535

Facsimile: (412) 234-7535 Attention: Corporate Unit

The Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee, by notice to the others, may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders and the Trustee) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when receipt acknowledged, if telecopied; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier promising next Business Day delivery. All notices and communications to the Trustee shall only be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first class mail or by overnight air courier promising next Business Day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication shall also be so mailed to any Person described in TIA § 313(c), to the extent such notice is required by the TIA or would be so required were the TIA applicable this Indenture. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed or delivered in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it, except in the case of notices or communications given to the Trustee, which shall be effective only upon actual receipt.

If the Issuer mails a notice or communication to Holders, they shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

The Trustee agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this Indenture sent by unsecured e-mail, facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods; provided, however, that, the Trustee shall have received an incumbency certificate listing persons designated to give such instructions or directions and containing specimen signatures of such designated persons, which such incumbency certificate shall be amended and replaced on or before delivery of any such instructions or directions whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the party elects to give the Trustee e-mail, pdf or facsimile instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and the Trustee in its discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs

or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The party providing electronic instructions agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk or interception and misuse by third parties.

# SECTION 12.2 Communication by Holders of Notes with Other Holders of Notes.

Holders may communicate in accordance with TIA § 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture, the Security Documents or the Notes. The Issuer, the Guarantors, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA § 312(c).

## SECTION 12.3 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Issuer to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Trustee:

- (a) an Officers' Certificate (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 12.4 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and
- (b) an Opinion of Counsel (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 12.4 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied.

## SECTION 12.4 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

- (a) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (c) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been satisfied; and
  - (d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been satisfied.

## SECTION 12.5 Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

# SECTION 12.6 No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders.

No director, officer, employee, stockholder, general or limited partner or incorporator, past, present or future, of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries, as such or in such capacity, shall have any personal liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Notes, any Note Guarantee or this Indenture by reason of his, her or its status as such director, officer, employee, stockholder, general or limited partner or incorporator. Each Holder of Notes by

accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.

# SECTION 12.7 Governing Law.

THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES AND THE NOTE GUARANTEES, IF ANY. The parties to this Indenture each hereby irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State or federal court sitting in the Borough of Manhattan in The City of New York in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to the Notes, the Note Guarantees or this Indenture, and all such parties hereby irrevocably agree that all claims in respect of such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York State or federal court and hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent that they may legally do so, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES, THE NOTE GUARANTEES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

#### SECTION 12.8 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Issuer or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

# SECTION 12.9 Successors.

All agreements of the Issuer and the Guarantors in this Indenture and the Notes and the Note Guarantees, as applicable, shall bind their respective successors and assigns. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors and assigns.

## SECTION 12.10 Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

#### SECTION 12.11 Counterpart Originals.

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

## SECTION 12.12 Table of Contents, Headings, Etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

## SECTION 12.13 Acts of Holders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by agent duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any

such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 12.13.

- (b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by a certificate of a notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to such officer the execution thereof. Where such execution is by a signer acting in a capacity other than such signer's individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of such signer's authority. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner which the Trustee deems sufficient.
  - (c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Holder list maintained under Section 2.5 hereunder.
- (d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act of the Holder of any Note shall bind every future Holder of the same Note and the holder of every Note issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.
- (e) If the Issuer shall solicit from the Holders any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, the Issuer may, at its option, by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, fix in advance a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, but the Issuer shall have no obligation to do so. If such a record date is fixed, such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act may be given before or after such record date, but only the Holders at the close of business on such record date shall be deemed to be Holders for the purposes of determining whether Holders of the requisite proportion of outstanding Notes have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other Act, and for that purpose the outstanding Notes shall be computed as of such record date; *provided* that no such authorization, agreement or consent by the Holders on such record date shall be deemed effective unless it shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture not later than six months after the record date.

#### SECTION 12.14 <u>Intercreditor Agreement</u>.

The Trustee, the Collateral Agent and the Holders are bound by the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the other Security Documents.

#### SECTION 12.15 Patriot Act

The parties hereto acknowledge that in accordance with Section 326 of the USA Patriot Act, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., like all financial institutions and in order to help fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering, is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or legal entity that establishes a relationship or opens an account. The parties to this Agreement agree that they will provide The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. with such information as it may request in order for The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. to satisfy the requirements of the USA Patriot Act.

[Signatures on following page]

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

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

CABANA BEVERAGES, INC.

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: President

CABANA BEVCO LLC

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

GET REAL, INC.

By: /s/ Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

POLLO FRANCHISE, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

POLLO OPERATIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TACO CABANA, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TP ACQUISITION CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TC BEVCO LLC

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

T.C. MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TC LEASE HOLDINGS III, V AND VI, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TEXAS TACO CABANA, L.P.

By: T.C. Management, Inc., its General Partner

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

# TPAQ HOLDING CORPORATION

By: /s/ Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY,

N.A., as Trustee

By: /s/ Natalie Crispin
Name: Natalie Crispin
Title: Associate

## FORM OF 8.875% SENIOR SECURED SECOND LIEN NOTE

(Face of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Note) 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016

#### [Global Note Legend]

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL NOTE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF A DEPOSITARY OR A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. THIS NOTE IS NOT EXCHANGEABLE FOR NOTES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEPOSITARY OR ITS NOMINEE EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE, AND NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE (OTHER THAN A TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY) MAY BE REGISTERED EXCEPT IN THE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN THE INDENTURE.

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), TO FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF CEDE & CO. OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR'S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 2.16 OF THE INDENTURE.

#### [Restricted Note Legend]

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH BELOW. BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER (1) REPRESENTS THAT (A) IT IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) OR (B) IT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THIS SECURITY IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (2) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF THIS SECURITY) RESELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS SECURITY EXCEPT (A) TO FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), (D) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), (E) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR (F) PURSUANT TO AN

EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (3) AGREES THAT IT WILL GIVE TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS SECURITY IS TRANSFERRED A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OF THIS SECURITY (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF THIS SECURITY) PURSUANT TO (C), (D) OR (E), THE HOLDER MUST, PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER, FURNISH TO THE TRUSTEE AND THE COMPANY SUCH CERTIFICATIONS, LEGAL OPINIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS EITHER OF THEM MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH TRANSFER IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT. AS USED HEREIN, THE TERMS "OFFSHORE TRANSACTION," "UNITED STATES" AND "U.S. PERSON" HAVE THE MEANING GIVEN TO THEM BY REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.

[Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend]

THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATED NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN).

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

# 8.875% SENIOR SECURED SECOND LIEN NOTE DUE 2016

No.

INITIAL NOTES CUSIP: 144A: 31660B AA9 Reg S: U31665 AA7 INITIAL NOTES ISIN: 144A US31660BAA98 Reg S: USU31665AA77

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the principal sum of [ ] (\$[ ]) on August 15, 2016.

Interest Payment Dates: February 15 and August 15, beginning February 15, 2012

Record Dates: February 1 and August 1

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

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefits under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.
By:
Name:
Title:

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION		
This is one of the 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes		
referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:		
Dated: August 5, 2011		
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee		
By:		
Authorized Signatory		

# (Reverse of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Note) 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

- (1) Interest.
- (a) Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Issuer*"), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note (the "*Notes*") at the rate of 8.875% *per annum*. The Issuer will pay interest in United States dollars (except as otherwise provided herein) semiannually in arrears on February 15 and August 15, commencing on February 15, 2012, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each an "*Interest Payment Date*"). Interest on the Notes (including any Additional Interest, if any) shall accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from and including August 5, 2011. The Issuer shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal at the rate equal to then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. The interest rate on the Notes will in no event be higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law as the same may be modified by United States law of general application.
- (b) <u>Registration Rights Agreement</u>. The Holder of this Note is entitled to the benefits of a Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, among the Issuer, the Guarantors party thereto and the Initial Purchasers.<sup>1</sup>
- (2) <u>Method of Payment</u>. The Issuer will pay interest on the Notes (except defaulted interest) on the applicable Interest Payment Date to the Persons who are registered Holders of Notes at the close of business on the February 1 and August 1 (whether or not a Business Day) preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if such Notes are cancelled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. The Notes shall be payable as to principal, premium and interest at the office or agency of the Issuer maintained for such purpose within or without The City and State of New York, or, at the option of the Issuer, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders; *provided* that payment by wire transfer of immediately available funds shall be required with respect to principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, all Global Notes and all other Notes the Holders of which shall have provided written wire transfer instructions to the Issuer and the Paying Agent at least three Business Days prior to the date of any such payment. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

Any payments of principal of and interest on this Note prior to Stated Maturity shall be binding upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. The amount due and payable at the maturity of this Note shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at an office of the Trustee or the Trustee's agent appointed for such purposes.

To be included only in the Initial Notes on the Issue Date and any Additional Notes that bear the Restricted Notes Legend.

- (3) <u>Paying Agent and Registrar</u>. Initially, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., the Trustee under the Indenture, shall act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Issuer may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Issuer or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.
- (4) <u>Indenture</u>. The Issuer issued the Notes under an Indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011 (the "*Indenture*"), among the Issuer and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made a part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (U.S. Code §§ 77aaa-77bbbb) (the "*TIA*"). To the extent the provisions of this Note are inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture, the Indenture shall govern. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture for a statement of such terms. The Notes issued on the Issue Date are senior secured Obligations of the Issuer limited to \$200,000,000 in aggregate principal amount, plus amounts, if any, sufficient to pay premium and interest on outstanding Notes as set forth in Paragraph 2 hereof. The Indenture permits the issuance of Additional Notes subject to compliance with certain conditions.

The payment of principal and interest on the Notes is unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by the Guarantors.

## (5) Optional Redemption.

- (a) The Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at any time prior to February 15, 2014, at the option of the Issuer upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice mailed by first-class mail to each Holder's registered address, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to but not including, the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of Holders on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).
- (c) The Notes are subject to redemption, at the option of the Issuer, in whole or in part, at any time on or after February 15, 2014, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice at the Redemption Prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount to be redeemed) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the redemption date (subject to the right of Holders on the relevant regular record date to receive interest due on an interest payment date), if redeemed during the 12-month period beginning on February 15 of the years indicated:

<u>Year</u>	Percentage
<u>Year</u> 2014	104.438%
2015	102.219%
2016 and thereafter	100.00%

- (d) Prior to February 15, 2014, the Issuer may, with the net proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes (including Additional Notes) at a Redemption Price equal to 108.875% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to but not including the date of redemption; *provided* that at least 65% of the principal amount of Notes then outstanding (including Additional Notes) remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of any such redemption (excluding Notes held by the Issuer or its Subsidiaries) and that any such redemption occurs within 90 days following the closing of any such Equity Offering.
- (6) <u>Mandatory Redemption</u>. Except as set forth under Sections 4.10 and 4.14 of the Indenture, the Issuer shall not be required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

## (7) Repurchase at Option of Holder.

- (a) Upon the occurrence of certain events, the Issuer may be required to commence an Offer to Purchase pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer or as a result of a Change of Control.
- (b) Holders of the Notes that are the subject of an Offer to Purchase will receive notice of an Offer to Purchase pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer or as a result of a Change of Control from the Issuer prior to any related Purchase Date and may elect to have such Notes purchased by completing the form titled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" appearing below.
- (8) <u>Notice of Redemption</u>. Notice of redemption shall be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address. Notes in denominations larger than \$2,000 may be redeemed in part but only in a minimum amount of \$2,000 principal amount (and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof), unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed. On and after the redemption date, interest ceases to accrue on the Notes or portions hereof called for redemption.
- (9) <u>Denominations, Transfer, Exchange</u>. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in initial denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The transfer of the Notes may be registered and the Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Issuer may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Issuer need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, it need not exchange or register the transfer of any Notes for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed or during the period between a record date and the corresponding Interest Payment Date.
  - (10) Persons Deemed Owners. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as its owner for all purposes.
- (11) <u>Amendment, Supplement and Waiver</u>. Subject to the following paragraphs, the Indenture and the Notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes, including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of or tender offer or exchange offer for Notes, and any existing Default or Event of Default or compliance with any provision of the Indenture or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes, including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Notes.

Without the consent of any Holders, the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Trustee and the Collateral Agent, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental to the Indenture for any of the following purposes:

- (1) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Issuer or any of the Guarantors and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Issuer or such Guarantor in the Indenture, the Guarantees, the Security Documents and in the Notes;
  - (2) to add to the covenants of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
  - (3) to add additional Events of Default;
  - (4) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of the Certificated Notes;
- (5) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under the Indenture and the Security Documents by a successor Trustee or Collateral Agent;

- (6) to provide for or confirm the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with the terms of the Indenture;
- (7) to add to the Collateral Securing the Notes, to add a Guarantor or to release a Guarantor and Collateral in accordance with the Indenture;
- (8) to cure any ambiguity, defect, omission, mistake or inconsistency; provided that any such change shall not adversely affect the Holders;
- (9) to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the Indenture; *provided* that such actions pursuant to this clause shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Issuer;
- (10) to conform the text of the Indenture, the Security Documents or the Notes to any provision of the "Description of Notes" in the Offering Memorandum;
- (11) to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant any other Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Notes, as additional security for the payment and performance of all or any portion of the Obligations under the Indenture, the Notes and the Security Documents, in any property or assets, including any which are required to be mortgaged, pledged or hypothecated, or in which a Lien is required to be granted to or for the benefit of the Trustee or the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Indenture, any of the Security Documents or otherwise;
- (12) to provide for the release of Collateral from the Lien of the Indenture and the Security Documents or subordinate to such Lien when permitted or required by the Security Documents or the Indenture; or
- (13) to enter into or amend the Intercreditor Agreement and/or the Security Documents (or supplement the Intercreditor Agreement and/or the Security Documents) under circumstances provided therein including (x) if the Issuer incurs First Lien Obligations and/or Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations and (y) in connection with the refinancing of the Revolving Credit Agreement and to secure any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations under the Security Documents and to appropriately include any of the foregoing in the Intercreditor Agreement and Security Documents.

With the consent of (i) the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes, the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental to the Indenture (together with the other consents required thereby) for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Indenture or the Notes or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders under the Indenture, including the definitions therein, and (ii) the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes and the Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations, voting as one class, the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Trustee and the Collateral Agent may amend or otherwise modify in any manner the Security Documents or the obligations thereunder, including, without limitation, as to property that constitutes less than all or substantially all of the Collateral, release the Lien on such Collateral; *provided*, *however*, that no such supplemental indenture, modification or amendment shall, without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Note affected thereby:

(1) change the Stated Maturity of any Note or of any installment of interest on any Note, or reduce the amount payable in respect of the principal thereof or the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable thereon, or reduce the amount that would be due and payable on acceleration of the maturity thereof, or change the place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or any premium or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof, or change the date on which any Notes may be subject to redemption or reduce the Redemption Price therefor,

- (2) reduce the percentage in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture or amendment, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or certain defaults thereunder and their consequences) provided for in the Indenture,
- (3) modify the obligations of the Issuer to make Offers to Purchase upon a Change of Control or from the Excess Proceeds of Asset Sales or Excess Proceeds from an Event of Loss if such modification was done after the occurrence of such Change of Control, or after the obligation to make an Asset Sale Offer has arisen, as applicable; *provided* that prior to the occurrence of a Change Control, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may waive the requirement to make or complete an Offer to Purchase,
  - (4) subordinate, in right of payment, the Notes to any other Debt of the Issuer,
- (5) modify any of the provisions of this paragraph or provisions relating to waivers of past payment defaults or the rights of Holders of Notes to receive payments of principal or premium, if any, on the Notes, except to increase any such percentage required for such actions or to provide that certain other provisions of the Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Note affected thereby, or
  - (6) release any Guarantees required to be maintained under the Indenture (other than in accordance with the terms of the Indenture).

In addition, any amendment to, or waiver of, the provisions of the Indenture or any Security Document that has the effect of releasing all or substantially all of the Collateral from the Liens securing the Notes other than in accordance with the Indenture and the Security Documents or modifying the Intercreditor Agreement in any manner adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes will require the consent of the holders of at least 66 <sup>2</sup>/3% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Additional Notes) then outstanding, voting as one class.

The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes waive any past default under the Indenture and its consequences, except a default:

- (1) in any payment in respect of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Notes (including any Note which is required to have been purchased pursuant to an Offer to Purchase which has been made by the Issuer), or
- (2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which under the Indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Note affected.

#### (12) Defaults and Remedies. Events of Default include:

- (1) default in the payment in respect of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Note at its maturity (whether at Stated Maturity or upon repurchase, acceleration, optional redemption or otherwise);
  - (2) default in the payment of any interest upon any Note when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;
  - (3) the Issuer fails to accept and pay for Notes tendered when and as required pursuant to an Offer to Purchase as described under Section 4.14;
- (4) except as permitted by the Indenture, (i) any Note Guarantee of any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary),

shall for any reason cease to be in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms (except as specifically provided in the Indenture) for a period of 30 days after written notice thereof by the trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes or (ii) the Note Guarantee of any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) shall for any reason be asserted by any of the Guarantors or the Issuer not to be in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms;

- (5) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or agreement of the Issuer or any Guarantor in the Indenture (other than a covenant or agreement a default in whose performance or whose breach is specifically dealt with in clauses (1), (2), (3) or (4) above), and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after written notice thereof has been given to the Issuer by the Trustee or to the Issuer and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes;
- (6) a default or defaults under any bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of Debt (other than the Notes) by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary having, individually or in the aggregate, a principal or similar amount outstanding of at least \$15.0 million, whether such Debt now exists or shall hereafter be created, which default or defaults shall have resulted in the acceleration of the maturity of such Debt prior to its express maturity or shall constitute a failure to pay at least \$15.0 million of principal amount of such Debt when due and payable after the expiration of any applicable grace period with respect thereto;
- (7) the entry against the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) of a final judgment or final judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$15.0 million and not covered by insurance (not disputed), by a court or courts of competent jurisdiction, which judgments remain undischarged, unwaived, unstayed, unbonded or unsatisfied for a period of 60 consecutive days;
- (8)(i) the Issuer, any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
  - (a) commences a voluntary case,
  - (b) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
  - (c) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property,
  - (d) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or
  - (e) admits, in writing, its inability generally to pay its debts as they become due; or
  - (ii) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - (a) is for relief against the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, in an involuntary case;
  - (b) appoints a Custodian of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary or for all or substantially all of the property of the Issuer or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries;

(c) orders the liquidation of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days; or

(9)(x) with respect to any Collateral having a fair market value in excess of \$15.0 million, individually or in the aggregate, (a) any default or breach by the Issuer or any Guarantor in the performance of its obligations under the Security Documents or the Indenture which adversely affects the condition or value of such Collateral or the enforceability, validity, perfection or priority of the Liens in such Collateral, in each case taken as a whole in any material respect, and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after written notice thereof by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes, or (b) any security interest created under the Security Documents or under the Indenture is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or (y) the Issuer or any of the Guarantors asserts, in any pleading in any court of competent jurisdiction, that any security interest in any Collateral is invalid or unenforceable.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (8) above with respect to the Issuer) occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may declare the principal of the Notes and any accrued interest on the Notes to be due and payable immediately by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to the Trustee if given by Holders); *provided*, *however*, that after such acceleration, but before a judgment or decree based on acceleration, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul such acceleration if all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of accelerated principal of or interest on the Notes, have been cured or waived as provided in the Indenture.

In the event of a declaration of acceleration of the Notes solely because an Event of Default described in clause (6) above has occurred and is continuing, the declaration of acceleration of the Notes shall be automatically rescinded and annulled if the event of default or payment default triggering such Event of Default pursuant to clause (6) shall be remedied or cured by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or waived by the holders of the relevant Debt within 20 Business Days after the declaration of acceleration with respect thereto and if the rescission and annulment of the acceleration of the Notes would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Trustee for the payment of amounts due on the Notes.

If an Event of Default specified in clause (8) above occurs with respect to the Issuer, the principal of and any accrued interest on the Notes then outstanding shall ipso facto become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder. The Trustee may withhold from Holders notice of any Default (except Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest) if the Trustee determines that withholding notice is in the interests of the Holders to do so.

- (13) <u>Trustee Dealings with Issuer</u>. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from and perform services for Issuer, the Guarantors or their respective Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with Issuer, the Guarantors or their respective Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.
- (14) No Recourse Against Others. No director, officer, employee, stockholder, general or limited partner, member or incorporator, past, present or future, of the Issuer, the Guarantors or any of their respective Subsidiaries, as such or in such capacity, shall have any personal liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Notes, any Guarantee or the Indenture by reason of his, her or its status as such director, officer, employee, stockholder, general or limited partner, member or incorporator.
  - (15) <u>Authentication</u>. This Note shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.
- (16) <u>Abbreviations</u>. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with

right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

(17) <u>CUSIP, ISIN Numbers</u>. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Issuer has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP, ISIN or other similar numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to the Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Issuer shall furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. 7300 North Kendall Drive, 8th Floor Miami, Florida 33156

Miami, Florida 33156 Facsimile: (305) 670-6403

Attention: Joseph A. Zirkman, Vice President and General Counsel

ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below: (I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to

(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D. no.)

(Print or type assignee's name, address and zip code)

and irrevocably appoint\_\_\_\_\_
to transfer this Note on the books of the Issuer. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your
Signature:

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Signature guarantee:

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(Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized signature guarantee medallion

program)

# OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to box below:	have this Note purchased by the Issuer pursuant to S	ections 4.10 (Asset Sale) or	4.14 (Change of Control) of the Indenture, check the
	☐ Section 4.10	☐ Section 4.14	
If you want to elect to have purchased: \$	have only part of the Note purchased by the Issuer p	ursuant to Section 4.10 or 4	.14 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to
Date:			
		Your Signature:	(Sign exactly as your name appears on the Note)
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# CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXCHANGE OR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER RESTRICTED NOTES

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. 7300 North Kendall Drive, 8th Floor

Miami, Florida 33156 Facsimile: (305) 670-6403

Attention: Joseph A. Zirkman, Vice President and General Counsel

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

525 William Penn Place, 38th Floor

Pittsburgh, PA 15259 Facsimile: (412) 234-7535 Attention: Corporate Unit

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Re: Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016
CUSIP#
Reference is hereby made to that certain Indenture dated August 5, 2011 (the " <i>Indenture</i> ") among Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. (the " <i>Issuer</i> "), the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the " <i>Trustee</i> "). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.
This certificate relates to \$ principal amount of Notes held in (check applicable space) book-entry or definitive form by the undersigned.
The undersigned (transferor) (check one box below):
hereby requests the Registrar to deliver in exchange for its beneficial interest in the Global Note held by the Depositary a Note or Notes in definitive, registered form of authorized denominations and an aggregate principal amount equal to its beneficial interest in such Global Note (or the portion thereof indicated above), in accordance with Section 2.6 of the Indenture; or
$\Box$ hereby requests the Trustee to exchange or register the transfer of a Note or Notes to (transferee).
In connection with any transfer of any of the Notes evidenced by this certificate occurring prior to the expiration of the periods referred to in Rule 144(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned confirms that such Notes are being transferred in accordance with its terms:
CHECK ONE BOX BELOW:
(1) $\square$ to the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries; or
(2) $\square$ inside the United States to a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) that purchases for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer to whom notice is given that such transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in each case pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 144A thereunder; or
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(3) □ outside the United S Rule 904 thereunder.	States in an offshore transaction within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in compliance with		
Unless one of the boxes is registered holder thereof.	checked, the Registrar will refuse to register any of the Notes evidenced by this certificate in the name of any person other than the		
	-		
	Signature		
Signature guarantee:			
	(Signature must be guaranteed by a participant in a recognized signature guarantee medallion		
	program)		
	TO BE COMPLETED BY PURCHASER IF (2) ABOVE IS CHECKED.		
The undersigned represents and warrants that it is purchasing this Note for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and that it and any such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Rule 144A"), and is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such information regarding the Issuer as the undersigned has requested pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it is aware that the transferor is relying upon the undersigned's foregoing representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A.			
	[Name of Transferee]		
Dated:			
NOTICE: To be executed	by an executive officer		
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# SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF 8.875% SENIOR SECURED SECOND LIEN NOTES

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for other 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes have been made:

Amount of Decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Note

Date of Exchange

Amount of Increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note Principal Amount of this Global Note Following Such Decrease (or Increase) Signature of Authorized Officer of Trustee or 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes Custodian

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## FORM OF NOTATIONAL GUARANTEE

Each Guarantor listed below (hereinafter referred to as the "Guarantor," which term includes any successors or assigns under that certain Indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011, by and among Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. (the "Issuer") and the Trustee (as amended and supplemented from time to time, the "Indenture") and any additional Guarantors) has guaranteed the Notes and the obligations of the Issuer under the Indenture, which include (i) the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes of the Issuer, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, the due and punctual payment of interest on the overdue principal and premium, if any, and (to the extent permitted by law) interest on any interest, if any, on the Notes, and the due and punctual performance of all other obligations of the Issuer to the Holders or the Trustee all in accordance with the terms set forth in Article IV of the Indenture, (ii) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any such other obligations, that the same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, and (iii) the payment of any and all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the Trustee or any Holder in enforcing any rights under this Note Guarantee or the Indenture.

The obligations of each Guarantor to the Holders and to the Trustee pursuant to this Note Guarantee and the Indenture are expressly set forth in <u>Article XI</u> of the Indenture and reference is hereby made to such Indenture for the precise terms of this Note Guarantee.

No stockholder, employee, officer, director, general or limited partner, member or incorporator, as such, past, present or future of each Guarantor shall have any liability under this Note Guarantee by reason of his or its status as such stockholder, employee, officer, director, general or limited partner, member or incorporator.

This is a continuing Note Guarantee and shall remain in full force and effect and shall be binding upon each Guarantor and its successors and assigns until full and final payment of all of the Issuer's obligations under the Notes and Indenture or until released in accordance with the Indenture and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Trustee and the Holders, and, in the event of any transfer or assignment of rights by any Holder or the Trustee, the rights and privileges herein conferred upon that party shall automatically extend to and be vested in such transferee or assignee, all subject to the terms and conditions hereof. This is a Note Guarantee of payment and not of collectability.

This Note Guarantee shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication on the Note upon which this Note Guarantee is noted shall have been executed by the Trustee under the Indenture by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories. The Obligations of each Guarantor under its Note Guarantee shall be limited to the extent necessary to insure that it does not constitute a fraudulent conveyance under applicable law.

# THE TERMS OF $\underline{\mathsf{ARTICLE}\;\mathsf{XII}}$ OF THE INDENTURE ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

Capitalized terms used herein have the same meanings given in the Indenture unless otherwise indicated.

Dated as of			
Dateu as or			

[GUARANTORS]

By: Name:

Title:

# [FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED IN CONNECTION WITH TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO RULE 144A]

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. 7300 North Kendall Drive, 8th Floor Miami, Florida 33156

Facsimile: (305) 670-6403

Attention: Joseph A. Zirkman, Vice President and General Counsel

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

525 William Penn Place, 38th Floor

Pittsburgh, PA 15259 Facsimile: (412) 234-7535 Attention: Corporate Unit

Re: Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. (the "Issuer") 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 (the "Notes")

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In connection with our proposed sale of \$\_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes, we hereby certify that such transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A ("Rule 144A") under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, we hereby further certify that the Notes are being transferred to a person that we reasonably believe is purchasing the Notes for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such person exercises sole investment discretion, and such person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and such Notes are being transferred in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

You and the Issuer are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby.

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### Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with our proposed sale of \$\_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of the Notes, we confirm that such sale has been effected pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, we represent that:

- (1) the offer of the Notes was not made to a person in the United States;
- (2) either (a) at the time the buy order was originated, the transferee was outside the United States or we and any person acting on our behalf reasonably believed that the transferee was outside the United States or (b) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither we nor any person acting on our behalf knows that the transaction has been pre-arranged with a buyer in the United States;
- (3) no directed selling efforts have been made in the United States in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S, as applicable; and
  - (4) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

In addition, if the sale is made during a restricted period and the provisions of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S are applicable thereto, we confirm that such sale has been made in accordance with the applicable provisions of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b), as the case may be.

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		 Ву:	[Name of Transferor]	
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The Issuer and you are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby. Terms used in this certificate have the meanings set forth in

Regulation S.

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## FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE IN RESPECT OF GUARANTEE

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of [\_\_\_\_\_] (this "<u>Supplemental Indenture</u>"), among [name of Guarantor[s]] (the "<u>Guarantor[s]</u>"), Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Issuer</u>") and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association, as Trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>") under the Indenture referred to below.

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Issuer and the Trustee are parties to an Indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011 (as amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified, the "<u>Indenture</u>"), providing for the issuance of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 of the Issuer (the "<u>Notes</u>");

WHEREAS, Section 11.8 of the Indenture provides that the Issuer is required to cause the Guarantor[s] to execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Guarantor[s] shall guarantee the Notes pursuant to [a] Guarantee[s] on the terms and conditions set forth herein and in Article XI of the Indenture;

WHEREAS, [the][each] Guarantor desires to enter into this Supplemental Indenture for good and valuable consideration, including substantial economic benefit in that the financial performance and condition of such Guarantor is dependent on the financial performance and condition of the Issuer;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.1 of the Indenture, the parties hereto are authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture to amend the Indenture, without the consent of any Holder; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Issuer have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Guarantor[s], the Issuer and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes as follows:

- 1. <u>Defined Terms</u>. As used in this Supplemental Indenture, terms defined in the Indenture or in the preamble or recital hereto are used herein as therein defined. The words "herein," "hereof" and "hereby" and other words of similar import used in this Supplemental Indenture refer to this Supplemental Indenture as a whole and not to any particular section hereof.
- 2. <u>Agreement to Guarantee</u>. [The] [Each] Guarantor hereby agree[s], jointly and severally with [all] [any] other Guarantor[s], fully and unconditionally, to guarantee the Notes and the obligations of the Issuer under the Indenture and the Notes on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Article XI of the Indenture and to be bound by (and shall be entitled to the benefits of) all other applicable provisions of the Indenture as a Guarantor.
- 3. <u>Termination</u>, <u>Release and Discharge</u>. [The] [Each] Guarantor's Guarantee shall terminate and be of no further force or effect, and [the] [each] Guarantor shall be released and discharged from all obligations in respect of its Guarantee, only as and when provided in Section 11.5 of the Indenture.
- 4. <u>Parties</u>. Nothing in this Supplemental Indenture is intended or shall be construed to give any Person, other than the Holders and the Trustee, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of [the] [each] Guarantee or any provision contained herein or in Article XI of the Indenture.
- 5. Governing Law. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, THE INDENTURE, THE GUARANTEES AND THE NOTES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE

PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PRINCIPLES ARE NOT MANDATORILY APPLICABLE BY STATUTE AND THE APPLICATION OF THE LAW OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY. THE ISSUER AND EACH GUARANTOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY NEW YORK STATE COURT SITTING IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK OR ANY FEDERAL COURT SITTING IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN RESPECT OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE INDENTURE, THE GUARANTEES AND THE NOTES, AND IRREVOCABLY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN RESPECT OF ITS PROPERTY, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, JURISDICTION OF THE AFORESAID COURTS. THE ISSUER AND EACH GUARANTOR IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT THAT IT MAY EFFECTIVELY DO SO UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, TRIAL BY JURY AND ANY OBJECTION WHICH 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 AND ANY CLAIM NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF THE TRUSTEE OR ANY HOLDER OF THE NOTES TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW OR TO COMMENCE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OR OTHERWISE PROCEED AGAINST THE ISSUER OR ANY GUARANTOR IN ANY OTHER JURISDICTION.

- 6. <u>Ratification of Indenture</u>; <u>Supplemental Indentures Part of Indenture</u>. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed and all the terms, conditions and provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect. This Supplemental Indenture shall form a part of the Indenture for all purposes, and every Holder of Notes heretofore or hereafter authenticated and delivered shall be bound hereby. The Trustee makes no representation or warranty as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture.
- 7. <u>Counterparts</u>. The parties hereto may sign one or more copies of this Supplemental Indenture in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- 8. <u>Headings</u>. The section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provisions hereof.

[GUARANTOR], as Guarantor

By:

Name:
Title:

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

By:

Name:
Title:

N.A., as Trustee

Name: Title:

By:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY,

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

# REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

by and among

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

and

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Dated as of August 5, 2011

## REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This Registration Rights Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of August 5, 2011, by Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Parent"), the entities named in Schedule I hereto, (the "Guarantors"), and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representative (the "Representative") of the Initial Purchasers (the "Initial Purchasers") set forth on Schedule I to the Purchase Agreement who have agreed to purchase the Issuer's 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 (the "Notes") fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantors (the "Guarantees") pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. The Notes and the Guarantees attached thereto are herein collectively referred to as the "Securities."

This Agreement is made pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, dated July 28, 2011 (the "Purchase Agreement"), among the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Representative (i) for the benefit of the Initial Purchasers and (ii) for the benefit of the holders from time to time of Transfer Restricted Securities, including the Initial Purchasers. In order to induce the Initial Purchasers to purchase the Securities, the Issuer has agreed to provide the registration rights set forth in this Agreement. The execution and delivery of this Agreement is a condition to the obligations of the Initial Purchasers, as set forth in Section 6(n) of the Purchase Agreement.

The parties hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

Additional Interest: As defined in Section 5 hereof.

Advice: As defined in Section 6(c) hereof.

Agreement: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Broker-Dealer: Any broker or dealer registered under the Exchange Act.

*Business Day:* Any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or U.S. federal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies located in New York, New York are authorized or obligated to be closed.

Closing Date: The date of this Agreement.

Commission: The Securities and Exchange Commission.

Consummate: A registered Exchange Offer shall be deemed "Consummated" for purposes of this Agreement upon the occurrence of (i) the filing and effectiveness under the Securities Act of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement relating to the Exchange Securities to be

issued in the Exchange Offer, (ii) the maintenance of such Registration Statement continuously effective and the keeping of the Exchange Offer open for a period not less than the minimum period required pursuant to Section 3(b) hereof, and (iii) the delivery by the Issuer to the Registrar under the Indenture of Exchange Securities in the same aggregate principal amount as the aggregate principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities that were tendered by Holders thereof pursuant to the Exchange Offer.

Exchange Act: The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Exchange Date: As defined in Section 3(a) hereto.

Exchange Offer: The registration by the Issuer under the Securities Act of the Exchange Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement pursuant to which the Issuer offers the Holders of all outstanding Transfer Restricted Securities the opportunity to exchange all such outstanding Transfer Restricted Securities held by such Holders for Exchange Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities tendered in such exchange offer by such Holders.

Exchange Offer Registration Statement: The Registration Statement relating to the Exchange Offer, including the related Prospectus.

*Exchange Securities:* The 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016, of the same series under the Indenture as the Transfer Restricted Securities, to be issued to Holders in exchange for Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to this Agreement.

FINRA: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

*Guarantees:* As defined in the preamble hereto.

Guarantors: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Holders: As defined in Section 2(b) hereof.

Indemnified Holder: As defined in Section 8(a) hereof.

*Indenture*: The Indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011, by and among the Issuer, the Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "*Trustee*"), pursuant to which the Securities are to be issued, as such Indenture is amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

Initial Placement: The issuance and sale by the Issuer of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

*Initial Purchasers:* As defined in the preamble hereto.

Initial Securities: The Securities issued and sold by the Issuer to the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement on the Closing Date.

Issuer: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Notes: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Parent: As defined in the preamble hereto.

*Person:* An individual, partnership, corporation, trust or unincorporated organization, or a government or agency or political subdivision thereof.

*Prospectus*: The prospectus included in a Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement and by all other amendments thereto, including post-effective amendments, and all material incorporated by reference into such Prospectus.

Purchase Agreement: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Registration Actions: As defined in Section 4(c) hereof.

Registration Default: As defined in Section 5 hereof.

Registration Statement: Any registration statement of the Issuer relating to (a) an offering of Exchange Securities pursuant to an Exchange Offer or (b) the registration for resale of Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement, which is filed pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, in each case, including the Prospectus included therein, all amendments and supplements thereto (including post-effective amendments) and all exhibits and material incorporated by reference therein.

Securities: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Securities Act: The Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

*Shelf Filing Deadline:* As defined in Section 4(a) hereof.

Shelf Registration Statement: As defined in Section 4(a) hereof.

Suspension Period: As defined in Section 4(c) hereof.

Transfer Restricted Securities: The Securities; provided that the Securities shall cease to be Transfer Restricted Securities on the earliest to occur of (i) the date on which a Registration Statement with respect to such Securities has become effective under the Securities Act and such Securities have been exchanged or disposed of pursuant to such Registration Statement or (ii) the date on which such Securities cease to be outstanding.

Trust Indenture Act: The Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

Underwritten Registration or Underwritten Offering: A registration in which securities of the Issuer are sold to an underwriter for reoffering to the public.

## SECTION 2. Securities Subject to this Agreement.

- (a) Transfer Restricted Securities. The securities entitled to the benefits of this Agreement are the Transfer Restricted Securities.
- (b) Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities. A Person is deemed to be a holder of Transfer Restricted Securities (each, a "Holder") whenever such Person owns Transfer Restricted Securities.

## SECTION 3. Registered Exchange Offer.

- (a) Unless the Exchange Offer shall not be permissible under applicable law or Commission policy (after the procedures set forth in Section 6(a) hereof have been complied with), or there are no Transfer Restricted Securities outstanding, the Issuer shall (i) cause to be filed with the Commission as soon as practicable after the Closing Date, but in no event later than 270 days after the Closing Date (or if such 270th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day), a Registration Statement under the Securities Act relating to the Exchange Securities and the Exchange Offer, (ii) use its reasonable best efforts to cause such Registration Statement to be declared effective at the earliest possible time, (iii) in connection with the foregoing, (A) file all pre-effective amendments to such Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430A under the Securities Act and (C) use its reasonable best efforts to cause effective amendment to such Registration and qualification of the Exchange Securities to be made under the state securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions to permit Consummation of the Exchange Offer; *provided*, *however*, that neither the Issuer nor the Guarantors shall be required to (x) qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to qualify but for this Section 3(a) or (y) take any action which would subject it to general service of process or taxation in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject and (iv) as promptly as practicable after the effectiveness of such Registration Statement, commence the Exchange Offer. The Issuer and each of the Guarantors shall use their reasonable best efforts to Consummate the Exchange Offer not later than 360 days following the Closing Date (or if such 360th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day) (the "Exchange Date"). The Exchange Offer shall be on the appropriate form permitting registration of the Exchange Securities to be offered in exchange
- (b) The Issuer and the Guarantors shall use their reasonable best efforts to cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to be effective continuously and shall keep the Exchange Offer open for a period of not less than the minimum period required under applicable federal and state securities laws to Consummate the Exchange Offer; *provided*, *however*, that in no event shall such period be less than 30 days after the date notice of the Exchange Offer is mailed to the Holders; provided, further, that such period shall be extended by the number of days in any Suspension Period. The Issuer shall cause the Exchange Offer to comply with all applicable federal and state securities laws. No securities other than the Exchange Securities shall be included in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement. The Issuer shall use its best efforts to cause the Exchange Offer to be Consummated by the Exchange Date.

(c) The Issuer shall indicate in a "Plan of Distribution" section contained in the Prospectus forming a part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement that any Broker-Dealer who holds Transfer Restricted Securities that were acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities (other than Transfer Restricted Securities acquired directly from the Issuer), may exchange such Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to the Exchange Offer; however, such Broker-Dealer may be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act and must, therefore, deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resales of the Exchange Securities received by such Broker-Dealer in the Exchange Offer, which prospectus delivery requirement may be satisfied by the delivery by such Broker-Dealer of the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement. Such "Plan of Distribution" section shall also contain all other information with respect to such resales by Broker-Dealers that the Commission may require in order to permit such resales pursuant thereto, but such "Plan of Distribution" shall not name any such Broker-Dealer or disclose the amount of Transfer Restricted Securities held by any such Broker-Dealer except to the extent required by the Commission as a result of a change in policy after the date of this Agreement.

The Issuer and the Guarantors shall use their reasonable best efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement continuously effective, supplemented and amended as required by the provisions of Section 6(c) hereof to the extent necessary to ensure that it is available for resales of Transfer Restricted Securities acquired by Broker-Dealers for their own accounts as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, and to ensure that it conforms with the requirements of this Agreement, the Securities Act and the policies, rules and regulations of the Commission as announced from time to time, for a period ending on the earlier of (i) 180 days from the date on which the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is declared effective and (ii) the date on which a Broker-Dealer is no longer required to deliver a prospectus in connection with market-making or other trading activities.

The Issuer shall provide sufficient copies of the latest version of such Prospectus to Broker-Dealers promptly upon request at any time during such 180-day (or shorter as provided in the foregoing sentence) period in order to facilitate such resales.

## SECTION 4. Shelf Registration.

(a) Shelf Registration. If (i) the Issuer is not required to file an Exchange Offer Registration Statement or to consummate the Exchange Offer solely because the Exchange Offer is not permitted by applicable law or Commission policy (after the procedures set forth in Section 6(a) hereof have been complied with), (ii) for any reason the Exchange Offer is not Consummated by the Exchange Date, or (iii) prior to the Exchange Date: (A) the Initial Purchasers request from the Issuer with respect to Transfer Restricted Securities not eligible to be exchanged for Exchange Securities in the Exchange Offer, (B) with respect to any Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities such Holder notifies the Issuer that (i) such Holder is prohibited by applicable law or Commission policy from participating in the Exchange Offer, (ii) such Holder may not resell the Exchange Securities acquired by it in the Exchange Offer to the public without delivering a prospectus and that the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not appropriate or available for such resales by such Holder, or (iii) such Holder is a Broker-

Dealer and holds Transfer Restricted Securities acquired directly from the Issuer or one of its affiliates or (C) the Initial Purchasers notify the Issuer they will not receive Exchange Securities in exchange for Transfer Restricted Securities constituting any portion of the Initial Purchasers' unsold allotment, the Issuer and the Guarantors shall:

- (x) cause to be filed a shelf registration statement pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, which may be an amendment to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement (in either event, the "Shelf Registration Statement"), on or prior to the 50th day after the date on which the Issuer receives such notice from a Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities or an Initial Purchaser (such date being the "Shelf Filing Deadline"), which Shelf Registration Statement shall provide for resales of all Transfer Restricted Securities the Holders of which shall have provided the information required pursuant to Section 4(b) hereof; provided that the Issuer and the Guarantors shall not be required to cause such Shelf Registration Statement to be filed earlier than the 270th day following the Closing Date (or if such 270th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day); and
- (y) use their reasonable best efforts to cause such Shelf Registration Statement to be declared effective as promptly as practicable, but no later than (A) 60 days (or if such 60th day is not a Business Day the next succeeding Business Day), or (B) 50 days if the Shelf Registration Statement is not reviewed by the Commission (or if such 50th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day), after such time such obligation to file first arises; provided that the Issuer and the Guarantors shall not be required to cause such Shelf Registration Statement to be declared effective earlier than the 360th day following the Closing Date (or if such 360th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day).

The Issuer and each of the Guarantors shall use their reasonable best efforts to keep such Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective, supplemented and amended as required by the provisions of Sections 6(b) and (c) hereof to the extent necessary to ensure that it is available for resales of Transfer Restricted Securities by the Holders of such Securities entitled to the benefit of this Section 4(a), and to ensure that it conforms with the requirements of this Agreement, the Securities Act and the policies, rules and regulations of the Commission as announced from time to time, from the date on which the Shelf Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission until the expiration of the one-year period referred to in Rule 144 applicable to securities held by non-affiliates under the Securities Act (or shorter period that will terminate when all the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement have been sold pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement.

(b) Provision by Holders of Certain Information in Connection with the Shelf Registration Statement. No Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities may include any of its Transfer Restricted Securities in any Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to this Agreement unless and until such Holder furnishes to the Issuer in writing, within 10 Business Days after receipt of a request therefor, such information as the Issuer may reasonably request for use in connection with any Shelf Registration Statement or Prospectus or preliminary Prospectus included therein. Each Holder as to which any Shelf Registration Statement is being effected agrees to furnish

promptly to the Issuer all information required to be disclosed in order to make the information previously furnished to the Issuer by such Holder not materially misleading.

(c) Suspension. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary and subject to the limitation set forth in the next succeeding paragraph, at any time after the effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement, the Issuer shall be entitled to suspend its obligation to file any amendment to the Shelf Registration Statement, furnish any supplement or amendment to a Prospectus included in the Shelf Registration Statement, make any other filing with the Commission, cause the Shelf Registration Statement or other filing with the Commission to remain effective or take any similar action (collectively, "Registration Actions") upon (A) the issuance by the Commission of a stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement or the initiation of proceedings with respect to the Shelf Registration Statement under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Securities Act, (B) the occurrence of any event or the existence of any fact as a result of which the Shelf Registration Statement would or shall contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or the related Prospectus would or shall contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (C) the occurrence or existence of any corporate development that, in the good faith determination of the Board of Directors of the Issuer, makes it appropriate to postpone or suspend the availability of the Shelf Registration Statement and the related Prospectus. Upon the occurrence of any of the conditions described in clause (A), (B) or (C) above, the Issuer shall give prompt notice (a "Suspension Notice") thereof to the Holders. Upon the termination of such condition, the Issuer shall give prompt notice thereof to the Holders and shall promptly proceed with all Registration Action

The Issuer may only suspend Registration Actions pursuant to the preceding paragraph for one or more periods (each, a "Suspension Period") not to exceed, in the aggregate, (x) forty-five (45) days in any three month period or (y) ninety (90) days in any twelve month period. Any Suspension Period will not alter the obligations of the Issuer to pay Additional Interest under the circumstances set forth in Section 5 hereof, if applicable. Each Suspension Period shall be deemed to begin on the date the relevant Suspension Notice is given to the Holders and shall be deemed to end on the earlier to occur of (1) the date on which the Issuer gives the Holders a notice that the Suspension Period has terminated and (2) the date on which the number of days during which a Suspension Period has been in effect exceeds, in the aggregate, (x) forty-five (45) days in any three month period or (y) ninety (90) days in any twelve month period.

## SECTION 5. Additional Interest.

If (i) the Exchange Offer has not been Consummated on or prior to the date specified for such consummation in this Agreement, (ii) any Shelf Registration Statement, if required hereby, has not been declared effective by the Commission on or prior to the date specified for such effectiveness in this Agreement or (iii) any Registration Statement required by this Agreement has been declared effective but ceases to be effective at any time at which it is required to be effective under this Agreement (other than during a Suspension Period), as applicable (each such event referred to in clauses (i) through (iii), a "Registration Default"), the Issuer hereby agrees

that the interest rate borne by the Transfer Restricted Securities shall be increased by 0.25% per annum during the 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of any Registration Default and shall increase by 0.25% per annum at the end of each subsequent 90-day period (such increase, "Additional Interest"), but in no event shall such increase exceed 1.00% per annum. Following the cure of all Registration Defaults relating to the particular Transfer Restricted Securities the interest rate borne by the relevant Transfer Restricted Securities will be reduced to the original interest rate borne by such Transfer Restricted Securities; provided, however, that, if after any such reduction in interest rate, a different Registration Default occurs, the interest rate borne by the relevant Transfer Restricted Securities shall again be increased pursuant to the foregoing provisions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the amount of Additional Interest pursuant to this Section 5 shall not increase because more than one Registration Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) a Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities who is not entitled to the benefits of the Shelf Registration Statement shall not be entitled to Additional Interest with respect to a Registration Default that pertains to the Shelf Registration Statement.

All accrued Additional Interest shall be payable to the Holders entitled thereto, in the manner provided for the payment of interest in the Indenture, as more fully set forth in the Indenture and the Securities. All obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantors set forth in the preceding paragraph that are outstanding with respect to any Transfer Restricted Security at the time such security ceases to be a Transfer Restricted Security shall survive until such time as all such obligations with respect to such security shall have been satisfied in full.

## SECTION 6. Registration Procedures.

- (a) Exchange Offer Registration Statement. In connection with the Exchange Offer, the Issuer and the Guarantors shall comply with all of the provisions of Section 6(c) hereof, shall use their reasonable best efforts to effect such exchange to permit the sale of Transfer Restricted Securities being sold in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution thereof set forth in the Registration Statement, and shall comply with all of the following provisions:
  - (i) As a condition to its participation in the Exchange Offer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, each Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities shall furnish, upon the request of the Issuer, prior to the Consummation thereof, a written representation to the Issuer (which may be contained in the letter of transmittal contemplated by the Exchange Offer Registration Statement) to the effect that (A) it is not an affiliate of the Issuer, (B) it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, and has no arrangement or understanding with any Person to participate in, a distribution of the Exchange Securities to be issued in the Exchange Offer and (C) it is acquiring the Exchange Securities in its ordinary course of business. In addition, all such Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities shall otherwise cooperate in the Issuer's preparations for the Exchange Offer. Each Holder hereby acknowledges and agrees that any Broker-Dealer and any such Holder using the Exchange Offer to participate in a distribution of the securities to be acquired in the Exchange Offer (1) could not under Commission policy as in effect on the date of this Agreement rely on the position of the Commission enunciated in Morgan Stanley and Co., Inc. (available June 5, 1991) and Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation (available

- May 13, 1988), as interpreted in the Commission's letter to Shearman & Sterling dated July 2, 1993, and similar no-action letters, and (2) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with a secondary resale transaction and that such a secondary resale transaction should be covered by an effective registration statement containing the selling security holder information required by Item 507 or 508, as applicable, of Regulation S-K if the resales are of Exchange Securities obtained by such Holder in exchange for Transfer Restricted Securities acquired by such Holder directly from the Issuer.
- (b) *Shelf Registration Statement*. If required pursuant to Section 4, in connection with the Shelf Registration Statement, the Issuer and each of the Guarantors shall comply with all the provisions of Section 6(c) hereof and shall use its reasonable best efforts to effect such registration to permit the sale of the Transfer Restricted Securities being sold in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution thereof set forth in such Shelf Registration Statement, and pursuant thereto the Issuer and each of the Guarantors will as promptly as practicable prepare and file with the Commission a Registration Statement relating to the registration on any appropriate form under the Securities Act, which form shall be available for the sale of the Transfer Restricted Securities in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution thereof set forth in such Shelf Registration Statement.
- (c) *General Provisions*. Except as otherwise provided herein, in connection with any Registration Statement and any Prospectus required by this Agreement to permit the sale or resale of Transfer Restricted Securities (including, without limitation, any Registration Statement and the related Prospectus required to permit resales of Transfer Restricted Securities by Broker-Dealers), the Issuer and each of the Guarantors shall:
  - (i) use its reasonable best efforts to keep such Registration Statement continuously effective and provide all requisite financial statements for the period specified in Section 3 or 4 hereof, as applicable; upon the occurrence of any event that would cause any such Registration Statement or the Prospectus contained therein (A) to contain a material misstatement or omission or (B) not to be effective and usable for resale of Transfer Restricted Securities during the period required by this Agreement, the Issuer shall file as promptly as practicable an appropriate amendment to such Registration Statement, in the case of clause (A), correcting any such misstatement or omission, and, in the case of either clause (A) or (B), use their best efforts to cause such amendment to be declared effective and such Registration Statement and the related Prospectus to become usable for their intended purpose(s) as soon as practicable thereafter;
  - (ii) prepare and file with the Commission such amendments and post-effective amendments to the applicable Registration Statement as may be necessary to keep the Registration Statement effective for the applicable period set forth in Section 3 or 4 hereof, as applicable, or such shorter period as will terminate when all Transfer Restricted Securities covered by such Registration Statement have been sold; cause the Prospectus to be supplemented by any required Prospectus supplement, and as so supplemented to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, and to comply fully with the applicable provisions of Rules 424 and 430A under the Securities Act in a timely manner; and

comply with the provisions of the Securities Act with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by such Registration Statement during the applicable period in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution by the sellers thereof set forth in such Registration Statement or supplement to the Prospectus;

(iii) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, advise the underwriter(s), if any, and the selling Holders as promptly as practicable and, if a Prospectus is required to be delivered by any Broker-Dealer in the case of an Exchange Offer, advise the Initial Purchasers as promptly as practicable, and, in each case, if requested by such Persons, to confirm such advice in writing, (A) when the Prospectus or any Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment has been filed, and, with respect to any Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto, when the same has become effective, (B) of any request by the Commission for amendments to the Registration Statement or amendments or supplements to the Prospectus or for additional information relating thereto, (C) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Securities Act or of the suspension by any state securities commission of the qualification of the Transfer Restricted Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or the initiation of any proceeding for any of the preceding purposes, (D) of the existence of any fact or the happening of any event that makes any statement of a material fact made in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any amendment or supplement thereto, or any document incorporated by reference therein untrue, or that requires the making of any additions to or changes in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein not misleading. If at any time the Commission shall issue any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement, or any state securities commission or other regulatory authority shall issue an order suspending the qualification or exemption from qualification of the Transfer Restricted Securities under state securities or blue sky laws, the Issuer and each of the Guarantors shall use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal or lifting of such order at the earliest pract

(iv) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement or if a Prospectus is required to be delivered by any Broker-Dealer in the case of an Exchange Offer, furnish without charge to the Initial Purchasers, each selling Holder named in any Registration Statement, and each of the underwriter(s), if any, before filing with the Commission, copies of any Registration Statement or any Prospectus included therein, and permit one legal counsel to the Initial Purchasers and such Holders and underwriter(s), if any, with an opportunity to review and comment upon any such Registration Statement or Prospectus within a reasonable period prior to their filing with the Commission and upon all amendments and supplements thereto such lesser period prior to their filing with the Commission as shall be reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances, and the Issuer shall not file any documents to which such legal counsel to the Initial Purchasers and such Holders and underwriter(s), if any, reasonably objects in writing (it being agreed that such writing may for this purpose be in electronic format). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer shall not be required to take any actions under this Section 6(c)(iv) that are not, in the reasonable opinion of counsel for the Issuer, in compliance with applicable law or to include any

disclosure which at the time would have an adverse effect on the business or operations of the Issuer and/or its subsidiaries, as determined in good faith by the Issuer;

- (v) promptly prior to the filing of any document that is to be incorporated by reference into such Registration Statement or Prospectus, provide copies of such document, to the extent requested, to the Initial Purchasers, each selling Holder named in any Registration Statement, and to the underwriter(s), if any, make the Issuer's and the Guarantors' representatives available for discussion of such document and other customary due diligence matters, and include such information in such document prior to the filing thereof as such selling Holders or underwriter(s), if any, reasonably may request;
- (vi) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, or if a Prospectus is required to be delivered by any Broker-Dealer in the case of an Exchange Offer, make available at reasonable times for inspection by the Initial Purchasers, the managing underwriter(s), if any, participating in any disposition pursuant to such Registration Statement and one firm of legal counsel or accountant retained by the Initial Purchasers or any of the underwriter(s), all financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Issuer and each of the Guarantors reasonably requested by any such Persons and cause the Issuer's and the Guarantors' officers, directors and employees to supply all information reasonably requested by any such Holder, underwriter, attorney or accountant in connection with such Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto subsequent to the filing thereof and prior to its effectiveness and to participate in meetings with investors to the extent reasonably requested by the managing underwriter(s), if any;
- (vii) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, if requested by any selling Holders or the underwriter(s), if any, promptly incorporate in any Registration Statement or Prospectus, pursuant to a supplement or post-effective amendment if necessary, such information as such selling Holders and underwriter(s), if any, may reasonably request to have included therein, including, without limitation, information relating to the "Plan of Distribution" of the Transfer Restricted Securities, information with respect to the principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities being sold to such underwriter(s), the purchase price being paid therefor and any other terms of the offering of the Transfer Restricted Securities to be sold in such offering; and make all required filings of such Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment as soon as practicable after the Issuer is notified of the matters to be incorporated in such Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment;
- (viii) use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Registration Statement to be rated with the appropriate rating agencies, if so requested by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Securities covered thereby or the underwriter(s), if any;
- (ix) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, furnish to each selling Holder and each of the underwriter(s), if any, without charge, at least one copy of the Registration Statement, as first filed with the Commission, and of each amendment thereto,

including financial statements and schedules (without documents incorporated by reference therein or exhibits thereto, unless requested);

- (x) deliver to (A) in the case of an Exchange Offer, each Broker-Dealer who submits a written request to the Issuer and (ii) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, each selling Holder and each of the underwriter(s), if any, without charge, as many copies of the Prospectus (including each preliminary prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto as such Persons reasonably may request; the Issuer and each of the Guarantors hereby consent to the use of the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto by each of the selling Holders and each of the underwriter(s), if any, in connection with the offering and the sale of the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto;
- (xi) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, enter into such agreements (including an underwriting agreement), and make such customary representations and warranties, and take all such other customary and appropriate actions in connection therewith in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of the Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement contemplated by this Agreement, all to such extent as may be reasonably requested by a majority in aggregate principal amount of Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement or underwriter in connection with any sale or resale pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement contemplated by this Agreement; and whether or not an underwriting agreement is entered into and whether or not the registration is an Underwritten Registration, the Issuer and each of the Guarantors shall:
  - (A) furnish to the Initial Purchasers, each selling Holder and each underwriter, if any, in such substance and scope as they may reasonably request and as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in primary underwritten offerings, upon the effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement:
    - (1) a certificate, dated the date of effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement signed by (y) the President or any Vice President and (z) a principal financial or accounting officer of the Issuer and each of the Guarantors, confirming, as of the date thereof, the matters set forth in paragraphs (e), (g) and (h) of Section 6 of the Purchase Agreement and such other matters as such parties may reasonably request;
    - (2) an opinion of counsel for the Issuer and the Guarantors, covering substantially the subject matter of the opinion delivered pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Purchase Agreement, dated the date of effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement; and
    - (3) a customary comfort letter, dated the date of effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement, from the Issuer's independent accountants, in the customary form and covering matters of the type customarily requested to be covered in comfort letters by underwriters in connection with primary underwritten offerings, and covering or affirming the matters

set forth in the comfort letters delivered pursuant to Section 6(d) of the Purchase Agreement;

- (B) set forth in full or incorporate by reference in the underwriting agreement, if any, the indemnification provisions and procedures of Section 8 hereof with respect to all parties to be indemnified pursuant to said Section; and
- (C) deliver such other documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested by such parties and as are customarily delivered in similar offerings to evidence compliance with Section 6(c)(xi)(A) hereof and with any customary conditions contained in the underwriting agreement or other agreement entered into by the Issuer or any of the Guarantors pursuant to this Section 6(c)(xi), if any.

If at any time the representations and warranties of the Issuer and the Guarantors contemplated by the certificate furnished pursuant to Section 6(c)(xi)(A)(1) hereof cease to be true and correct, the Issuer or the Guarantors shall so advise the Initial Purchasers and the underwriter(s), if any, and each selling Holder promptly and, if requested by such Persons, shall confirm such advice in writing;

(xii) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, prior to any public offering of Transfer Restricted Securities, use its reasonable best efforts to cooperate with the selling Holders, the underwriter(s), if any, and their respective counsel in connection with the registration and qualification of the Transfer Restricted Securities under the state securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as the selling Holders or underwriter(s), if any, may reasonably request in writing by the time the Shelf Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission, and use its best efforts to do any and all other acts or things necessary or advisable to enable the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Shelf Registration Statement; *provided*, *however*, that neither the Issuer nor the Guarantors shall be required to register or qualify as a foreign corporation where it is not then so qualified or to take any action that would subject it to the service of process in suits or to taxation in any jurisdiction where it is not then so subject;

(xiii) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, issue, upon the request of any Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Shelf Registration Statement, Exchange Securities having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities surrendered to the Issuer by such Holder in exchange therefor or being sold by such Holder; such Exchange Securities to be registered in the name of such Holder or in the name of the purchaser(s) of such Securities, as the case may be; in return, the Transfer Restricted Securities held by such Holder shall be surrendered to the Issuer for cancellation;

(xiv) cooperate with the selling Holders and the underwriter(s), if any, to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Transfer Restricted Securities to be sold and not bearing any restrictive legends; and enable such Transfer Restricted Securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as the

Holders or the underwriter(s), if any, may request at least three Business Days prior to any sale of Transfer Restricted Securities made by such Holders or underwriter(s);

(xv) use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Registration Statement to be registered with or approved by such other governmental agencies or authorities as may be necessary to enable the seller or sellers thereof or the underwriter(s), if any, to consummate the disposition of such Transfer Restricted Securities, subject to the proviso contained in Section 6(c)(xii) hereof;

(xvi) if any fact or event contemplated by Section 6(c)(iii)(D) hereof shall exist or have occurred, use its best efforts to prepare a supplement or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or related Prospectus or any document incorporated therein by reference or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of Transfer Restricted Securities, the Prospectus will not contain at the time of such delivery any untrue statement of any material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(xvii) provide a CUSIP number for all Securities not later than the effective date of the Registration Statement covering such Securities and provide the Trustee under the Indenture with printed certificates for such Securities which are in a form eligible for deposit with the Depository Trust Company and take all other action necessary to ensure that all such Securities are eligible for deposit with the Depository Trust Company;

(xviii) reasonably cooperate and assist in any filings required to be made with FINRA and in the performance of any due diligence investigation by any underwriter (including any "qualified independent underwriter") that is required to be retained in accordance with the rules and regulations of FINRA;

(xix) otherwise use its reasonable best efforts to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission, and make generally available to its security holders, as soon as practicable, a consolidated earnings statement meeting the requirements of Rule 158 under the Securities Act (which need not be audited) for the twelve-month period (A) commencing at the end of any fiscal quarter in which Transfer Restricted Securities are sold to underwriters in a firm commitment or best efforts Underwritten Offering or (B) if not sold to underwriters in such an offering, beginning with the first month of the Issuer's first fiscal quarter commencing after the effective date of the Registration Statement; and

(xx) cause the Indenture to be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act not later than the effective date of the first Registration Statement required by this Agreement, and, in connection therewith, cooperate with the Trustee and the Holders of Securities to effect such changes to the Indenture as may be required for such Indenture to be so qualified in accordance with the terms of the Trust Indenture Act; and to execute and use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Trustee to execute, all documents that may be required to effect such changes and all other forms and documents required to be filed with the Commission to enable such Indenture to be so qualified in a timely manner.

Each Holder agrees by acquisition of a Transfer Restricted Security that, upon receipt of any notice from the Issuer of (i) the existence of any fact of the kind described in Section 6(c)(iii)(D) hereof or (ii) the commencement a Suspension Period, such Holder will forthwith discontinue disposition of Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to the applicable Registration Statement until such Holder's receipt of the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 6(c)(xvi) hereof, or until it is advised in writing (the "Advice") by the Issuer that the use of the Prospectus may be resumed, and has received copies of any additional or supplemental filings that are incorporated by reference in the Prospectus. If so directed by the Issuer, each Holder will deliver to the Issuer (at the Issuer's expense) all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder's possession, of the Prospectus covering such Transfer Restricted Securities that was current at the time of receipt of such notice. In the event the Issuer shall give any such notice, the time period regarding the effectiveness of such Registration Statement set forth in Section 3 or 4 hereof, as applicable, shall be extended by the number of days during the period from and including the date of the giving of such notice pursuant to Section 6(c)(iii)(D) or Section 4(c), as the case may be, hereof to and including the date when each selling Holder covered by such Registration Statement shall have received the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 6(c) (xvi) hereof or shall have received the Advice.

## SECTION 7. Registration Expenses.

(a) All expenses incident to the Issuer's and the Guarantors' performance of or compliance with this Agreement will be borne by the Issuer and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, regardless of whether a Registration Statement becomes effective, including, without limitation: (i) all registration and filing fees and expenses (including filings made by any Initial Purchasers or Holder with FINRA (and, if applicable, the fees and expenses of any "qualified independent underwriter" and its counsel that may be required by the rules and regulations of FINRA)); (ii) all fees and expenses of compliance with federal securities and state securities or blue sky laws; (iii) all expenses of printing (including printing certificates for the Exchange Securities to be issued in the Exchange Offer and printing of Prospectuses), messenger and delivery services and telephone; (iv) all fees and disbursements of counsel for the Issuer and the Guarantors and, subject to Section 7(b) hereof, the Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities; (v) all application and filing fees in connection with listing the Exchange Securities on a securities exchange or automated quotation system pursuant to the requirements thereof; and (vi) all fees and disbursements of independent certified public accountants of the Issuer and the Guarantors (including the expenses of any special audit and comfort letters required by or incident to such performance).

The Issuer and each of the Guarantors will, in any event, bear its internal expenses (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of its officers and employees performing legal or accounting duties), the expenses of any annual audit and the fees and expenses of any Person, including special experts, retained by the Issuer or the Guarantors.

(b) In connection with any Registration Statement required by this Agreement (including, without limitation, the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and the Shelf Registration Statement), the Issuer and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, will reimburse the Initial Purchasers and the Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities being tendered in the Exchange

Offer and/or resold pursuant to the "Plan of Distribution" contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement or registered pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement, as applicable, for the reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of not more than one counsel, who shall be Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP or such other counsel as may be chosen by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities for whose benefit such Registration Statement is being prepared.

Each Holder shall pay all underwriting discounts and commissions and transfer taxes, if any, relating to the sale or disposition of such Holder's Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement.

### SECTION 8. Indemnification.

(a) The Issuer and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless (i) each Holder and (ii) each Person, if any, who controls (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act) any Holder (any of the Persons referred to in this clause (ii) being hereinafter referred to as a "controlling person") and (iii) the officers, directors, partners, employees, representatives and agents of any Holder or any controlling person (any Person referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) may hereinafter be referred to as an "Indemnified Holder") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments, actions and expenses (including, without limitation, and as incurred, reimbursement of all reasonable costs of investigating, preparing, pursuing, settling, compromising, paying or defending any claim or action, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, including the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel to any Indemnified Holder), joint or several, directly or indirectly caused by, related to, based upon, arising out of or in connection with any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement or Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 does not apply to any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense to the extent arising out of an untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission that is made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Issuer or the Guarantors may otherwise have.

In case any action or proceeding (including any governmental or regulatory investigation or proceeding) shall be brought or asserted against any of the Indemnified Holders with respect to which indemnity may be sought against the Issuer or the Guarantors, such Indemnified Holder (or the Indemnified Holder controlled by such controlling person) shall promptly notify the Issuer and the Guarantors in writing; *provided*, *however*, that the failure to give such notice shall not relieve the Issuer or any of the Guarantors of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result of such failure. If such Indemnified Holder is entitled to indemnification under this Section 8 with respect to any action or proceeding brought by a third party, the Issuer and the Guarantors shall be entitled to assume the defense of any such action or proceeding with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Holder. Upon

assumption by the Issuer and the Guarantors of the defense of any such action or proceeding, such Indemnified Holder shall have the right to participate in such action or proceeding and to retain its own counsel but the Issuer and the Guarantors shall not be liable for any legal fees and expenses of other counsel subsequently incurred by the Indemnified Holder in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the Issuer and the Guarantors have agreed to pay such fees and expenses, (ii) the Issuer and the Guarantors shall have failed to employ counsel satisfactory to such Indemnified Holder in a timely manner or (iii) such Indemnified Holder shall have been advised by counsel that there are actual or potential conflicting interests between the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Indemnified Holder, including situations in which there are one or more legal defenses available to the Indemnified Holder that are inconsistent with or additional to those available to the Issuer and the Guarantors; provided, however, that the Issuer and the Guarantors shall not, in connection with any one such action or proceeding or separate but substantially similar or related actions or proceedings arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances, be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate firm of attorneys (in addition to any local counsel) at any time for such Indemnified Holders. The Issuer and the Guarantors shall not consent to the terms of any compromise or settlement of any action defended by the Issuer and the Guarantors in accordance with the foregoing without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Holder unless such compromise or settlement (i) includes an unconditional release of the Indemnified Holder from all liability arising out of such action, claim, litigation or proceeding and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of the Indemnified Holder.

(b) Each Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Issuer, the Guarantors and their respective directors, officers of the Issuer and the Guarantors who sign a Registration Statement, and any Person controlling (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act) the Issuer or any of the Guarantors, and the respective officers, directors, partners, employees, representatives and agents of each such Person, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Issuer and the Guarantors to each of the Indemnified Holders, but only with respect to claims and actions based on information furnished in writing by such Holder expressly for use in any Registration Statement. In case any action or proceeding shall be brought against the Issuer, the Guarantors or their respective directors or officers or any such controlling person in respect of which indemnity may be sought against a Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities, such Holder shall have the rights and duties given the Issuer and the Guarantors, and the Issuer, the Guarantors, their respective directors and officers and any such controlling person shall have the rights and duties given to each Holder by the preceding paragraph.

(c) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 is unavailable to an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or (b) hereof (other than by reason of exceptions provided in those Sections) in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments, actions or expenses referred to therein, then each applicable indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Issuer and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders, on the other hand, from the Initial Placement (which in the case of the Issuer and the Guarantors shall be deemed to be equal to the total gross proceeds to the Issuer and the Guarantors

from the Initial Placement), the amount of Additional Interest which did not become payable as a result of the filing of the Registration Statement resulting in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments actions or expenses, and such Registration Statement, or if such allocation is not permitted by applicable law, the relative fault of the Issuer and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the Issuer, on the one hand, and of the Indemnified Holder, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Issuer or any of the Guarantors, on the one hand, or the Indemnified Holders, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses referred to above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in the second paragraph of Section 8(a) hereof, any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim.

The Issuer, the Guarantors and each Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(c) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Holders were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, none of the Holders (and the related Indemnified Holders) shall be required to contribute, in the aggregate, any amount in excess of the amount by which the total discount received by such Holder with respect to the Initial Securities exceeds the amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Holders' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 8(c) are several in proportion to the respective principal amount of Initial Securities held by each of the Holders hereunder and not joint.

### SECTION 9. Rule 144A.

The Issuer and each of the Guarantors hereby agree with each Holder, for so long as any Transfer Restricted Securities remain outstanding, to make available to any Holder or beneficial owner of Transfer Restricted Securities in connection with any sale thereof and any prospective purchaser of such Transfer Restricted Securities from such Holder or beneficial owner, the information required by Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act in order to permit resales of such Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

#### SECTION 10. Participation in Underwritten Registrations.

No Holder may participate in any Underwritten Registration hereunder unless such Holder (a) agrees to sell such Holder's Transfer Restricted Securities on the basis provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the Persons entitled hereunder to approve such arrangements and (b) completes and executes all reasonable questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements, lock-up letters and other documents required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements.

#### SECTION 11. Selection of Underwriters.

The Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Shelf Registration Statement who desire to do so may sell such Transfer Restricted Securities in an Underwritten Offering. In any such Underwritten Offering, the investment banker(s) and managing underwriter(s) that will administer such offering will be selected by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities included in such offering; *provided*, *however*, that such investment banker(s) and managing underwriter(s) must be reasonably satisfactory to the Issuer.

#### SECTION 12. Miscellaneous.

- (a) *Remedies*. The Issuer, each of the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers hereby agree that monetary damages would not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of a breach by it of the provisions of this Agreement and hereby agree to waive the defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate.
- (b) No Inconsistent Agreements. The Issuer and each of the Guarantors will not on or after the date of this Agreement enter into any agreement with respect to its securities that is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Holders in this Agreement or otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof. Neither the Issuer nor any of the Guarantors have previously entered into any agreement granting any registration rights with respect to its securities to any Person. The rights granted to the Holders hereunder do not in any way conflict with and are not inconsistent with the rights granted to the holders of an Issuer's or any of the Guarantors' securities under any agreement in effect on the date hereof.
- (c) *Adjustments Affecting the Securities*. The Issuer will not take any action, or permit any change to occur, with respect to the Securities that would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Holders to Consummate any Exchange Offer.
- (d) *Amendments and Waivers*. The provisions of this Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to or departures from the provisions hereof may not be given unless the Issuer has (i) in the case of Section 5 hereof and this Section 12(d)(i), obtained the written consent of Holders of all outstanding Transfer Restricted Securities and (ii) in the case of all other provisions hereof, obtained the written consent of Holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities (excluding any Transfer Restricted Securities held by the Issuer or its respective Affiliates). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a waiver or consent to departure from the provisions hereof that

relates exclusively to the rights of Holders whose securities are being tendered pursuant to the Exchange Offer and that does not affect directly or indirectly the rights of other Holders whose securities are not being tendered pursuant to such Exchange Offer may be given by the Holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities being tendered or registered; *provided*, *however*, that, with respect to any matter that directly or indirectly affects the rights of the Initial Purchasers hereunder, the Issuer shall obtain the written consent of the Representative with respect to which such amendment, qualification, supplement, waiver, consent or departure is to be effective.

- (e) *Notices*. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand-delivery, first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telex, telecopier, or air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery:
  - (i) if to a Holder, at the address set forth on the records of the Registrar under the Indenture, with a copy to the Registrar under the Indenture; and
  - (ii) if to the Issuer or the Guarantors:

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. 968 James Street

Syracuse, NY 13203 Attention: General Counsel Telecopy: (315) 475-9616

(iii) with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice or service of process pursuant to this Agreement):

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP 575 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10022 Attention: Wayne Wald, Fsa

Attention: Wayne Wald, Esq. Telecopy: (212) 940-8776

E-mail: wayne.wald@kattenlaw.com

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when answered back, if telexed; when receipt acknowledged, if telecopied; and on the next Business Day, if timely delivered to an air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery.

Copies of all such notices, demands or other communications shall be concurrently delivered by the Person giving the same to the Trustee at the address specified in the Indenture.

(f) Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the parties, including, without limitation, and without the need for an express assignment, subsequent Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not inure to the benefit of or be binding upon a

successor or assign of a Holder unless and to the extent such successor or assign acquired Transfer Restricted Securities from such Holder. Nothing herein shall be deemed to permit any assignment, transfer or other disposition of Transfer Restricted Securities in violation of the terms of the Purchase Agreement or the Indenture.

- (g) *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
  - (h) Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.
- (i) Governing Law. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONFLICTS OF LAW RULES THEREOF.
- (j) *Severability*. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected or impaired thereby.
- (k) *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and intended to be a complete and exclusive statement of the agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein. There are no restrictions, promises, warranties or undertakings, other than those set forth or referred to herein with respect to the registration rights granted by the Issuer with respect to the Transfer Restricted Securities. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

### FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

CABANA BEVERAGES, INC.

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: President

CABANA BEVCO LLC

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

GET REAL, INC.

By: <u>/s/</u> Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

POLLO FRANCHISE, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

POLLO OPERATIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TACO CABANA, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TP ACQUISITION CORP.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TC BEVCO LLC

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

T.C. MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TC LEASE HOLDINGS III, V AND VI, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TEXAS TACO CABANA, L.P.

By: T.C. Management, Inc., its General Partner

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

# TPAQ HOLDING CORPORATION

By: /s/ Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President The foregoing Registration Rights Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written:

# WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC,

as Representative of the Initial Purchasers

By: <u>/s/ Lewis S. Morris, III</u>

Name: Lewis S. Morris, III Title: Managing Director

### SCHEDULE I

# GUARANTORS

<u>Name</u>	Jurisdiction of <u>Incorporation / Organization</u>	Chief Executive Office Location
Cabana Beverages, Inc.	Texas	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
Cabana Bevco LLC	Texas	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
Get Real, Inc.	Delaware	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
Pollo Franchise, Inc.	Florida	7300 North Kendall Drive, 8th Floor Miami, Florida 33156
Pollo Operations, Inc.	Florida	7300 North Kendall Drive, 8th Floor Miami, Florida 33156
Taco Cabana, Inc.	Delaware	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
TP Acquisition Corp.	Texas	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
TC Bevco LLC	Texas	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
T.C. Management, Inc.	Delaware	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
TC Lease Holdings III, V and VI, Inc.	Texas	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
Texas Taco Cabana, L.P.	Texas	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217
TPAQ Holding Corporation	Delaware	8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, Texas 78217

#### FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO INDENTURE

This Fourth Supplement to Indenture (the "Supplement") is dated as of August 5, 2011 by and between Carrols Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and The Bank of New York Mellon (formerly known as The Bank of New York), a New York banking corporation, as trustee (the "Trustee"), with respect to the Company's 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (the "Notes"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Supplement shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Indenture (as defined below), as amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.

WHEREAS, the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors named therein and the Trustee entered into the Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2004 (the "Indenture") governing the Notes, as amended by that certain First Supplement to Indenture (the "First Supplement") dated as of November 29, 2006 by and among the Company, TPAQ Holding Corporation and the Trustee, as further amended by that certain Second Supplement to Indenture (the "Second Supplement") dated as of May 29, 2008 by and among the Company, Carrols LLC and the Trustee and as further amended by that certain Third Supplement to Indenture (the "Third Supplement") dated as of May 4, 2011 by and among the Company, Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. and the Trustee;

WHEREAS, Section 10.02 of the Indenture provides that with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of outstanding Securities, the Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any provisions of the Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders under the Indenture, including the definitions therein, except in certain cases where the consent of each Holder affected is required;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to amend the Indenture with the consent of Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities;

WHEREAS, the consent of each Holder is not required to enact the amendments contained herein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement dated July 22, 2011 (as amended or supplemented, the "Tender Offer"), the Company has offered to purchase any and all of the outstanding Securities and has proposed certain amendments to the Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities have tendered their Securities for purchase by the Company in connection with the Tender Offer and have approved the proposed amendments described in this Supplement; and

WHEREAS, all acts and requirements necessary to make this Supplement the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Notes, as follows:

### ARTICLE I AMENDMENTS TO INDENTURE

#### Section 1.01 Amendments.

- a. Sections 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.11, 4.13, 4.14, 5.01 and 5.02, clause (a) of Section 4.06, clauses (3), (5), (6), (8) and (9) of Section 6.01, the second paragraph of Section 6.02 and clause (6) of Section 10.01 of the Indenture are deleted in their entirety.
- b. The final paragraph of clause (b) of Section 4.06 of the Indenture is hereby amended to delete the phrase "in a transaction permitted under Section 5.01" appearing in the first sentence thereof.
- c. The first paragraph of Section 6.02 of the Indenture is hereby amended to delete the phrase "(other than an Event of Default specified in clause (8) or (9) of Section 6.01 with respect to the Company)" appearing in the first sentence thereof.
- d. The third paragraph of Section 6.02 of the Indenture is hereby amended to insert the word "and" between the words "paid" and "(iv)" appearing in the first sentence thereof and to delete the words "and (v) in the event of the cure or waiver of an Event of Default of the type described in clause (8) or (9) of Section 6.01, the Trustee shall have received an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel that such Event of Default has been cured or waived" appearing in the first sentence thereof.
- e. Section 7.05 of the Indenture is hereby amended to delete the words "or a Default or Event of Default in complying with Section 5.01" appearing in the second sentence thereof.
  - f. The final paragraph of Section 7.07 of the Indenture is hereby amended to delete the first sentence thereof.
  - g. The final paragraph of Section 9.02 of the Indenture is hereby amended to delete the words "and Article Five" appearing in the first sentence thereof.
- h. Clause (9) of Section 10.01 of the Indenture is hereby amended to delete the words "and to add a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to the requirements of Section 4.11" appearing therein.
  - i. The first full sentence of Section 11.03 is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:
    - "If the Securities are defeased in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, then each Subsidiary Guarantor shall be released and discharged from all obligations under this Article Eleven without further action required on the part of the Trustee or any Holder."
- j. Any terms defined in the Indenture which are used in any Section of the Indenture which are deleted by any Section of this Supplement and which are not otherwise used in any Section of the Indenture not affected by this Supplement are hereby deleted.

# ARTICLE II MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 2.01 <u>Instruments to be Read Together</u>. This Supplement is an indenture supplement to and in implementation of the Indenture, and said Indenture, First Supplement, Second Supplement, Third Supplement and this Supplement shall henceforth be read together.

Section 2.02 Confirmation. The Indenture, amended and supplemented by this Supplement, are in all respects confirmed and preserved.

Section 2.03 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Supplement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when so executed, shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 2.04 Effectiveness. This Supplement shall become effective immediately upon its execution in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture.

Section 2.05 <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS SUPPLEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AS APPLIED TO CONTRACTS MADE AND PERFORMED WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONFLICTS OF LAW RULES THEREOF.

Section 2.06 <u>Disclaimer of Trustee's Responsibility</u>. In executing this Supplement, the Trustee shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities afforded to the Trustee under the terms and provisions of the Indenture. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplement and the recitals and statements herein are deemed to be those of the Company and not of the Trustee.

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

### CARROLS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

### THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

By: /s/ Natalie Crispin
Name: Natalie Crispin
Title: Associate

### SECOND LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT

Ву

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.,

as Issuer

and

THE GUARANTORS PARTY HERETO

and

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., as Collateral Agent

Dated as of August 5, 2011

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#### SECOND LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT

This SECOND LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT dated as of August 5, 2011 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof, this "Agreement") made by FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), and the Guarantors from to time to time party hereto (the "Guarantors"), as pledgors, assignors and debtors (the Issuer, together with the Guarantors, in such capacities and together with any successors in such capacities, the "Pledgors," and each, a "Pledgor"), in favor of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in its capacity as collateral agent pursuant to the Indenture (as hereinafter defined), as pledgee, assignee and secured party (in such capacities and together with any successors in such capacities, the "Collateral Agent").

### $\underline{R} \underline{E} \underline{C} \underline{I} \underline{T} \underline{A} \underline{L} \underline{S}$ :

- A. The Issuer, the Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in its capacity as trustee under the Indenture (the "Trustee"), in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, entered into that certain indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Indenture</u>"; which term shall also include and refer to any additional issuance of notes under the Indenture), pursuant to which the Issuer is issuing \$200,000,000 aggregate principal of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 (together with the Exchange Notes and any Additional Notes, the "Notes").
- B. From time to time after the date hereof, the Issuer may, subject to the terms and conditions of the Indenture and the Security Documents, incur Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations (including Additional Notes issued under the Indenture), that the Issuer desires to secure by the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property on a pari passu basis with the Notes.
  - C. Each Guarantor has, pursuant to the Indenture, among other things, unconditionally guaranteed the Secured Obligations.
- D. The Issuer and each Guarantor will receive substantial benefits from the issuance of the Notes and each is, therefore, willing to enter into this Agreement.
- E. This Agreement is given by each Pledgor in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties (as hereinafter defined) to secure the payment and performance of all of the Secured Obligations.
  - F. It is a condition to the issuance of the Notes that each Pledgor execute and deliver the applicable Security Documents, including this Agreement.

#### $\underline{A}\underline{G}\underline{R}\underline{E}\underline{E}\underline{M}\underline{E}\underline{N}\underline{T}$ :

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each Pledgor and the Collateral Agent hereby agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

#### SECTION 1.1. Definitions.

- (a) Unless otherwise defined herein or in the Indenture, capitalized terms used herein that are defined in the UCC shall have the meanings assigned to them in the UCC; <u>provided</u> that in any event, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them in the UCC:
- "Accounts"; "Bank"; "Chattel Paper"; "Commercial Tort Claim"; "Commodity Account"; "Commodity Contract"; "Commodity Intermediary"; "Documents"; "Electronic Chattel Paper"; "Entitlement Order"; "Equipment"; "Financial Asset"; "Fixtures"; "Goods", "Inventory"; "Letter-of-Credit Rights"; "Letters of Credit"; "Money"; "Payment Intangibles"; "Proceeds"; "Promissory Notes"; "Records"; "Securities Account"; "Securities Intermediary"; "Security Entitlement"; "Supporting Obligations"; and "Tangible Chattel Paper."
  - (b) Terms used but not otherwise defined herein that are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.
  - (c) The following terms shall have the following meanings:
  - "Account Debtor" shall mean each person who is obligated on a Receivable or Supporting Obligation related thereto.
- "Additional Pari Passu Agent" shall mean the Person appointed to act as trustee, agent or representative for the holders of Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations pursuant to any Additional Pari Passu Agreement.
- "Additional Pari Passu Agreement" shall mean the indenture, credit agreement or other agreement under which any Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations (other than Additional Notes) are incurred and any notes or other instruments representing such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations.
  - "Additional Pari Passu Joinder Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit 6 hereto.

- "Agreement" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Preamble hereof.
- "Capital Interests" in any person means any and all shares, interests (including preferred interests, restricted stock interests and stock options, warrants and other convertible instruments), participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such person and any rights (other than debt securities convertible into an equity interest), warrants or options to acquire an equity interest in such person.
- "Collateral Support" shall mean all property (real or personal) assigned, hypothecated or otherwise securing any Pledged Collateral and shall include any security agreement or other agreement granting a lien or security interest in such real or personal property.
- "Commodity Account Control Agreement" shall mean a control agreement in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent establishing the Collateral Agent's Control with respect to any Commodity Account.
- "Contracts" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all sale, service, performance, equipment or property lease contracts, agreements and grants and all other contracts, agreements or grants (in each case, whether written, or third party or intercompany), between such Pledgor and any third party, and all assignments, amendments, restatements, supplements, extensions, renewals, replacements or modifications thereof.
- "Control" shall mean (i) in the case of each Deposit Account, "control," as such term is defined in Section 9-104 of the UCC, (ii) in the case of any Security Entitlement, "control," as such term is defined in Section 8-106 of the UCC, and (iii) in the case of any Commodity Contract, "control," as such term is defined in Section 9-106 of the UCC.
- "Control Agreements" shall mean, collectively, all Deposit Account Control Agreements, Securities Account Control Agreements and the Commodity Account Control Agreements.
- "Copyrights" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all copyrights (whether statutory or common law, whether established or registered in the United States or any other country or any political subdivision thereof, whether registered or unregistered and whether published or unpublished) and all copyright registrations and applications made by such Pledgor, in each case, whether now owned or hereafter created or acquired by or assigned to such Pledgor, together with any and all (i) rights and privileges arising under applicable law with respect to such Pledgor's use of such copyrights, (ii) reissues, renewals, continuations and extensions thereof and amendments thereto, (iii) income, fees, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due and/or payable with respect thereto, including damages and payments for past, present or future infringements thereof, (iv) rights corresponding thereto throughout the world and (v) rights to sue for past, present or future infringements thereof.

"Copyright Security Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit 3 hereto.

"Credit Agreement" shall mean that certain credit agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time) among the Issuer as borrower under the Credit Agreement, the guarantors party thereto, the agents and lenders party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as First Lien Agent.

"Default" or "Event of Default" shall mean a "default" or "event of default" under the Indenture or under any Additional Pari Passu Agreement.

"Deposit Account Control Agreement" shall mean an agreement in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent establishing the Collateral Agent's Control with respect to any Deposit Account.

"Deposit Accounts" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, (i) all "deposit accounts" as such term is defined in the UCC and in any event shall include all accounts and sub-accounts relating to any of the foregoing accounts and (ii) all cash, funds, checks, notes and instruments from time to time on deposit in any of the accounts or sub-accounts described in clause (i) of this definition.

"<u>Distributions</u>" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all dividends, cash, options, warrants, rights, instruments, distributions, returns of capital or principal, income, interest, profits and other property, interests (debt or equity) or proceeds, including as a result of a split, revision, reclassification or other like change of the Pledged Securities, from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed to such Pledgor in respect of or in exchange for any or all of the Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes.

### "Excluded Property" shall mean

- (a) any rights or interest in any lease, contract, license or license agreement covering personal property or Real Property of the Issuer or any Guarantor, so long as under the terms of such lease, contract, license or license agreement, or applicable law with respect thereto, the grant of a security interest or lien therein to Collateral Agent is prohibited (or would render such lease, contract, license or license agreement cancelled, invalid or unenforceable) and such prohibition has not been or is not waived or the consent of the other party to such lease, contract, license or license agreement has not been or is not otherwise obtained; *provided* that, this exclusion shall in no way be construed to apply if any such prohibition is unenforceable under the UCC or other applicable law or so as to limit, impair or otherwise affect Collateral Agent's unconditional continuing security interests in and liens upon any rights or interests of the Issuer or Guarantors in or to monies due or to become due to the Issuer or Guarantor under any such lease, contract, license or license agreement (including any Receivables);
- (b) assets owned by Issuer or any Guarantor on the Issue Date or thereafter acquired and any proceeds thereof that are subject to a Lien securing a Purchase Money Debt (as defined in the Indenture) or Capital Lease Obligation (as defined in the Indenture) permitted to be incurred pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture to the extent and

for so long as the contract or other agreement in which such Lien is granted (or the documentation providing for such Purchase Money Debt or Capital Lease Obligation) validly prohibits the creation of any other Lien on such assets and proceeds (other than to the extent that such prohibition would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Section 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction and other than to the extent all necessary consents to creation, attachment and perfection of the Collateral Agent's Liens thereon have been obtained);

- (c) any shares entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.956-2) of any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Issuer that is a "controlled foreign corporation" in excess of sixty-five (65%) percent of all of the issued and outstanding Capital Interests in such Subsidiary;
- (d) any Capital Interests of any Subsidiary of the Issuer to the extent necessary for such Subsidiary not to be subject to any requirement pursuant to Rule 3-16 or Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act, due to the fact that such Subsidiary's Capital Interests secures the Notes or Note Guarantees, to file separate financial statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or any other governmental agency);
- (e) any intent to use trademark application to the extent and for so long as creation of a security interest therein would result in the loss of any material rights therein, provided that upon submission and acceptance by the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an amendment to allege use pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 1060(a) (or any successor provision), such intent to use trademark application shall not be considered Excluded Property; and
  - (f) any Real Property leased by the Issuer or any Guarantor;

provided, however, that Excluded Property shall not include any Proceeds, products, substitutions or replacements of any Excluded Property referred to in clause (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) (unless such Proceeds, substitutions or replacements would constitute Excluded Property referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f)).

"First Lien Agent" shall mean Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in its capacity as administrative agent under the Credit Agreement, and its permitted successors and assigns.

"<u>First Lien Security Agreement</u>" shall mean that certain security agreement dated as of August 5, 2011 among the Issuer as borrower under the Credit Agreement, the guarantors party thereto and the Administrative Agent.

"General Intangibles" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all "general intangibles," as such term is defined in the UCC, of such Pledgor and, in any event, shall include (i) all of such Pledgor's rights, title and interest in, to and under all Contracts and insurance policies (including all rights and remedies relating to monetary damages, including

indemnification rights and remedies, and claims for damages or other relief pursuant to or in respect of any Contract), (ii) all know-how and warranties relating to any of the Pledged Collateral or the Mortgaged Property, (iii) any and all other rights, claims, choses-in-action and causes of action of such Pledgor against any other person and the benefits of any and all collateral or other security given by any other person in connection therewith, (iv) all guarantees, endorsements and indemnifications on, or of, any of the Pledged Collateral or any of the Mortgaged Property, (v) all lists, books, records, correspondence, ledgers, printouts, files (whether in printed form or stored electronically), tapes and other papers or materials containing information relating to any of the Pledged Collateral or any of the Mortgaged Property, including all customer or tenant lists, identification of suppliers, data, plans, blueprints, specifications, designs, drawings, appraisals, recorded knowledge, surveys, studies, engineering reports, test reports, manuals, standards, processing standards, performance standards, catalogs, research data, computer and automatic machinery software and programs and the like, field repair data, accounting information pertaining to such Pledgor's operations or any of the Pledged Collateral or any of the Mortgaged Property and all media in which or on which any of the information or knowledge or data or records may be recorded or stored and all computer programs used for the compilation or printout of such information, knowledge, records or data, (vi) all licenses, consents, permits, variances, certifications, authorizations and approvals, however characterized, now or hereafter acquired or held by such Pledgor, including building permits, certificates of occupancy, environmental certificates, industrial permits or licenses and certificates of operation and (vii) all rights to reserves, deferred payments, deposits, refunds, indemnification of claims and claims for tax or other refunds against

"Goodwill" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, the goodwill connected with such Pledgor's business including all goodwill connected with (i) the use of and symbolized by any Trademark or Intellectual Property License with respect to any Trademark in which such Pledgor has any interest, (ii) all know-how, trade secrets, customer and supplier lists, proprietary information, inventions, methods, procedures, formulae, descriptions, compositions, technical data, drawings, specifications, name plates, catalogs, confidential information and the right to limit the use or disclosure thereof by any person, pricing and cost information, business and marketing plans and proposals, consulting agreements, engineering contracts and such other assets which relate to such goodwill and (iii) all product lines of such Pledgor's business.

"Governmental Authority." means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Guarantors" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Preamble hereof.

"Identified Sale and Leaseback Property," shall mean the owned Real Property identified on Schedule 1.1 hereto.

"Initial Purchasers" shall mean Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Jefferies & Company, Inc.

"Instruments" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all "instruments," as such term is defined in Article 9, rather than Article 3, of the UCC, and shall include all promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange or acceptances.

"Intellectual Property Collateral" shall mean, collectively, the Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, Intellectual Property Licenses and Goodwill.

"Intellectual Property Licenses" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all license and distribution agreements with, and covenants not to sue, any other party with respect to any Patent, Trademark or Copyright or any other patent, trademark or copyright, whether such Pledgor is a licensor or licensee, distributor or distributee under any such license or distribution agreement, together with any and all (i) renewals, extensions, supplements and continuations thereof, (ii) income, fees, royalties, damages, claims and payments now and hereafter due and/or payable thereunder and with respect thereto including damages and payments for past, present or future infringements or violations thereof, (iii) rights to sue for past, present and future infringements or violations thereof and (iv) other rights to use, exploit or practice any or all of the Patents, Trademarks or Copyrights or any other patent, trademark or copyright.

"Intercompany Notes" shall mean, with respect to each Pledgor, all intercompany notes described in <u>Schedule 10</u> to the Perfection Certificate and intercompany notes hereafter acquired by such Pledgor and all certificates, instruments or agreements evidencing such intercompany notes, and all assignments, amendments, restatements, supplements, extensions, renewals, replacements or modifications thereof to the extent permitted pursuant to the terms hereof.

"Intercreditor Agreement" shall mean that certain intercreditor agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011 among Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as First-Lien Agent and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Second Lien Collateral Agent, as it may be amended, restated, supplemented or modified from time to time.

"Investment Property" shall mean a security, whether certificated or uncertificated, Security Entitlement, Securities Account, Commodity Contract or Commodity Account, excluding, however, the Securities Collateral.

"Issue Date" shall mean August 5, 2011.

"Leases" shall mean any and all leases, subleases, tenancies, options, concession agreements, rental agreements, occupancy agreements, franchise agreements, access agreements and any other agreements (including all amendments, extensions, replacements, renewals, modifications and/or guarantees thereof), whether or not of record and whether now in existence or hereafter entered into, affecting the use or occupancy of all or any portion of any Real Property.

"<u>Lien</u>" means, with respect to any property or other asset, any mortgage, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, security interest, lien (statutory or otherwise), charge, easement, encumbrance or other security agreement on or with respect to such property or other asset (including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

"Mortgage Instrument" shall mean any mortgage, deed of trust or deed to secure debt executed by a Pledgor in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as the same may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Mortgaged Property" means, collectively, (i) each Real Property listed on Schedule 7(a) of the Perfection Certificate, (ii) each Real Property, if any, encumbered by a Mortgage Instrument delivered after the Issue Date pursuant to Section 3.4, 4.8 and 4.10 and (iii) any other interest in Real Property that secures the Credit Agreement.

"Note Guarantee" means any guarantee of the Notes by any Guarantor pursuant to the Indenture.

"Patents" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all patents issued or assigned to, and all patent applications and registrations made by, such Pledgor (whether established or registered or recorded in the United States or any other country or any political subdivision thereof), together with any and all (i) rights and privileges arising under applicable law with respect to such Pledgor's use of any patents, (ii) inventions and improvements described and claimed therein, (iii) reissues, divisions, continuations, renewals, extensions and continuations-in-part thereof and amendments thereto, (iv) income, fees, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due and/or payable thereunder and with respect thereto including damages and payments for past, present or future infringements thereof, (v) rights corresponding thereto throughout the world and (vi) rights to sue for past, present or future infringements thereof.

"Patent Security Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit 4 hereto.

"<u>Perfection Certificate</u>" means that certain perfection certificate to be executed and delivered by the Issuer in connection with the execution and delivery of the Credit Agreement and the Indenture, to be dated on or about the Issue Date and substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 8.

" $\underline{\underline{Pledge\ Amendment}}"\ shall\ have\ the\ meaning\ assigned\ to\ such\ term\ in\ \underline{\underline{Section\ 5.1}}\ hereof.$ 

"Pledged Collateral" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.1 hereof.

"Pledged Securities" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, in each case other than Excluded Property, (i) all issued and outstanding Equity Interests of each issuer set forth on Schedules 9(a) and 9(b) to the Perfection Certificate as being owned by such Pledgor (other than Equity Interests of the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (as defined in the Indenture) on the Issue Date) and all options, warrants, rights, agreements and additional Equity Interests of whatever class of any such issuer acquired by such Pledgor (including by issuance), together with all rights, privileges, authority and powers of such Pledgor relating to such Equity Interests in each such issuer or under any Organization Document of each such issuer, and the certificates, instruments and agreements representing such Equity Interests and any and all interest of such Pledgor in the entries on the books of any financial intermediary pertaining to such Equity Interests are hereafter acquired by such Pledgor (including by issuance) and all options, warrants, rights, agreements and additional Equity Interests of whatever class of any such issuer acquired by such Pledgor (including by issuance), together with all rights, privileges, authority and powers of such Pledgor relating to such Equity Interests or under any Organization Document of any such issuer, and the certificates, instruments and agreements representing such Equity Interests and any and all interest of such Pledgor in the entries on the books of any financial intermediary pertaining to such Equity Interests, from time to time acquired by such Pledgor in any manner, and (iii) all Equity Interests issued in respect of the Equity Interests referred to in clause (i) or (ii) upon any consolidation or merger of any issuer of such Equity Interests.

"Pledgor" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Preamble hereof.

"Pollo Tropical Trademarks" shall mean those certain Trademarks owned by Carrols Corporation and transferred to the Issuer prior to or after the Issue Date and thereafter constituting Intellectual Property Collateral.

"Real Property" shall mean, collectively, all right, title and interest (including any leasehold, mineral or other estate) in and to any and all parcels of or interests in real property owned, leased or operated by any Person, whether by lease, license or other means, together with, in each case, all easements, hereditaments and appurtenances relating thereto, all improvements and appurtenant fixtures and equipment, all general intangibles and contract rights and other property and rights incidental to the ownership, lease or operation thereof.

"Receivables" shall mean all (i) Accounts, (ii) Chattel Paper, (iii) Payment Intangibles, (iv) General Intangibles, (v) Instruments and (vi) all other rights to payment, whether or not earned by performance, for goods or other property sold, leased, licensed, assigned or otherwise disposed of, or services rendered or to be rendered, regardless of how classified under the UCC together with all of Pledgors' rights, if any, in any goods or other property giving rise to such right to payment and all Collateral Support and Supporting Obligations related thereto and all Records relating thereto.

"Secured Obligations" means any principal, premium, interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition in bankruptcy, reorganization or similar

proceeding at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable state, federal or foreign law), penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements (including reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit and banker's acceptances), damages and other liabilities, and guarantees of payment of such principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities, payable under any of (i) the Indenture, the Notes (other than any Additional Notes except to the extent constituting Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations), the Note Guarantees and the Security Documents and (ii) any Additional Pari Passu Agreement and other documentation relating to any other Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations; provided that no obligations in respect of Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations (other than Additional Notes) shall constitute "Secured Obligations" unless the Additional Pari Passu Agent for the holders of such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations has executed an Additional Pari Passu Joinder Agreement in the form of Exhibit 6 hereto and has become a party to the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Secured Parties" shall mean, collectively, the Collateral Agent, the Trustee, the Holders, each Additional Pari Passu Agent, each holder of Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations that constitute Secured Obligations and the other Persons the Secured Obligations owing to which are or are purported to be secured by the Collateral under the terms of the Security Documents (other than the Intercreditor Agreement).

"Securities Account Control Agreement" shall mean an agreement in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent establishing the Collateral Agent's Control with respect to any Securities Account.

"Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Securities Collateral" shall mean, collectively, the Pledged Securities, the Intercompany Notes and the Distributions.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any person, any corporation, limited or general partnership, trust, association or other business entity of which an aggregate of at least a majority of the outstanding Voting Interests therein is, at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such Person and/or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Title Company," shall mean any title insurance company as shall be retained by any Pledgor and reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent.

"Trademarks" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all trademarks (including service marks), slogans, logos, certification marks, trade dress, uniform resource locations (URL's), domain names, corporate names and trade names, whether registered or unregistered, owned by or assigned to such Pledgor and all registrations and applications for the foregoing (whether statutory or common law and whether established or registered in the United States or any other country or any political subdivision thereof), together with any and all (i) rights and privileges arising under applicable law with respect to such Pledgor's use of any trademarks, (ii) reissues, continuations, extensions and renewals thereof and amendments

thereto, (iii) income, fees, royalties, damages and payments now and hereafter due and/or payable thereunder and with respect thereto, including damages, claims and payments for past, present or future infringements thereof, (iv) rights corresponding thereto throughout the world and (v) rights to sue for past, present and future infringements thereof.

"Trademark Security Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit 5 hereto.

"UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York; provided, however, that, at any time, if by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any or all of the perfection or priority of the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' security interest in any item or portion of the Pledged Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect, at such time, in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions relating to such provisions.

"<u>Voting Interests</u>" means, with respect to any person, securities of any class or classes of Capital Interests in such person entitling the holders thereof generally to vote on the election of members of the board of directors or comparable body of such person.

SECTION 1.2. <u>Interpretation</u>. The rules of interpretation specified in the Indenture (including <u>Section 1.4</u> thereof) shall be applicable to this Agreement.

SECTION 1.3. <u>Resolution of Drafting Ambiguities</u>. Each Pledgor acknowledges and agrees that it was represented by counsel in connection with the execution and delivery hereof, that it and its counsel reviewed and participated in the preparation and negotiation hereof and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party (<u>i.e.</u>, the Collateral Agent) shall not be employed in the interpretation hereof.

SECTION 1.4. <u>Perfection Certificate</u>. The Collateral Agent, each Secured Party and each Pledgor agree that the Perfection Certificate and all descriptions of Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property, schedules, amendments and supplements thereto are and shall at all times remain a part of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE II

#### GRANT OF SECURITY AND SECURED OBLIGATIONS

SECTION 2.1. <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. As collateral security for the payment and performance in full of all the Secured Obligations, each Pledgor hereby pledges and grants to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a lien on and security interest in all of the right, title and interest of such Pledgor in, to and under the following property,

wherever located, and whether now existing or hereafter arising or acquired from time to time (collectively, the "Pledged Collateral"):

- (i) all Accounts;
- (ii) all Equipment, Goods, Inventory and Fixtures;
- (iii) all Documents, Instruments, Promissory Notes and Chattel Paper;
- (iv) all Letters of Credit and Letter-of-Credit Rights;
- (v) all Securities Collateral;
- (vi) all Investment Property;
- (vii) all Intellectual Property Collateral;
- (viii) the Commercial Tort Claims described on Schedule 12 to the Perfection Certificate;
- (ix) all General Intangibles;
- (x) all Money and all Deposit Accounts;
- (xi) all Supporting Obligations;
- (xii) any assets of Pledgor that now or hereafter come into the possession, custody, or control of Collateral Agent (or its agent or designee);
- (xiii) all books and records relating to the Pledged Collateral; and
- (xiv) to the extent not covered by clauses (i) through (xiii) of this sentence, all other personal property of such Pledgor, whether tangible or intangible, and all Proceeds and products of each of the foregoing and all accessions to, substitutions and replacements for, and rents, profits and products of, each of the foregoing, any and all Proceeds of any insurance, indemnity, warranty or guaranty payable to such Pledgor from time to time with respect to any of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in clauses (i) through (xiii) above, the security interest created by this Agreement shall not extend to, and the term "Pledged Collateral" shall not include, any Excluded Property and from and after the Issue Date, no Pledgor shall permit to become effective in any document creating, governing or providing for any permit, license or agreement a provision that would prohibit the creation of a Lien on such permit, license or agreement in favor of the Collateral Agent unless such Pledgor believes, in its reasonable judgment, that such prohibition is usual and customary in transactions of such type.

In addition, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event that Rule 3-10 or Rule 3-16 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act requires (or is replaced with another rule or regulation, or any other law, rule or regulation is adopted, which would require) the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or any other governmental agency) of separate financial statements of any Pledgor that is a Subsidiary of the Issuer due to the fact that such Subsidiary's Capital Interests or other securities of such Pledgor secure the Notes and/or Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations affected thereby, then the Capital Interests and such other securities of such Pledgor will automatically be deemed not to be part of the Pledged Collateral securing the Notes and/or Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations affected thereby but only to the extent necessary to not be subject to such requirement, only for so long as required to not be subject to such requirement and only with respect to Secured Obligations affected thereby.

In the event that Rule 3-10 or Rule 3-16 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act is amended, modified or interpreted by the Securities and Exchange Commission to permit (or is replaced with another rule or regulation, or any other law, rule or regulation is adopted, which would permit) such Pledgor's Capital Interests and other securities to secure the Notes and/or Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations in excess of the amount then pledged without the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or any other governmental agency) of separate financial statements of such Pledgor, then the Capital Interests and other securities of such Pledgor will automatically be deemed to be a part of the Pledged Collateral for the relevant Notes and/or Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations but only to the extent necessary to not be subject to any such financial statement requirement.

In accordance with the limitations set forth in the two immediately preceding paragraphs, the Pledged Collateral for the Notes and/or Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations will include such Pledgor's Capital Interests only to the extent that the applicable value of such Capital Interests (on a Subsidiary-by-Subsidiary basis) is less than 20% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding. Following the date hereof, however, the portion of the Capital Interests of Subsidiaries constituting Pledged Collateral may increase or decrease as described above.

SECTION 2.2. Filings. (i) Each Pledgor hereby irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent at any time and from time to time to file in any relevant jurisdiction any financing statements (including fixture filings) and amendments thereto that contain the information required by Article 9 of the UCC of each applicable jurisdiction for the filing of any financing statement or amendment relating to the Pledged Collateral, including (i) whether such Pledgor is an organization, the type of organization and any organizational identification number issued to such Pledgor, (ii) any financing or continuation statements or other documents without the signature of such Pledgor where permitted by law, including the filing of a financing statement describing the Pledged Collateral as "all assets now owned or hereafter acquired by the Pledgor or in which Pledgor otherwise has rights" and (iii) in the case of a financing statement filed as a fixture filing or covering Pledged Collateral constituting minerals or the like to be extracted or timber to be cut, a sufficient description of the real property to which such Pledged Collateral

relates. Each Pledgor agrees to provide all information described in the immediately preceding sentence to the Collateral Agent promptly upon request by the Collateral Agent.

- (a) Each Pledgor hereby ratifies its authorization for the Collateral Agent to file in any relevant jurisdiction any financing statements relating to the Pledged Collateral if filed prior to the date hereof.
- (b) Each Pledgor hereby further authorizes the Collateral Agent to file filings with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or United States Copyright Office (or any successor office or any similar office in any other country), including the Copyright Security Agreement, the Patent Security Agreement and the Trademark Security Agreement, or other documents for the purpose of perfecting, confirming, continuing, enforcing or protecting the security interest granted by such Pledgor hereunder, without the signature of such Pledgor, and naming such Pledgor, as debtor, and the Collateral Agent, as secured party.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing authorizations, in no event shall the Collateral Agent be obligated to prepare or file any financing statements whatsoever, or to maintain the perfection of the security interest granted hereunder. Each Pledgor agrees to prepare, record and file, at its own expense, financing statements (and continuation statements when applicable) with respect to the Collateral now existing or hereafter created meeting the requirements of applicable state law in such manner and in such jurisdictions as are necessary to perfect and maintain perfected the Collateral, and to deliver a file stamped copy of each such financing statement or other evidence of filing to the Collateral Agent. Neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Agent shall be under any obligation whatsoever to file any such financing or continuation statements or to make any other filing under the UCC in connection with this Agreement.

SECTION 2.3. Second Priority Nature of Liens. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the lien and security interest granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Agreement shall be a second priority lien on and security interest in the Pledged Collateral and the exercise of any right or remedy by the Collateral Agent hereunder is subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and this Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, prior to the Discharge of First Lien Obligations (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), the requirements of this Agreement to deliver Pledged Collateral and any certificates, instruments or Documents in relation thereto to the Collateral Agent shall be deemed satisfied by delivery of such Pledged Collateral and such certificates, instruments or Documents in relation thereto to the First Lien Agent (as bailee and non-fiduciary agent for the Collateral Agent).

Each Pledgor agrees that, in the event any Pledgor, pursuant to the First Lien Security Agreement, takes any action to grant or perfect a Lien in favor of the First-Lien Agent in any assets (other than assets described in clause (f) of the definition of Excluded Property), such Pledgor shall also take such action to grant or perfect a Lien (subject to the Intercreditor Agreement) in favor of the Collateral Agent to secure the Secured Obligations without request of the

Collateral Agent, including with respect to any property and real property in which the First-Lien Agent directs a Pledgor to grant or perfect a Lien or take such other action under the First-Lien Security Agreement.

#### ARTICLE III

# PERFECTION; SUPPLEMENTS; FURTHER ASSURANCES; USE OF PLEDGED COLLATERAL

SECTION 3.1. <u>Delivery of Certificated Securities Collateral</u>. Each Pledgor represents and warrants that all certificates, agreements or instruments representing or evidencing the Securities Collateral in existence on the date hereof, have been delivered to the First Lien Agent for the benefit of the Collateral Agent in suitable form for transfer by delivery or accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, and that the Collateral Agent has a perfected second priority security interest therein. Each Pledgor hereby agrees that all certificates, agreements or instruments representing or evidencing Securities Collateral acquired by such Pledgor after the date hereof shall promptly (but in any event within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof by such Pledgor) be delivered to and held by or on behalf of the Collateral Agent pursuant hereto and the Intercreditor Agreement. The requirements in the preceding two sentences shall not apply (i) to the extent that the face value of the Securities Collateral (other than any Subsidiary Equity Interests) does not exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors or (ii) to the Intercompany Notes. All certificated Securities Collateral shall be in suitable form for transfer by delivery or shall be accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, all in form and substance satisfactory to the Collateral Agent. The Collateral Agent shall have the right, at any time upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, to endorse, assign or otherwise transfer to or to register in the name of the Collateral Agent or any of its nominees or endorse for negotiation any or all of the Securities Collateral, without any indication that such Securities Collateral is subject to the security interest hereunder. In addition, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Collateral Agent shall have the right at any time to exchange certificates representing or evidencing Securities Col

SECTION 3.2. <u>Perfection of Uncertificated Securities Collateral</u>. Each Pledgor represents and warrants that the Collateral Agent has a perfected second priority security interest in all uncertificated Pledged Securities pledged by it hereunder that are in existence on the date hereof. Each Pledgor hereby agrees that if any of the Pledged Securities are at any time not evidenced by certificates of ownership, then each applicable Pledgor shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, (i) cause the issuer to execute and deliver to the Collateral Agent an acknowledgment of the pledge of such Pledged Securities substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 1</u> hereto, (ii) if necessary or desirable to perfect a security interest in such Pledged Securities, cause such pledge to be recorded on the equityholder register or the books of the issuer, execute any customary pledge forms or other documents necessary or appropriate to complete the pledge and give the Collateral Agent the right to transfer such Pledged Securities under the terms hereof, and (iii)

after the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, (A) cause the Organization Documents of each such issuer that is a Subsidiary of the Issuer to be amended to provide that such Pledged Securities shall be treated as "securities" for purposes of the UCC and (B) cause such Pledged Securities to become certificated and delivered to the Collateral Agent in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.1.

SECTION 3.3. <u>Financing Statements and Other Filings</u>; <u>Maintenance of Perfected Security Interest</u>. Each Pledgor represents and warrants that all financing statements, agreements, instruments and other documents necessary to perfect the security interest granted by it to the Collateral Agent in respect of the Pledged Collateral have been delivered to the Collateral Agent in completed and, to the extent necessary, duly executed form for filing in each governmental, municipal or other office specified in <u>Schedule 6</u> to the Perfection Certificate. Each Pledgor agrees that at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors, such Pledgor will maintain the security interest created by this Agreement in the Pledged Collateral as a perfected second priority security interest subject only to Permitted Collateral Liens and file all UCC-3 continuation statements necessary to continue the perfection of the security interest created by this Agreement.

SECTION 3.4. Other Actions. In order to further ensure the attachment, perfection and priority of, and the ability of the Collateral Agent to enforce, the Collateral Agent's security interest in the Pledged Collateral, each Pledgor represents and warrants (as to itself) as follows and agrees, in each case at such Pledgor's own expense, to take the following actions with respect to the following Pledged Collateral:

- (a) <u>Instruments and Tangible Chattel Paper</u>. As of the date hereof, no amounts payable under or in connection with any of the Pledged Collateral are evidenced by any Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper other than such Instruments and Tangible Chattel Paper listed in <u>Schedule 10</u> to the Perfection Certificate. Each Instrument and each item of Tangible Chattel Paper listed in <u>Schedule 10</u> to the Perfection Certificate has been properly endorsed, assigned and delivered to the Collateral Agent, accompanied by instruments of transfer or assignment duly executed in blank. At any time such requirements apply, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Indenture and the Collateral Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirements are applicable unless such notice has been given. If any amount then payable under or in connection with any of the Pledged Collateral shall be evidenced by any Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper, and such amount, together with all amounts payable evidenced by any Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper not previously delivered to the Collateral Agent exceeds \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors, the Pledgor acquiring such Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper shall promptly (but in any event within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof) endorse, assign and deliver the same to the Administrative Collateral Agent, accompanied by such instruments of transfer or assignment duly executed in blank.
- (b) <u>Deposit Accounts</u>. As of the date hereof, no Pledgor has any Deposit Accounts other than the accounts listed in <u>Schedule 13</u> to the Perfection Certificate. Within

45 days after the date hereof (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the First Lien Agent in its sole discretion and so communicated to the Collateral Agent in writing as soon as practicable), the Collateral Agent will have a second priority security interest in each such Deposit Account (other than (i) Deposit Accounts established solely as payroll and other zero balance Accounts and (ii) other Deposit Accounts, so long as at any time the balance in any such Account does not exceed \$50,000 and the aggregate balance in all such Accounts does not exceed \$50,000), which security interest will be, upon the execution and delivery of a Deposit Account Control Agreement with respect thereto perfected by Control. No Pledgor shall hereafter establish and maintain any Deposit Account (other than (i) Deposit Accounts established solely as payroll and other zero balance Accounts and (ii) other Deposit Accounts, so long as at any time the balance in any such Account does not exceed \$50,000 and the aggregate balance in all such Accounts does not exceed \$50,000) with any Bank unless such Bank and such Pledgor shall have duly executed and delivered to the Collateral Agent a Deposit Account Control Agreement with respect to such Deposit Account. At any time such requirements apply, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Indenture and the Collateral Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirements are applicable unless such notice has been given. The Collateral Agent agrees with each Pledgor that the Collateral Agent shall not give any instructions directing the disposition of funds from time to time credited to any Deposit Account or withhold any withdrawal rights from such Pledgor with respect to funds from time to time credited to any Deposit Account unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Each Pledgor agrees that once the Collateral Agent sends an instruction or notice to a Bank exercising its Control over any Deposit Account such Pledgor shall not give any instructions or orders with respect to such Deposit Account including, without limitation, instructions for distribution or transfer of any funds in such Deposit Account. No Pledgor shall grant Control of any Deposit Account to any person other than the Collateral Agent and the First Lien Agent.

(c) <u>Securities Accounts and Commodity Accounts</u>. (a) As of the date hereof, no Pledgor has any Securities Accounts or Commodity Accounts other than those listed in <u>Schedule 13</u> to the Perfection Certificate. Within 45 days after the date hereof (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the First Lien Agent in its sole discretion and so communicated to the Collateral Agent in writing as soon as practicable), the Collateral Agent will have a second priority security interest in each such Securities Account and Commodity Account (other than (i) Securities Accounts and Commodities Accounts established solely as payroll and other zero balance Accounts and (ii) other Commodities Accounts does not exceed \$50,000), which security interest will be, in the case of Securities Accounts, upon the execution and delivery of a Securities Account Control Agreement with respect thereto, perfected by Control. No Pledgor shall hereafter establish and maintain any Securities Account or Commodity Account (other than (i) Securities Accounts and Commodities Accounts as payroll and other zero balance Accounts and (ii) other Commodities Accounts and Securities Accounts, so long as at any time the balance in

any such Account does not exceed \$50,000 and the aggregate balance in all such Accounts does not exceed \$50,000) with any Securities Intermediary or Commodity Intermediary unless such Securities Intermediary or Commodity Intermediary, as the case may be, and such Pledgor shall have duly executed and delivered a Control Agreement with respect to such Securities Account or Commodity Account, as the case may be. At any time such requirements apply, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Indenture and the Collateral Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirements are applicable unless such notice has been given. Each Pledgor shall accept any cash and Investment Property in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent and within five (5) Business Days of actual receipt thereof, deposit any and all cash and Investment Property received by it into a Deposit Account or Securities Account subject to Collateral Agent's Control. The Collateral Agent agrees with each Pledgor that the Collateral Agent shall not give any Entitlement Orders or instructions or directions to any issuer of uncertificated securities, Securities Intermediary or Commodity Intermediary, and shall not withhold its consent to the exercise of any withdrawal or dealing rights by such Pledgor, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or, after giving effect to any such investment and withdrawal rights, would occur. Each Pledgor agrees that once the Collateral Agent sends an instruction or notice to a Securities Intermediary or Commodity Intermediary exercising its Control over any Securities Account and Commodity Account such Pledgor shall not give any instructions or orders with respect to such Securities Account and Commodity Account including, without limitation, instructions for investment, distribution or transfer of any Investment Property or financial asset maintained in such Securities Account or Commodity Account, No Pledgor shall grant Control over any Investment Property to any person other than the Collateral Agent and the First Lien Collateral Agent. As between the Collateral Agent and the Pledgors, the Pledgors shall bear the investment risk with respect to the Investment Property and Pledged Securities, and the risk of loss of, damage to, or the destruction of the Investment Property and Pledged Securities, whether in the possession of, or maintained as a Security Entitlement or deposit by, or subject to the Control of, the Collateral Agent, a Securities Intermediary, a Commodity Intermediary, any Pledgor or any other person.

(d) <u>Electronic Chattel Paper and Transferable Records</u>. As of the date hereof, no amount under or in connection with any of the Pledged Collateral is evidenced by any Electronic Chattel Paper or any "transferable record" (as that term is defined in Section 201 of the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, or in Section 16 of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act as in effect in any relevant jurisdiction) other than such Electronic Chattel Paper and transferable records listed in <u>Schedule 10</u> to the Perfection Certificate. If any amount payable under or in connection with any of the Pledged Collateral shall be evidenced by any Electronic Chattel Paper or any transferable record, the Pledgor acquiring such Electronic Chattel Paper or transferable record shall promptly notify the Collateral Agent thereof and shall take such action as is reasonably necessary to vest in the Collateral Agent control of such Electronic Chattel Paper under Section 9-105 of the UCC or control under Section 201 of the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act or, as the case may be,

Section 16 of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, as so in effect in such jurisdiction, of such transferable record. The requirement in the preceding sentence shall not apply to the extent that such amount, together with all amounts payable evidenced by Electronic Chattel Paper or any transferable record in which the Collateral Agent has not been vested control within the meaning of the statutes described in the immediately preceding sentence, does not exceed \$3,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors. At any time such requirement applies, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Indenture and the Collateral Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirements are applicable unless such notice has been given. The Pledgors may make alterations to the Electronic Chattel Paper or transferable record, provided that such alterations are permitted under Section 9-105 of the UCC or Section 201 of the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act or Section 16 of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, as determined by the Issuer, and unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

(e) Letter-of-Credit Rights. If any Pledgor is at any time a beneficiary under a Letter of Credit now or hereafter issued, such Pledgor shall promptly (but in any event within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof by such Pledgor) notify the Collateral Agent thereof and such Pledgor shall, either (i) use commercially reasonable efforts to arrange for the issuer and any confirmer of such Letter of Credit to consent to an assignment to the Collateral Agent of the proceeds of any drawing under the Letter of Credit or (ii) arrange for the Collateral Agent to become the transferee beneficiary of such Letter of Credit, with the Collateral Agent agreeing, in each case, that the proceeds of any drawing under the Letter of Credit are to be applied as provided in the Indenture. The actions in the preceding sentence shall not be required to the extent that the amount of any such Letter of Credit, together with the aggregate amount of (a) all other Letters of Credit for which the actions described above in clause (i) and (ii) have not been taken and (b) all Commercial Tort Claims in which the Collateral Agent does not have a perfected security interest and (c) all motor vehicles (and any such other Equipment covered by certificates of title or ownership) as to which any Pledgor has not delivered a certificate of title or ownership to the Collateral Agent, does not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors. At any time such action is required, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Indenture and the Collateral Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirement is applicable unless such notice has been given.

(f) Commercial Tort Claims. As of the date hereof, each Pledgor hereby represents and warrants that it holds no Commercial Tort Claims other than those listed in Schedule 12 to the Perfection Certificate. If any Pledgor shall at any time hold or acquire a Commercial Tort Claim, such Pledgor shall promptly, and in any event within thirty (30) days, notify the Collateral Agent in writing signed by such Pledgor of the brief details thereof and grant to the Collateral Agent in such writing a security interest therein and in the Proceeds thereof, all upon the terms of this Agreement, with such writing to be in such form and substance as is reasonably necessary to grant a security interest in such Commercial Tort Claim. The requirement in the preceding sentence shall not apply to

the extent that the amount of such Commercial Tort Claim, together with the amount of (a) all other Commercial Tort Claims held by any Pledgor in which the Collateral Agent does not have a perfected security interest, (b) all Letters of Credit (except to the extent constituting Supporting Obligations) in which the Collateral Agent does not have a perfected security interest and (c) all motor vehicles (and any such other Equipment covered by certificates of title or ownership) as to which any Pledgor has not delivered a certificate of title or ownership to the Collateral Agent, does not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors. At any time such requirement applies, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Indenture and the Collateral Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirement is applicable unless such notice has been given.

- (g) Each Pledgor shall deliver to the Collateral Agent originals of the certificates of title or ownership for the motor vehicles (and any other Equipment covered by certificates of title or ownership) owned by it, with the Collateral Agent listed as lienholder therein. Such requirement shall not apply to the extent the aggregate amount of (a) all motor vehicles (and any such other Equipment covered by certificates of title or ownership) as to which any Pledgor has not delivered a certificate of title or ownership to the Collateral Agent, (b) all Commercial Tort Claims in which the Collateral Agent does not have a perfected security interest and (c) all Letters of Credit (except to the extent constituting Supporting Obligations) in which the Collateral Agent does not have a perfected security, does not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors.
- (h) After-Acquired Collateral. Unless otherwise provided, upon the acquisition by the Issuer or any Guarantor after the date hereof (1) any after-acquired assets, including, but not limited to, any after-acquired Real Property or any Equipment or Fixtures which constitute accretions, additions or technological upgrades to the Equipment or Fixtures or any working capital assets that, in any such case, form part of the Collateral, or (2) any replacement assets, the Issuer or such Pledgor shall execute and deliver, (i) with regard to any Real Property that is acquired for the purpose of serving as a restaurant, mortgages and related documentation and opinions as specified in Section 4.10 hereof within 365 days of the date of acquisition, (ii) with regard to any other Real Property, mortgages and related documentation and opinions as specified in Section 4.10 within 180 days of the date of acquisition (or such later date as any applicable regulatory approvals have been obtained) and (iii) to the extent required by the Security Documents, any information, documentation, financing statements or other certificates as may be necessary to vest in the Collateral Agent a perfected security interest, subject only to Permitted Liens, in such after-acquired Property (other than Excluded Property and Collateral that the Issuer or such Guarantor is not required to take actions to perfect) and to have such after-acquired Property added to the Collateral, and thereupon all provisions of the Indenture, the Security Documents and the Intercreditor Agreement relating to the Collateral shall be deemed to relate to such after-acquired Property to the same extent and with the same force and effect.

SECTION 3.5. <u>Joinder of Additional Guarantors</u>. The Pledgors shall cause each Subsidiary of the Issuer which, from time to time, after the date hereof shall be required to pledge any assets to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture, to execute and deliver to the Collateral Agent (a) a joinder agreement to this Agreement in the form of <u>Exhibit 7</u> hereto and (b) a Perfection Certificate, in each case, within thirty (30) days of the date on which it was acquired or created and, in each case, upon such execution and delivery, such Subsidiary shall constitute a "Pledgor" for all purposes hereunder with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Pledgor herein. The execution and delivery of such joinder agreement shall not require the consent of any Pledgor hereunder. The rights and obligations of each Pledgor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Guarantor and Pledgor as a party to this Agreement.

SECTION 3.6. Supplements; Further Assurances. Each Pledgor shall take such further actions, and execute and/or deliver to the Collateral Agent such additional financing statements, amendments, assignments, agreements, supplements, powers and instruments, as is reasonably necessary in order to create, perfect, preserve and protect the security interest in and lien on the Pledged Collateral and the Mortgaged Property as provided herein and the rights and interests granted to the Collateral Agent hereunder, to carry into effect the purposes hereof or better to assure and confirm the validity, enforceability and priority of the Collateral Agent's security interest in and lien on the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property or permit the Collateral Agent to exercise and enforce its rights, powers and remedies hereunder and the other Security Documents with respect to any Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property, including the filing of financing statements, continuation statements and other documents (including this Agreement) under the UCC (or other similar laws) in effect in any jurisdiction with respect to the security interest created hereby and the execution and delivery of Control Agreements, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent and in such offices (including the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office) wherever required by law to perfect, continue and maintain the validity, enforceability and priority of the security interest in and lien on the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property as provided herein and the other Security Documents and to preserve the other rights and interests granted to the Collateral Agent hereunder and the other Security Documents, as against third parties, with respect to the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Pledgor shall make, execute, endorse, acknowledge, file or refile and/or deliver to the Collateral Agent from time to time such lists, schedules, descriptions and designations of the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property, copies of warehouse receipts, receipts in the nature of warehouse receipts, bills of lading, documents of title, vouchers, invoices, schedules, confirmatory assignments, supplements, additional security agreements, conveyances, financing statements, transfer endorsements, powers of attorney, certificates, reports and other assurances or instruments as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request. If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Collateral Agent may institute and maintain, in its own name or in the name of any Pledgor, such suits and proceedings as the Collateral Agent may be advised by counsel shall be necessary or expedient to prevent any impairment of the security interest in or lien on or the perfection thereof in the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property. All of the foregoing shall be at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors.

#### ARTICLE IV

## REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

Each Pledgor represents, warrants and covenants as follows:

SECTION 4.1. <u>Title</u>. Except for the security interest granted to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Agreement and Permitted Liens, such Pledgor owns and has all material rights and, as to Pledged Collateral acquired by it from time to time after the date hereof, will own and have rights in each item of Pledged Collateral pledged by it hereunder, free and clear of any and all Liens. In addition, no Liens exist on the Securities Collateral, other than as permitted by Section 4.12 of the Indenture.

SECTION 4.2. <u>Validity of Security Interest</u>. The security interest in and Lien on the Pledged Collateral granted to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties hereunder constitutes (a) a legal and valid security interest in all the Pledged Collateral securing the payment and performance of the Secured Obligations, and (b) subject to the filings and other actions described in <u>Schedule 6</u> to the Perfection Certificate (to the extent required to be listed on the schedules to the Perfection Certificate as of the date this representation is made or deemed made), a perfected security interest in all the Pledged Collateral. The security interest and Lien granted to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Agreement in and on the Pledged Collateral will at all times constitute a perfected, continuing security interest therein, prior to all other Liens on the Pledged Collateral except for Permitted Collateral Liens.

SECTION 4.3. <u>Defense of Claims</u>; <u>Transferability of Pledged Collateral</u>. Each Pledgor shall, at its own cost and expense, defend title to the Pledged Collateral pledged by it hereunder and the security interest therein and Lien thereon granted to the Collateral Agent and the priority thereof against all claims and demands of all persons, at its own cost and expense, at any time claiming any interest therein adverse to the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party other than Permitted Collateral Liens. There is no agreement (other than with respect to Permitted Collateral Liens and the First Lien Credit Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement) or decree, and no Pledgor shall enter into any agreement (other than with respect to Permitted Collateral Liens and the First Lien Credit Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement) or take any other action, that would restrict the transferability of any of the Pledged Collateral or otherwise impair or conflict with such Pledgor's obligations or the rights of the Collateral Agent hereunder.

SECTION 4.4. Other Financing Statements. It has not filed, nor authorized any third party to file (nor will there be), any valid or effective financing statement (or similar statement, instrument of registration or public notice under the law of any jurisdiction) covering or purporting to cover any interest of any kind in the Pledged Collateral, except such as have been filed in favor of the First Lien Agent or in favor of the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Agreement or in favor of any holder of a Permitted Collateral Lien with respect to such Lien or financing statements or public notices relating to the termination statements listed on Schedule 8 to the

Perfection Certificate. No Pledgor shall execute, authorize or permit to be filed in any public office any financing statement (or similar statement, instrument of registration or public notice under the law of any jurisdiction) relating to any Pledged Collateral, except financing statements and other statements and instruments filed or to be filed in respect of and covering the security interests granted by such Pledgor to the holders of the Permitted Liens.

SECTION 4.5. <u>Location of Inventory and Equipment</u>. It shall not move any Equipment or Inventory with a fair market value in excess of \$3,000,000 in the aggregate to any location, other than any location that is listed in the relevant Schedules to the Perfection Certificate, unless it shall have given the Collateral Agent not less than 30 days' prior written notice of its intention so to do, clearly describing such new location and confirming the attachment of the Lien and security interest created by this Agreement to the Collateral located in the new location, and confirming further that each Pledgor has executed and filed any instruments or statements necessary to create, preserve or perfect the Collateral Agent's security interest in such relocated Collateral; provided that in no event shall any Equipment or Inventory be moved to any location outside of the continental United States.

SECTION 4.6. <u>Due Authorization and Issuance</u>. All of the Pledged Securities existing on the date hereof have been, and to the extent any Pledged Securities are hereafter issued, such Pledged Securities will be, upon such issuance, duly authorized, validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable to the extent applicable. To the knowledge of the Pledged Securities in exchange for or in connection with the issuance of the Pledged Securities or any Pledgor's status as a partner or a member of any issuer of the Pledged Securities.

SECTION 4.7. <u>Consents, etc.</u> In the event that the Collateral Agent desires to exercise any remedies, voting or consensual rights or attorney-in-fact powers set forth in this Agreement or the other Security Documents and determines it necessary to obtain any approvals or consents of any Governmental Authority or any other person therefor, then, upon the reasonable request of the Collateral Agent, such Pledgor agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to assist and aid the Collateral Agent to obtain as soon as practicable any necessary approvals or consents for the exercise of any such remedies, rights and powers.

#### SECTION 4.8. Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property.

- (a) All information set forth herein, including the schedules hereto, and all information contained in any documents, schedules and lists heretofore delivered to any Secured Party, including the Perfection Certificate and the schedules thereto, in connection with this Agreement, in each case, relating to the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property, is accurate and complete in all material respects. The Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property described on the schedules to the Perfection Certificate constitutes all of the property of such type of Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property owned or held by the Pledgors.
- (b) The Issuer and each applicable Pledgor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause any Identified Sale and Leaseback Property that has not become subject to a

Sale and Leaseback Transaction within 180 days following the Issue Date to be subject to a second priority, perfected Lien (subject in each case to Permitted Collateral Liens (as defined in the Indenture)) in favor of the Collateral Agent within 210 days of the Issue Date. In connection with each of the foregoing, the Issuer and each applicable Pledgor will deliver all documentation in connection with the foregoing, including, without limitation, title reports, surveys, zoning letters, environmental reports and opinions of counsel as are in form and substance substantially similar to those delivered to the First Lien Agent in connection with the creation of a first priority, perfected Lien on such Real Property in accordance with the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 4.9. <u>Insurance</u>. In the event that the proceeds of any insurance claim are paid to any Pledgor after the Collateral Agent has exercised its right to foreclose after an Event of Default, such Net Cash Proceeds shall, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, be held in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent and promptly after receipt thereof shall be paid to the Collateral Agent for application in accordance with Section 6.10 of the Indenture.

SECTION 4.10. <u>Post-Closing Collateral Matters</u>. The Issuer and each applicable Pledgor shall comply with the following requirements with respect to post-closing collateral matters:

- (a) <u>Real Property Collateral</u>. Subject to Section 4.8(b), within ninety (90) days after the Issue Date (or as soon as practical thereafter using commercially reasonable efforts), the Collateral Agent shall have received, in form and substance substantially similar to those delivered to the First Lien Agent in connection with the creation of a first priority, perfected Lien on such Real Property in accordance with the Credit Agreement:
  - (i) fully executed and notarized Mortgage Instrument encumbering the Mortgaged Properties as to properties owned by the Pledgors;
- (ii) maps or plats of an as-built survey of the sites of the Mortgaged Properties; it being agreed that the surveys in existence on the Issue Date and provided to the Collateral Agent pursuant to the terms of this clause (ii) (along with a certificate of an officer of the Issuer in form and substance substantially similar to that delivered to the First Lien Agent in connection with the creation of a first priority, perfected Lien on such Real Property in accordance with the Credit Agreement) are satisfactory so long as substantially similar to the surveys delivered to the First Lien Agent under the Credit Agreement;
- (iii) an environmental questionnaire executed by an officer of the Issuer with respect to all owned Mortgaged Properties, along with third-party environmental reviews of all owned Mortgaged Properties, including but not limited to Phase I environmental assessments; it being agreed that the Phase I environmental assessments in existence on the Issue Date and provided to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of this clause (iii) are satisfactory;
- (iv) to the extent delivered to the First Lien Agent in connection with the creation of a first priority, perfected Lien on such Mortgaged Properties in accordance with

the Credit Agreement, opinions of counsel to the Pledgors for each jurisdiction in which the Mortgaged Properties are located in form and substance substantially similar to those delivered to the First Lien Agent; and

- (v) to the extent available, zoning letters from each municipality or other governmental authority for each jurisdiction in which the Mortgaged Properties are located.
- (b) <u>Account Control Agreements</u>. Within forty-five (45) days after the Issue Date (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the First Lien Agent in its sole discretion), the Collateral Agent shall have received Deposit Account Control Agreements and Securities and Commodities Account Control Agreements required to be delivered in accordance with <u>Sections 3.4(b)</u> and (c), as well as opinions of counsel to the Pledgors regarding the creation of perfected security interests in such Accounts as are in form and substance substantially similar to those delivered to the First Lien Agent in accordance with the Credit Agreement to the extent so delivered.
- (c) <u>Pollo Tropical Trademarks</u>. Within ninety (90) days after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall have used its commercially reasonable efforts to have caused Carrols Corporation to transfer all of the Pollo Tropical Trademarks to a Pledgor and the Collateral Agent shall have received second priority security interests in the Pollo Tropical Trademarks.

Neither the Collateral Agent nor the Trustee undertakes any responsibility whatsoever to determine whether any of the foregoing covenants in this Section 4.10 have been satisfied, and neither shall have any liability whatsoever arising out of the failure of the Issuer or any of the Pledgors to satisfy such post-closing requirements, other than to take receipt of the Officers' Certificate described in the next sentence. Within 210 days of the date hereof, the Issuer shall deliver to the Collateral Agent and the Trustee an Officers' Certificate (upon which the Trustee and Collateral Agent shall be fully protected in relying), certifying that (i) the deliverables indicated above in this Section 4.10 are substantially similar in form and substance to those delivered to the First Lien Agent (other than the subordination provisions contained therein) and (ii) the post-closing covenants set forth in Section 4.10 have been satisfied.

SECTION 4.11. Notice of Changes. No Pledgor shall effect any change in (i) its legal name, (ii) in the location of its chief executive office, (iii) in its identity or organizational structure, (iv) in its Federal Taxpayer Identification Number or organizational identification number, if any, or (v) in its jurisdiction of organization (in each case, including by merging with or into any other entity, reorganizing, dissolving, liquidating, reorganizing or organizing in any other jurisdiction), until (A) it shall have given the Collateral Agent not less than 15 days' prior written notice (in the form of an Officers' Certificate), or such lesser notice period agreed to by the Collateral Agent, of its intention so to do, clearly describing such change and providing such other information in connection therewith as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request and (B) it shall have taken all action reasonably necessary to maintain the perfection and priority of

the security interest of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Pledged Collateral, if applicable.

SECTION 4.12. <u>No Impairment of the Security Interests</u>. No Pledgor shall take any action, or knowingly or negligently omit to take any action, which action or omission might or would have the result of materially impairing the security interest with respect to the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property.

#### ARTICLE V

#### CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING SECURITIES COLLATERAL

SECTION 5.1. <u>Pledge of Additional Securities Collateral</u>. Each Pledgor shall, upon obtaining any Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes of any person, accept the same in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent and, in the case of any Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes (other than Loan Party Intercompany Notes) having a face value in excess of \$3,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time outstanding or any Equity Interests of a Subsidiary (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary) promptly (but in any event within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof) deliver to the Collateral Agent a pledge amendment, duly executed by such Pledgor, in substantially the form of <a href="Exhibit 2">Exhibit 2</a> hereto (each, a "Pledge Amendment"), and, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, the certificates and other documents required under <a href="Section 3.1">Section 3.1</a> and <a href="Section 3.2">Section 3.2</a> hereof in respect of the additional Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes which are to be pledged pursuant to this Agreement, and confirming the attachment of the Lien hereby created on and in respect of such additional Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes. Each Pledgor hereby authorizes the Collateral Agent to attach each Pledge Amendment to this Agreement and agrees that all Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes listed on any Pledge Amendment delivered to the Collateral Agent shall for all purposes hereunder be considered Pledged Collateral.

## SECTION 5.2. Voting Rights; Distributions; etc.

- (a) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing:
- (i) Each Pledgor shall be entitled to exercise any and all voting and other consensual rights pertaining to the Securities Collateral or any part thereof for any purpose not inconsistent with the terms or purposes hereof, the Indenture or any other document evidencing the Secured Obligations.
- (ii) Each Pledgor shall be entitled to receive and retain, and to utilize free and clear of the Lien hereof, any and all Distributions, but only if and to the extent made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any and all such Distributions consisting of rights or interests in the form of securities shall, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, be forthwith delivered to the Collateral Agent to hold as Pledged Collateral and shall, if received by any Pledgor, be received in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent, be

segregated from the other property or funds of such Pledgor and be promptly (but in any event within five days after receipt thereof) delivered to the Collateral Agent as Pledged Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement).

- (b) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Collateral Agent shall be deemed without further action or formality to have granted to each Pledgor all necessary consents relating to voting rights and shall, if necessary, upon written request of any Pledgor and at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors, from time to time execute and deliver (or cause to be executed and delivered) to such Pledgor all such instruments as such Pledgor may reasonably request in order to permit such Pledgor to exercise the voting and other rights which it is entitled to exercise pursuant to Section 5.2(a)(ii) hereof and to receive the Distributions which it is authorized to receive and retain pursuant to Section 5.2(a)(ii) hereof.
- (c) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default and upon notice from the Collateral Agent acting at the direction of the holders of a majority of the outstanding Secured Obligations:
- (i) All rights of each Pledgor to exercise the voting and other consensual rights it would otherwise be entitled to exercise pursuant to  $\underline{Section \ 5.2(a)(i)}$  hereof shall immediately cease, and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Collateral Agent, which shall thereupon have the sole right to exercise such voting and other consensual rights.
- (ii) All rights of each Pledgor to receive Distributions which it would otherwise be authorized to receive and retain pursuant to Section 5.2(a)(ii) hereof shall immediately cease and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Collateral Agent, which shall thereupon have the sole right to receive and hold as Pledged Collateral such Distributions.
- (d) Each Pledgor shall, at its sole cost and expense, from time to time execute and deliver to the Collateral Agent appropriate instruments in order to permit the Collateral Agent to exercise the voting and other rights which it may be entitled to exercise pursuant to  $\underline{\text{Section 5.2(c)(i)}}$  hereof and to receive all Distributions which it may be entitled to receive under  $\underline{\text{Section 5.2(c)(ii)}}$  hereof.
- (e) All Distributions which are received by any Pledgor contrary to the provisions of Section 5.2(a)(ii) hereof shall be received in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent, shall be segregated from other funds of such Pledgor and shall immediately be paid over to the Collateral Agent as Pledged Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement).
- SECTION 5.3. <u>Defaults, etc.</u> Each Pledgor hereby represents and warrants that (i) such Pledgor is not in default in the payment of any portion of any mandatory capital contribution, if any, required to be made under any agreement to which such Pledgor is a party relating to the Pledged Securities pledged by it, (ii) no Securities Collateral pledged by such Pledgor is subject to any defense, offset or counterclaim, nor have any of the foregoing been asserted or alleged against such Pledgor by any person with respect thereto, and (iii) as of the date hereof,

there are no certificates, instruments, documents or other writings (other than the Organization Documents that have been delivered to the First Lien Agent and certificates representing such Pledged Securities that have been delivered to the Collateral Agent) which evidence any Pledged Securities of such Pledgor.

## SECTION 5.4. Certain Agreements of Pledgors As Issuers and Holders of Equity Interests.

- (a) In the case of each Pledgor which is an issuer of Securities Collateral, such Pledgor agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement relating to the Securities Collateral issued by it and will comply in all material respects with such terms insofar as such terms are applicable to it.
- (b) In the case of each Pledgor which is a partner, shareholder or member, as the case may be, in a partnership, limited liability company or other entity, such Pledgor hereby consents to the extent required by the applicable Organization Document to the pledge by each other Pledgor, pursuant to the terms hereof, of the Pledged Securities in such partnership, limited liability company or other entity and, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, to the transfer of such Pledged Securities to the Collateral Agent or its nominee and to the substitution of the Collateral Agent or its nominee as a substituted partner, shareholder or member in such partnership, limited liability company or other entity with all the rights, powers and duties of a general partner, limited partner, shareholder or member, as the case may be.

#### ARTICLE VI

## CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COLLATERAL

SECTION 6.1. <u>Grant of Intellectual Property License</u>. For the purpose of enabling the Collateral Agent, during the continuance of an Event of Default, to exercise rights and remedies under <u>Article IX</u> hereof at such time as the Collateral Agent shall be lawfully entitled to exercise such rights and remedies, and for no other purpose, each Pledgor hereby grants to the Collateral Agent, to the extent assignable, an irrevocable, non-exclusive license to use, assign, license or sublicense any of the Intellectual Property Collateral now owned or hereafter acquired by such Pledgor, wherever the same may be located. Such license shall include access to all media in which any of the licensed items may be recorded or stored and to all computer programs used for the compilation or printout hereof.

SECTION 6.2. <u>Protection of Collateral Agent's Security</u>. On a continuing basis, each Pledgor shall, at its sole cost and expense, (i) promptly following its becoming aware

thereof, notify¹ the Collateral Agent of any adverse determination in any proceeding or the institution of any proceeding in any federal, state or local court or administrative body or in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the United States Copyright Office regarding any Intellectual Property Collateral, such Pledgor's right to register such Intellectual Property Collateral or its right to keep and maintain such registration in full force and effect to the extent that such Intellectual Property Collateral exceeds \$1,000,000, (ii) maintain all Intellectual Property Collateral as presently used and operated, (iii) not permit to lapse or become abandoned any Intellectual Property Collateral, and not settle or compromise any pending or future litigation or administrative proceeding with respect to any such Intellectual Property Collateral, in either case except as shall be consistent with commercially reasonable business judgment, (iv) upon such Pledgor obtaining knowledge thereof, promptly notify the Collateral Agent in writing of any event which may be reasonably expected to materially and adversely affect the value or utility of any Intellectual Property Collateral or the rights and remedies of the Collateral Agent in relation thereto including a levy or threat of levy or any legal process against any Intellectual Property Collateral, (v) not license any Intellectual Property Collateral other than licenses entered into by such Pledgor in, or incidental to, the ordinary course of business, or amend or permit the amendment of any of the licenses in a manner that materially and adversely affects the right to receive payments thereunder, or in any manner that would materially impair the value of any Intellectual Property Collateral or the Lien on and security interest in the Intellectual Property Collateral created therein hereby and (vi) diligently keep adequate records respecting all Intellectual Property Collateral.

SECTION 6.3. <u>After-Acquired Property</u>. If any Pledgor shall at any time after the date hereof (i) obtain any rights to any additional Intellectual Property Collateral or (ii) become entitled to the benefit of any additional Intellectual Property Collateral or any renewal or extension thereof, including any reissue, division, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any Intellectual Property Collateral, or any improvement on any Intellectual Property Collateral, or if any intent-to use trademark application is no longer subject to clause (d) of the definition of Excluded Property, the provisions hereof shall automatically apply thereto and any such item enumerated in the preceding clause (i) or (ii) shall automatically constitute Intellectual Property Collateral as if such would have constituted Intellectual Property Collateral at the time of execution hereof and be subject to the Lien and security interest created by this Agreement without further action by any party. Each Pledgor shall promptly (and in any event within 30 days) provide to the Collateral Agent written notice of any of the foregoing and confirm the attachment of the Lien and security interest created by this Agreement to any rights described in clauses (i) and (ii) above by execution of an instrument in form reasonably necessary to grant such a security interest to the Collateral Agent and the filing of any instruments or statements as shall be reasonably necessary to create, preserve, protect or perfect the Collateral Agent's security interest in such Intellectual Property Collateral. Further, each Pledgor agrees to modify this Agreement by

This should have same \$ thresholds as other notice provisions in indenture

amending <u>Schedules 11(a)</u> and <u>11(b)</u> to the Perfection Certificate to include any Intellectual Property Collateral of such Pledgor acquired or arising after the date hereof.

SECTION 6.4. <u>Litigation</u>. Unless there shall occur and be continuing any Event of Default, each Pledgor shall have the right to commence and prosecute in its own name, as the party in interest, for its own benefit and at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors, such applications for protection of the Intellectual Property Collateral and suits, proceedings or other actions to prevent the infringement, counterfeiting, unfair competition, dilution, diminution in value or other damage as are necessary to protect the Intellectual Property Collateral. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, the Collateral Agent shall have the right but shall in no way be obligated to file applications for protection of the Intellectual Property Collateral and/or bring suit in the name of any Pledgor, the Collateral Agent or the Secured Parties to enforce the Intellectual Property Collateral and any license thereunder. In the event of such suit, each Pledgor shall, at the reasonable request of the Collateral Agent, do any and all lawful acts and execute any and all documents requested by the Collateral Agent in aid of such enforcement and the Pledgors shall promptly reimburse and indemnify the Collateral Agent for all costs and expenses incurred by the Collateral Agent in the exercise of its rights under this <u>Section 6.4</u> in accordance with <u>Section 7.7</u> of the Indenture. In the event that the Collateral Agent shall elect not to bring suit to enforce the Intellectual Property Collateral, each Pledgor agrees, at the reasonable request of the Collateral Agent, to take all commercially reasonable actions necessary, whether by suit, proceeding or other action, to prevent the infringement, counterfeiting, unfair competition, dilution, diminution in value of or other damage to any of the Intellectual Property Collateral by any person.

## ARTICLE VII

#### **TRANSFERS**

SECTION 7.1. <u>Transfers of Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property</u>. No Pledgor shall sell, convey, assign or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property pledged by it hereunder except as expressly permitted by the Indenture.

## ARTICLE VIII

#### REMEDIES

SECTION 8.1. <u>Remedies</u>. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, the Collateral Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, from time to time exercise in respect of the Pledged Collateral, in addition to the other rights and remedies provided for herein or otherwise available to it, the following remedies:

- (i) Personally, or by agents or attorneys, immediately take possession of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof, from any Pledgor or any other person who then has possession of any part thereof with or without notice or process of law, and for that purpose may enter upon any Pledgor's premises where any of the Pledged Collateral is located, remove such Pledged Collateral, remain present at such premises to receive copies of all communications and remittances relating to the Pledged Collateral and use in connection with such removal and possession any and all services, supplies, aids and other facilities of any Pledgor;
- (ii) Demand, sue for, collect or receive any money or property at any time payable or receivable in respect of the Pledged Collateral including instructing the obligor or obligors on any agreement, instrument or other obligation constituting part of the Pledged Collateral to make any payment required by the terms of such agreement, instrument or other obligation directly to the Collateral Agent, and in connection with any of the foregoing, compromise, settle, extend the time for payment and make other modifications with respect thereto; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event that any such payments are made directly to any Pledgor, prior to receipt by any such obligor of such instruction, such Pledgor shall segregate all amounts received pursuant thereto in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent and shall promptly (but in no event later than three (3) Business Days after receipt thereof) pay such amounts to the Collateral Agent;
- (iii) Sell, assign, grant a license to use or otherwise liquidate, or direct any Pledgor to sell, assign, grant a license to use or otherwise liquidate, any and all investments made in whole or in part with the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof, and take possession of the proceeds of any such sale, assignment, license or liquidation;
- (iv) Take possession of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof, by directing any Pledgor in writing to deliver the same to the Collateral Agent at any place or places so designated by the Collateral Agent, in which event such Pledgor shall at its own expense: (A) forthwith cause the same to be moved to the place or places designated by the Collateral Agent and therewith delivered to the Collateral Agent, (B) store and keep any Pledged Collateral so delivered to the Collateral Agent at such place or places pending further action by the Collateral Agent and (C) while the Pledged Collateral shall be so stored and kept, provide such security and maintenance services as shall be necessary to protect the same and to preserve and maintain them in good condition. Each Pledgor's obligation to deliver the Pledged Collateral as contemplated in this Section 8.1(iv) is of the essence hereof. Upon application to a court of equity having jurisdiction, the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to a decree requiring specific performance by any Pledgor of such obligation;
- (v) Withdraw all moneys, instruments, securities and other property in any bank, financial securities, deposit or other account of any Pledgor constituting Pledged Collateral for application to the Secured Obligations as provided in <u>Article X</u> hereof;
  - (vi) Retain and apply the Distributions to the Secured Obligations as provided in Article X hereof;

(vii) Exercise any and all rights as beneficial and legal owner of the Pledged Collateral, including perfecting assignment of and exercising any and all voting, consensual and other rights and powers with respect to any Pledged Collateral; and

(viii) Exercise all the rights and remedies of a secured party on default under the UCC, and the Collateral Agent may also in its sole discretion, without notice except as specified in Section 8.2 hereof, sell, assign or grant a license to use the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof in one or more parcels at public or private sale, at any exchange, broker's board or at any of the Collateral Agent's offices or elsewhere, for cash, on credit or for future delivery. The Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party or any of their respective Affiliates may be the purchaser, licensee, assignee or recipient of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof at any such sale and shall be entitled, for the purpose of bidding and making settlement or payment of the purchase price for all or any portion of the Pledged Collateral sold, assigned or licensed at such sale, to use and apply any of the Secured Obligations owed to such person as a credit on account of the purchase price of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof payable by such person at such sale. Each purchaser, assignee, licensee or recipient at any such sale shall acquire the property sold, assigned or licensed absolutely free from any claim or right on the part of any Pledgor, and each Pledgor hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all rights of redemption, stay and/or appraisal which it now has or may at any time in the future have under any rule of law or statute now existing or hereafter enacted. The Collateral Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Collateral Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place to which it was so adjourned. Each Pledgor hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims against the Collateral Agent arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof may have been sold, assigned or licensed at s

SECTION 8.2. Notice of Sale. Each Pledgor acknowledges and agrees that, to the extent notice of sale or other disposition of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof shall be required by law, ten (10) days' prior notice to such Pledgor of the time and place of any public sale or of the time after which any private sale or other intended disposition is to take place shall be commercially reasonable notification of such matters. No notification need be given to any Pledgor if it has signed, after the occurrence of an Event of Default, a statement renouncing or modifying any right to notification of sale or other intended disposition.

SECTION 8.3. Waiver of Notice and Claims. Each Pledgor hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, notice or judicial hearing in connection with the Collateral Agent's taking possession or the Collateral Agent's disposition of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof, including any and all prior notice and hearing for any prejudgment remedy or remedies and any such right which such Pledgor would otherwise have under law, and each Pledgor hereby further waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law: (i) all damages occasioned by such taking of possession, (ii) all other requirements as to the time, place

and terms of sale or other requirements with respect to the enforcement of the Collateral Agent's rights hereunder and (iii) all rights of redemption, appraisal, valuation, stay, extension or moratorium now or hereafter in force under any applicable law. The Collateral Agent shall not be liable for any incorrect or improper payment made pursuant to this Article IX in the absence of a judicial determination of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Collateral Agent. Any sale of, or the grant of options to purchase, or any other realization upon, any Pledged Collateral shall operate to divest all right, title, interest, claim and demand, either at law or in equity, of the applicable Pledgor therein and thereto, and shall be a perpetual bar both at law and in equity against such Pledgor and against any and all persons claiming or attempting to claim the Pledged Collateral so sold, optioned or realized upon, or any part thereof, from, through or under such Pledgor.

## SECTION 8.4. Certain Sales of Pledged Collateral.

- (a) Each Pledgor recognizes that, by reason of certain prohibitions contained in law, rules, regulations or orders of any Governmental Authority, the Collateral Agent may be compelled, with respect to any sale of all or any part of the Pledged Collateral, to limit purchasers to those who meet the requirements of such Governmental Authority. Each Pledgor acknowledges that any such sales may be at prices and on terms less favorable to the Collateral Agent than those obtainable through a public sale without such restrictions, and, notwithstanding such circumstances, agrees that any such restricted sale shall be deemed to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner and that, except as may be required by applicable law, the Collateral Agent shall have no obligation to engage in public sales.
- (b) Each Pledgor recognizes that, by reason of certain prohibitions contained in the Securities Act, and applicable state securities laws, the Collateral Agent may be compelled, with respect to any sale of all or any part of the Securities Collateral and Investment Property, to limit purchasers to persons who will agree, among other things, to acquire such Securities Collateral or Investment Property for their own account, for investment and not with a view to the distribution or resale thereof. Each Pledgor acknowledges that any such private sales may be at prices and on terms less favorable to the Collateral Agent than those obtainable through a public sale without such restrictions (including a public offering made pursuant to a registration statement under the Securities Act), and, notwithstanding such circumstances, agrees that any such private sale shall be deemed to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner and that the Collateral Agent shall have no obligation to engage in public sales and no obligation to delay the sale of any Securities Collateral or Investment Property for the period of time necessary to permit the issuer thereof to register it for a form of public sale requiring registration under the Securities Act or under applicable state securities laws, even if such issuer would agree to do so.
- (c) If the Collateral Agent determines to exercise its right to sell any or all of the Securities Collateral or Investment Property, upon written request, the applicable Pledgor shall determine and inform the Collateral Agent of the number of securities included in the Securities Collateral or Investment Property which may be sold by the Collateral Agent as

exempt transactions under the Securities Act and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, as the same are from time to time in effect.

(d) Each Pledgor further agrees that a breach of any of the covenants contained in this Section 8.4 will cause irreparable injury to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, that the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties have no adequate remedy at law in respect of such breach and, as a consequence, that each and every covenant contained in this Section 8.4 shall be specifically enforceable against such Pledgor, and such Pledgor hereby waives and agrees not to assert any defenses against an action for specific performance of such covenants except for a defense that no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

#### SECTION 8.5. No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies.

- (a) No failure on the part of the Collateral Agent to exercise, no course of dealing with respect to, and no delay on the part of the Collateral Agent in exercising, any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power, privilege or remedy hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, privilege or remedy; nor shall the Collateral Agent be required to look first to, enforce or exhaust any other security, collateral or guaranties. All rights and remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law or otherwise available.
- (b) In the event that the Collateral Agent shall have instituted any proceeding to enforce any right, power, privilege or remedy under this Agreement or any other Security Document by foreclosure, sale, entry or otherwise, and such proceeding shall have been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or shall have been determined adversely to the Collateral Agent, then and in every such case, the Pledgors, the Collateral Agent and each other Secured Party shall be restored to their respective former positions and rights hereunder with respect to the Pledged Collateral, and all rights, remedies, privileges and powers of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties shall continue as if no such proceeding had been instituted.

SECTION 8.6. Certain Additional Actions Regarding Intellectual Property. If any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, upon the written demand of the Collateral Agent, each Pledgor shall execute and deliver to the Collateral Agent an assignment or assignments of the registered Patents, Trademarks and/or Copyrights and Goodwill and such other documents as are necessary to carry out the intent and purposes hereof; provided that such assignments shall cease to be valid and shall become void at such time as all Events of Default have been cured or waived in accordance with the Indenture. Within 30 Business Days of written notice thereafter from the Collateral Agent, each Pledgor shall make available to the Collateral Agent, to the extent within such Pledgor's power and authority, such personnel in such Pledgor's employ on the date of the Event of Default as the Collateral Agent may reasonably designate to permit such Pledgor to continue, directly or indirectly, to produce, advertise and sell the products and services sold by such Pledgor under the registered Patents, Trademarks and/or

Copyrights, and such persons shall be available to perform their prior functions on the Collateral Agent's behalf.

## SECTION 8.7. [Reserved]

SECTION 8.8. Actions of Collateral Agent. The Applicable Authorized Representative shall direct the Collateral Agent in exercising any right, power, discretionary duty or other remedy available to the Collateral Agent under this Agreement or any Security Document and the other Secured Parties shall not have a right to take any actions with respect to the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property. If the Collateral Agent shall not have received appropriate instruction within 10 days of a request therefor from the Applicable Authorized Representative (or such shorter period as reasonably may be specified in such notice or as may be necessary under the circumstances) it may, but shall be under no duty to, take or refrain from taking such action as it shall deem to be in the best interests of the Secured Parties and the Collateral Agent shall have no liability to any Person for such action or inaction. "Applicable Authorized Representative" shall mean (i) the Trustee so long as the Obligations under the Notes and the Indenture constitute Secured Obligations hereunder, and (ii) thereafter, the Additional Pari Passu Agent representing the series of Indebtedness secured hereby with the greatest outstanding aggregate principal amount.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS

SECTION 9.1. <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. (a) The proceeds received by the Collateral Agent in respect of any sale of, collection from or other realization upon all or any part of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property pursuant to the exercise by the Collateral Agent of its remedies shall be applied, together with any other sums then held by the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Agreement, as follows:

- (i) *first*, to amounts owing to the holders of the First Lien Obligations until the Payment in Full of First Lien Priority Debt (as such term is defined in the Intercreditor Agreement);
- (ii) *second*, to amounts owing to the Collateral Agent in its capacity as such in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and to amounts owing to the Trustee in its capacity as such in accordance with the terms of the Indenture;
- (iii) third, to amounts owing to any Additional Pari Passu Agent in its capacity as such in accordance with the terms of such Additional Pari Passu Agreement;
- (iv) fourth, ratably to amounts owing to the holders of Secured Obligations in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and Additional Pari Passu Agreements; and

(v) fifth, to the Issuer.

- (b) In making the determination and allocations required by this Section 9.1, the Collateral Agent may conclusively rely upon information supplied by the applicable Additional Pari Passu Agent as to the amounts of unpaid principal and interest and other amounts outstanding with respect to such Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations and the Collateral Agent shall have no liability to any of the Secured Parties for actions taken in reliance on such information.
- (c) If, despite the provisions of this Agreement, any Secured Party shall receive any payment or other recovery in excess of its portion of payments on account of the Secured Obligations to which it is then entitled in accordance with this Agreement, such Secured Party shall hold such payment or other recovery in trust for the benefit of all Secured Parties hereunder for distribution in accordance with this Section 9.1.

# ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

## SECTION 10.1. Concerning Collateral Agent and the other Security Documents.

- (a) The Collateral Agent has been appointed as collateral agent pursuant to the Indenture. The actions of the Collateral Agent hereunder are subject to the provisions of the Indenture. The Collateral Agent shall have the right hereunder to make demands, to give notices, to exercise or refrain from exercising any rights, and to take or refrain from taking action (including the release or substitution of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property), in accordance with this Agreement, the Indenture and the other Security Documents. The Collateral Agent may employ agents and attorneys-in-fact in connection herewith and shall not be liable for the negligence of any such agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it in good faith. The Collateral Agent may resign in the manner provided in the Indenture. A successor Collateral Agent may be appointed in the manner provided in the Indenture and, as applicable, in the manner provided in each Additional Pari Passu Agreement. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as the Collateral Agent by a successor Collateral Agent, that successor Collateral Agent shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Collateral Agent under this Agreement and the other Security Documents, and the retiring Collateral Agent shall thereupon be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Agreement and the other Security Documents. After any retiring Collateral Agent's resignation, the provisions hereof shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it under this Agreement while it was the Collateral Agent.
- (b) The Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property in its possession if such Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property is accorded treatment substantially equivalent to that which the Collateral Agent, in its individual capacity, accords its own property

consisting of similar instruments or interests, it being understood that neither the Collateral Agent nor any of the Secured Parties shall have responsibility for (i) ascertaining or taking action with respect to calls, conversions, exchanges, maturities, tenders or other matters relating to any Securities Collateral, whether or not the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party has or is deemed to have knowledge of such matters or (ii) taking any necessary steps to preserve rights against any person with respect to any Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property.

- (c) The Collateral Agent shall be entitled to rely upon any written notice, statement, certificate, order or other document or any telephone message believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper person, and, with respect to all matters pertaining to this Agreement and the other Security Documents and its duties hereunder and thereunder, upon advice of counsel selected by it.
- (d) If any item of Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property also constitutes collateral granted to the Collateral Agent under any other deed of trust, mortgage, security agreement, pledge or instrument of any type, in the event of any conflict between the provisions hereof and the provisions of such other deed of trust, mortgage, security agreement, pledge or instrument of any type in respect of such collateral, the Collateral Agent, in its sole discretion, shall select which provision or provisions shall control.
- (e) Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) each Pledgor shall remain liable under this Agreement and under each of the underlying contracts to which such Pledgor a party described herein to perform all of its duties and obligations thereunder to the same extent as if this Agreement had not been executed, (ii) the exercise by the Collateral Agent or the Holders of any of their rights, remedies or powers hereunder shall not release any Pledgor from any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement or such underlying contracts described herein and (iii) neither the Trustee or the Collateral Agent shall have any obligation or liability under such underlying contracts by reason of or arising out of this Agreement, nor shall the Noteholders, the Trustee or the Collateral Agent be obligated to perform any of the obligations or duties of any of the Pledgors hereunder or any of the contracts described herein
- (f) The Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for the existence, genuineness or value of any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or for the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Liens in any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property, whether impaired by operation of law or by reason of any of any action or omission to act on its part hereunder, except to the extent such action or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Collateral Agent. Nor shall the Collateral Agent be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or any agreement or assignment contained therein, for the validity of the title of the Pledgers to the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property, for insuring the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or otherwise as to the maintenance of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property.

- (g) In the event that the Collateral Agent is required to acquire title to an asset for any reason, or take any managerial action of any kind in regard thereto, in order to carry out any duty for the benefit of another, which in the Collateral Agent's sole discretion may cause it to be considered an "owner or operator" under the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §9601, et seq., or otherwise cause it to incur liability under CERCLA or any other federal, state or local law, the Collateral Agent reserves the right, instead of taking such action, to either resign as or arrange for the transfer of the title or control of the asset to a court-appointed receiver. The Collateral Agent shall not be liable to any person for any environmental claims or contribution actions under any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation by reason of the Collateral Agent's actions and conduct as authorized, empowered and directed hereunder or relating to the discharge, release or threatened release of hazardous materials into the environment. If at any time it is necessary or advisable for any real property to be possessed, owned, operated or managed by any person (including the Collateral Agent, the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes shall direct the Collateral Agent to appoint an appropriately qualified person (excluding the Collateral Agent who such Holders shall designate to possess, own, operate or manage, as the case may be, such real property.
- (h) In acting under and by virtue of this Agreement and the other Security Documents, the Collateral Agent shall have all of the rights, protections and immunities granted to the Collateral Agent and the Trustee under the Indenture (including but not limited to the right to be indemnified under Section 7.07), and all such rights, protections and immunities are incorporated by reference herein, *mutatis mutandis*.
- (i) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary and for the avoidance of doubt, the Collateral Agent shall have no duty to act outside of the United States in respect of any collateral located in another jurisdiction other than the United States.

SECTION 10.2. <u>Collateral Agent May Perform; Collateral Agent Appointed Attorney-in-Fact</u>. If any Pledgor shall fail to perform any covenants contained in this Agreement (including such Pledgor's covenants to (i) pay the premiums in respect of all required insurance policies hereunder, (ii) pay and discharge any taxes, assessments and special assessments, levies, fees and governmental charges imposed upon or assessed against, and landlords', carriers', mechanics', workmen's, repairmen's, laborers', materialmen's, suppliers' and warehousemen's Liens and other claims arising by operation of law against, all or any portion of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property, (iii) make repairs, (iv) discharge Liens or (v) pay or perform any obligations of such Pledgor under any Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or if any representation or warranty on the part of any Pledgor contained herein shall be breached, the Collateral Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) do the same or cause it to be done or remedy any such breach, and may expend funds for such purpose; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Collateral Agent shall in no event be bound to inquire into the validity of any tax, Lien, imposition or other obligation which such Pledgor fails to pay or perform as and when required hereby and which such Pledgor does not contest in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. Any and all amounts so expended by the Collateral Agent shall be paid by the Pledgors in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 7.7</u> of the Indenture. Neither the provisions of this <u>Section 10.2</u>

nor any action taken by the Collateral Agent pursuant to the provisions of this Section 10.2 shall prevent any such failure to observe any covenant contained in this Agreement nor any breach of representation or warranty from constituting an Event of Default. Each Pledgor hereby appoints the Collateral Agent its attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority in the place and stead of such Pledgor and in the name of such Pledgor, or otherwise, from time to time in the Collateral Agent's discretion to take any action and to execute any instrument consistent with the terms of the Indenture, this Agreement and the other Security Documents which the Collateral Agent may deem necessary to accomplish the purposes hereof (but the Collateral Agent shall not be obligated to and shall have no liability to such Pledgor or any third party for failure to so do or take action). The foregoing grant of authority is a power of attorney coupled with an interest and such appointment shall be irrevocable for the term hereof. Each Pledgor hereby ratifies all that such attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

SECTION 10.3. Continuing Security Interest; Assignment. This Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Pledged Collateral and shall (i) be binding upon the Pledgors, their respective successors and assigns and (ii) inure, together with the rights and remedies of the Collateral Agent hereunder, to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and each of their respective successors, transferees and assigns. No other persons (including any other creditor of any Pledgor) shall have any interest herein or any right or benefit with respect hereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing clause (ii), any Secured Party may assign or otherwise transfer any indebtedness held by it secured by this Agreement to any other person, and such other person shall thereupon become vested with all the benefits in respect thereof granted to such Secured Party, herein or otherwise, subject however, to the provisions of the Indenture. Each of the Pledgors agrees that its obligations hereunder and the security interest created hereunder shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as applicable, if at any time payment, or any part thereof, of all or any part of the Secured Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by the Secured Party upon the bankruptcy or reorganization of any Pledgor or otherwise.

SECTION 10.4. Termination; Release. When all the Secured Obligations have been paid in full (other than contingent liabilities not then due and payable), this Agreement shall terminate. Upon termination of this Agreement the Pledged Collateral shall be released from the Lien of this Agreement. Upon such release or any release of Pledged Collateral or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, the Collateral Agent shall, upon the request and at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors, assign, transfer and deliver to Pledgor, against receipt and without recourse to or warranty by the Collateral Agent, such of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof to be released (in the case of a release) as may be in possession of the Collateral Agent and as shall not have been sold or otherwise applied pursuant to the terms hereof, and, with respect to any other Pledged Collateral, proper documents and instruments acknowledging the termination hereof or the release of such Pledged Collateral, as the case may be.

The Liens securing the Secured Obligations securing the Notes will be released, in whole or in part, as provided in Section 10.3 of the Indenture.

The Liens securing Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations of any series will be released, in whole or in part, as provided in Additional Pari Passu Agreement governing such obligations.

SECTION 10.5. Modification in Writing. No amendment, modification, supplement, termination or waiver of or to any provision hereof, nor consent to any departure by any Pledgor therefrom, shall be effective unless the same shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, each Additional Pari Passu Agreement and unless in writing and signed each of the parties hereto and in compliance with the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement (including, without limitation, Section 8.3 thereof). The Collateral Agent shall receive an Opinion and Officers' Certificate stating that such amendment, modification, supplement or waiver is authorized or permitted by the Indenture, this Security Agreement and any Additional Pari Passu Agreement, and that all conditions precedent to the execution of such have been satisfied. Any amendment, modification or supplement of or to any provision hereof, any waiver of any provision hereof and any consent to any departure by any Pledgor from the terms of any provision hereof in each case shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which made or given. Except where notice is specifically required by this Agreement or any other document evidencing the Secured Obligations including any Additional Pari Passu Agreement, no notice to or demand on any Pledgor in any case shall entitle any Pledgor to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances.

SECTION 10.6. Notices. Unless otherwise provided herein or in the Indenture, any notice or other communication herein required or permitted to be given shall be given in the manner and become effective as set forth in the Indenture, as to any Pledgor, addressed to it at the address of the Issuer set forth in the Indenture, as to the Collateral Agent, addressed to it at the address set forth in the Indenture, as to any Additional Pari Passu Agent, addressed to is at the address set forth in the applicable Additional Pari Passu Joinder Agreement, or in each case at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other party complying as to delivery with the terms of this Section 10.6. In addition to the foregoing, the Collateral Agent shall have the benefits accorded to the Trustee in Section 12.1 of the Indenture.

SECTION 10.7. <u>Governing Law, Consent to Jurisdiction and Service of Process; Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. <u>Section 12.7</u> of the Indenture is incorporated herein, *mutatis mutandis*, as if a part hereof.

SECTION 10.8. <u>Severability of Provisions</u>. Any provision hereof which is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity, legality or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 10.9. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement and any amendments, waivers, consents or supplements hereto may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts together shall constitute one

and the same agreement. Delivery of any executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

SECTION 10.10. <u>Business Days</u>. In the event any time period or any date provided in this Agreement ends or falls on a day other than a Business Day, then such time period shall be deemed to end and such date shall be deemed to fall on the next succeeding Business Day, and performance herein may be made on such Business Day, with the same force and effect as if made on such other day.

SECTION 10.11. No Credit for Payment of Taxes or Imposition. Such Pledgor shall not be entitled to any credit against the principal, premium, if any, or interest payable under the Indenture, and such Pledgor shall not be entitled to any credit against any other sums which may become payable under the terms thereof or hereof, by reason of the payment of any Taxes on the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or any part thereof.

SECTION 10.12. No Claims Against Collateral Agent. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall constitute any consent or request by the Collateral Agent, express or implied, for the performance of any labor or services or the furnishing of any materials or other property in respect of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or any part thereof, nor as giving any Pledgor any right, power or authority to contract for or permit the performance of any labor or services or the furnishing of any materials or other property in such fashion as would permit the making of any claim against the Collateral Agent in respect thereof or any claim that any Lien based on the performance of such labor or services or the furnishing of any such materials or other property is prior to the Lien hereof.

SECTION 10.13. No Release. Nothing set forth in this Agreement or any other Security Document, nor the exercise by the Collateral Agent of any of the rights or remedies hereunder, shall relieve any Pledgor from the performance of any term, covenant, condition or agreement on such Pledgor's part to be performed or observed under or in respect of any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or from any liability to any person under or in respect of any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or shall impose any obligation on the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to perform or observe any such term, covenant, condition or agreement on such Pledgor's part to be so performed or observed or shall impose any liability on the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for any act or omission on the part of such Pledgor relating thereto or for any breach of any representation or warranty on the part of such Pledgor contained in this Agreement, the Indenture, the other Security Documents and any Additional Pari Passu Agreement, or under or in respect of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or made in connection herewith or therewith. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any obligation or liability under any contracts, agreements and other documents included in the Pledged Collateral by reason of this Agreement, nor shall the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party be obligated to perform any of the obligations or duties of any Pledgor thereunder or to take any action to collect or enforce any such contract, agreement or other document included in the Pledged Collateral hereunder. The obligations of each Pledgor contained in this Section 10.13 shall

survive the termination hereof and the discharge of such Pledgor's other obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture, the other Security Documents and any Additional Pari Passu Agreement.

SECTION 10.14. Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations. On or after the Issue Date, the Issuer may from time to time designate additional obligations as Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations by delivering to the Collateral Agent, the Trustee and each Additional Pari Passu Agent (a) a certificate signed by the chief financial officer of the Issuer (i) identifying the obligations so designated and the aggregate principal amount or face amount thereof, stating that such obligations are designated as "Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations" for purposes hereof, (ii) representing that such designation complies with the terms of the Indenture and each then extant Additional Pari Passu Agreement, (iii) specifying the name and address of the Additional Pari Passu Agent for such obligations (if other than the Trustee) and (iv) stating that the Pledgors have complied with their obligations under Section 3.4; (b) except in the case of Additional Notes, a fully executed Additional Pari Passu Joinder Agreement (in the form attached as Exhibit 6 hereto), (c) an Officers' Certificate to the effect that the designation of such obligations as "Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations" does not violate the terms of the Indenture and each then extant Additional Pari Passu Agent may conclusively and exclusively rely) and (d) evidence that the Additional Pari Passu Agent for the applicable series of Permitted Additional Pari Passu Obligations has entered into an agency agreement or other arrangement with the Collateral Agent that is acceptable to the Collateral Agent, acting in its sole discretion.

Notwithstanding the delivery of the Additional Pari Passu Joinder Agreement set forth above, the Collateral Agent shall not be obligated to act as Collateral Agent for any New Secured Parties (as such term is defined in Exhibit 6 hereto) whatsoever or to execute any document whatsoever (including any agency agreement) if in the sole judgment of the Collateral Agent doing so would impose, purport to impose or might reasonably be expected to impose upon the Collateral Agent any obligation or liability for which the Collateral Agent is not in its sole discretion fully protected. In no event shall the Collateral Agent be subject to any document that it has not executed. The Additional Pari Passu Joinder Agreement shall not be effective until it has been accepted in writing by the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 10.15. Obligations Absolute. All obligations of each Pledgor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of:

- (i) any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment, composition, liquidation or the like of any other Pledgor;
- (ii) any lack of validity or enforceability of the Indenture, any Security Document or any Pari Passu Agreement, or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;
- (iii) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or in any other term of, all or any of the Secured Obligations, or any other amendment or waiver of or any

consent to any departure from the Indenture, any Additional Pari Passu Agreement or any Security Document, or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;

- (iv) any pledge, exchange, release or non-perfection of any other collateral, or any release or amendment or waiver of or consent to any departure from any guarantee, for all or any of the Secured Obligations;
- (v) any exercise, non-exercise or waiver of any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect hereof, the Indenture, any Additional Pari Passu Agreement or any Security Document, or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto except as specifically set forth in a waiver granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.5 hereof; or
  - (vi) any other circumstances which might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, any Pledgor.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Pledgor and the Collateral Agent have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

> FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., as Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

CABANA BEVERAGES, INC.,

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: President

CABANA BEVCO, LLC, as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

GET REAL, INC.,

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By :/s/ Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

POLLO FRANCHISE, INC., as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

POLLO OPERATIONS, INC., as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

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TACO CABANA, INC., as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TP ACQUISITION CORP., as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

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TC BEVCO, LLC, as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez Title: Vice President

T.C. MANAGEMENT, INC., as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TC LEASE HOLDINGS III, V AND VI, INC.,

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TEXAS TACO CABANA, L.P.,

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: <u>/s/ Joseph A</u>. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TPAQ HOLDING CORPORATION,

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY,

N.A.,

as Collateral Agent

By: /s/ Natalie Crispin

Name: Natalie Crispin Title: Associate

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CREDIT AGREEMENT

among

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., as Borrower,

CERTAIN DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES OF THE BORROWER FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY HERETO, as Guarantors,

THE LENDERS PARTY HERETO,

and

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Administrative Agent

Dated as of August 5, 2011

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC, as Sole Lead Arranger and Sole Bookrunner



Prepared by:

King & Spalding

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THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of August 5, 2011, is by and among FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), the Guarantors (as hereinafter defined), the Lenders (as hereinafter defined) and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

#### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. ("<u>CRG</u>"), a Delaware corporation, intends to restructure its business by separating its Burger King restaurant business and its Hispanic Brand restaurant businesses into two separate publicly traded companies (CRG and the Borrower), subject to various conditions;

**WHEREAS**, Carrols LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Carrols (defined below) and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CRG, owns substantially all of CRG's owned and operated Burger King franchises and related businesses;

WHEREAS, the Borrower owns and operates all of CRG's previously owned Pollo Tropical and Pollo Cabana restaurants and related businesses through its Subsidiaries;

**WHEREAS**, CRG intends to distribute on a pro rata basis all of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Borrower, to CRG's stockholders (the "Spin-off");

**WHEREAS**, prior to completion of the Spin-off, the Carrols LLC will enter into a new debt agreement (the "<u>Carrols LLC Financing</u>") and the Borrower will issue the 8.875% senior secured second lien notes (the "<u>Second Lien Notes</u>"), the net proceeds of term loan borrowings under the Carrols LLC Financing and the Second Lien Notes will be used to repay the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (the "<u>Existing Carrols Notes</u>") of Carrols Corporation ("<u>Carrols</u>") and the outstanding loans and obligations under Carrols' existing credit facility;

**WHEREAS**, following the Spin-Off, CRG, Carrols and the Borrower shall enter into certain agreements with each other in connection with the Spin-Off, including the Transition Services Agreement and the Other Spin-Off Documents;

WHEREAS, the Credit Parties (as hereinafter defined) have requested that the Lenders make loans and other financial accommodations to the Credit Parties in an aggregate amount of up to \$25,000,000, as more particularly described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lenders have agreed to make such loans and other financial accommodations to the Credit Parties on the terms and conditions contained herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, such parties hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

## Section 1.1 Defined Terms.

As used in this Agreement, terms defined in the preamble to this Agreement have the meanings therein indicated, and the following terms have the following meanings:

- "Account Designation Notice" shall mean the Account Designation Notice dated as of the Closing Date from the Borrower to the Administrative Agent in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1(a).
  - "Additional Credit Party," shall mean each Person that becomes a Guarantor by execution of a Joinder Agreement in accordance with Section 5.10.
- "<u>Adjusted Leverage Ratio</u>" shall mean, as of any date of determination, for the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis, the ratio of (a) the sum of (i) Consolidated Funded Debt on such date <u>plus</u> (ii) the product of eight (8) multiplied by Consolidated Rent Expense for the four (4) consecutive quarters ending on such date to (b) Consolidated EBITDAR for the four (4) consecutive quarters ending on such date.
- "Administrative Agent" or "Agent" shall have the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement and shall include any successors in such capacity.
  - "Administrative Questionnaire" shall mean an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.
- "Affiliate" shall mean, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by, or is under common Control with, the Person specified.
- "Agreement" or "Credit Agreement" shall mean this Agreement, as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.
- "Alternate Base Rate" shall mean, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 1/2 of 1% and (c) the sum of (i) LIBOR (as determined pursuant to the definition of LIBOR), for an Interest Period of one (1) month commencing on such day plus (ii) 1.00%, in each instance as of such date of determination. For purposes hereof: "Prime Rate" shall mean, at any time, the rate of interest per annum publicly announced or otherwise identified from time to time by Wells Fargo at its principal office in San Francisco, California as its prime rate. Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective as of the opening of business on the day such change in the Prime Rate occurs. The parties hereto acknowledge that the rate announced publicly by Wells Fargo as its Prime Rate is an index or base rate and shall not necessarily be its lowest or best rate charged to its customers or other banks; and "Federal Funds Effective Rate" shall mean,

for any day, the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published on the next succeeding Business Day, the average of the quotations for the day of such transactions received by the Administrative Agent from three federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it. If for any reason the Administrative Agent shall have determined (which determination shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error) (A) that it is unable to ascertain the Federal Funds Effective Rate, for any reason, including the inability or failure of the Administrative Agent to obtain sufficient quotations in accordance with the terms above or (B) that the Prime Rate or LIBOR no longer accurately reflects an accurate determination of the prevailing Prime Rate or LIBOR, the Administrative Agent may select a reasonably comparable index or source to use as the basis for the Alternate Base Rate, until the circumstances giving rise to such inability no longer exist. Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in any of the foregoing will become effective date of such change in the Federal Funds Rate, the Prime Rate or LIBOR for an Interest Period of one (1) month. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, to the extent that the provisions of Section 2.13 shall be in effect in determining LIBOR pursuant to clause (c) hereof, the Alternate Base Rate shall be the greater of (i) the Prime Rate in effect on such day and (ii) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 1/2 of 1%.

"Alternate Base Rate Loans" shall mean Revolving Loans that bear interest at an interest rate based on the Alternate Base Rate.

"Anti-Terrorism Order" shall mean that certain Executive Order 13224 signed into law on September 23, 2001.

"Applicable Margin" shall mean, for any day, the rate per annum set forth below opposite the applicable level then in effect (based on the Adjusted Leverage Ratio), it being understood that the Applicable Margin for (a) Revolving Loans that are Alternate Base Rate Loans shall be the percentage set forth under the column "Base Rate Margin", (b) Revolving Loans that are LIBOR Rate Loans shall be the percentage set forth under the column "LIBOR Margin & L/C Fee", (c) the Letter of Credit Fee shall be the percentage set forth under the column "LIBOR Margin & L/C Fee", and (d) the Commitment Fee shall be the percentage set forth under the column "Commitment Fee":

# **Applicable Margin**

		LIBOR		
		Margin		
		& L/C	Base Rate	Commitment
Level	Adjusted Leverage Ratio	Fee	Margin	Fee
I	Greater than 5.50 to 1.00	3.75%	2.75%	0.50%
II	Greater than 5.00 to 1.00 but less than or equal to 5.50 to 1.00	3.50%	2.50%	0.50%
III	Greater than 4.50 to 1.00 but less than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00	3.25%	2.25%	0.375%
IV	Less than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00	3.00%	2.00%	0.375%

The Applicable Margin shall, in each case, be determined and adjusted quarterly on the date five (5) Business Days after the date on which the Administrative Agent has received from the Borrower the quarterly financial information (in the case of the first three fiscal quarters of the Borrower's fiscal year), the annual financial information (in the case of the Fourth Quarter) and the certifications required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.1(a), 5.1(b) and 5.2(b) (each an "Interest Determination Date"). Such Applicable Margin shall be effective from such Interest Determination Date until the next such Interest Determination Date. After the Closing Date, if the Credit Parties shall fail to provide the financial information or certifications in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.1(b) and 5.2(b), the Applicable Margin shall, on the date five (5) Business Days after the date by which the Credit Parties were so required to provide such financial information or certifications to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, be based on Level I until such time as such information or certifications or corrected information or corrected certificates are provided, whereupon the Level shall be determined by the then current Adjusted Leverage Ratio. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the initial Applicable Margins shall be set with pricing set forth in Level II until the financial information and certificates required to be delivered pursuant to Section 5.1 and 5.2 for the Fourth Quarter of 2011 have been delivered to the Administrative Agent, for distribution to the Lenders. In the event that any financial statement or certification delivered pursuant to Sections 5.1 or 5.2 is shown to be inaccurate (regardless of whether this Agreement or the Commitments are in effect when such inaccuracy is discovered), and such inaccuracy, if corrected, would have led to the application of a higher Applicable Margin for any period (an "Applicable Period") than the Applicable Margin applied for such Applicable Period, the Borrower shall immediately (a) deliver to the Administrative Agent a corrected compliance certificate for such Applicable Period, (b) determine the Applicable Margin for such Applicable Period based upon the corrected compliance certificate, and (c) immediately pay to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders the accrued additional interest and other fees owing as a result of such increased Applicable Margin for such Applicable Period, which payment shall be promptly distributed by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders entitled thereto. It is acknowledged and agreed that nothing contained herein shall limit the rights of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders under the Credit Documents, including their rights under Sections 2.8 and Article VII.

"Applicable Percentage" shall mean, with respect to any Lender, the percentage of the total Revolving Commitments represented by such Lender's Revolving Commitment. If the Revolving Commitments have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentage shall be determined based on the Revolving Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments.

"Approved Bank" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Cash Equivalents."

- "Approved Fund" shall mean any Fund that is administered, managed or underwritten by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.
  - "Arranger" shall mean WFS.
- "ASC Section 840-40" shall mean Accounting Standards Codification Section 840-40 (Leases-Sale-Leaseback Transactions) issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, as now or hereafter in effect or any successor pronouncements.
- "Asset Disposition" shall mean the disposition of any or all of the assets (including, without limitation, the Equity Interests of a Subsidiary or any ownership interest in a joint venture) of any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party whether by sale, lease, transfer or otherwise, in a single transaction or in a series of transactions. The term "Asset Disposition" shall not include (a) the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of assets permitted by Subsections 6.4(a) (i) through (vi), or (b) any issuance by the Borrower of its Equity Interests.
- "<u>Assignment and Assumption</u>" shall mean an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 9.6), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 1.1(b)</u> or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.
  - "Authorized Officers" shall mean the Responsible Officers set forth on Schedule 3.29.
- "Bank Product" shall mean any of the following products, services or facilities extended to any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party by any Bank Product Provider: (a) Cash Management Services; (b) products under any Hedging Agreement; and (c) commercial credit card, purchase card and merchant card services; provided, however, that for any of the foregoing to be included as "Credit Party Obligations" for purposes of a distribution under Section 2.11(b), the applicable Bank Product Provider must have previously provided a Bank Product Provider Notice to the Administrative Agent which shall provide the following information: (i) the existence of such Bank Product and (ii) the maximum dollar amount (if reasonably capable of being determined) of obligations arising thereunder (the "Bank Product Amount"). The Bank Product Amount may be changed from time to time upon written notice to the Administrative Agent by the Bank Product Provider. Any Bank Product established from and after the time that the Lenders have received written notice from the Company or the Administrative Agent that an Event of Default exists, until such Event of Default has been waived in accordance with Section 9.1, shall not be included as "Credit Party Obligations" for purposes of a distribution under Section 2.11(b).
  - "Bank Product Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of Bank Product.
  - "Bank Product Debt" shall mean the Indebtedness and other obligations of any Credit Party or Subsidiary relating to Bank Products.

"Bank Product Provider" shall mean any Person that provides Bank Products to a Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party to the extent that (a) such Person is a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or any other Person that was a Lender (or an Affiliate of a Lender) at the time it entered into the Bank Product but has ceased to be a Lender (or whose Affiliate has ceased to be a Lender) under the Credit Agreement or (b) such Person is a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender on the Closing Date and the Bank Product was entered into on or prior to the Closing Date (even if such Person ceases to be a Lender or such Person's Affiliate ceased to be a Lender).

- "Bank Product Provider Notice" shall mean a notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 1.1(g).
- "Bankruptcy Code" shall mean the Bankruptcy Code in Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended, modified, succeeded or replaced from time to time.
- "Bankruptcy Event" shall mean any of the events described in Section 7.1(f).
- "Borrower" shall have the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.
- "Borrowing Date" shall mean, in respect of any Revolving Loan, the date such Revolving Loan is made.
- "Business" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.10.
- "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in Boston, Massachusetts, San Francisco, California or New York, New York are authorized or required by law to close; provided, however, that when used in connection with a rate determination, borrowing or payment in respect of a LIBOR Rate Loan, the term "Business Day" shall also exclude any day on which banks in London, England are not open for dealings in Dollar deposits in the London interbank market.
- "Capital Lease" shall mean any lease of property, real or personal, the obligations with respect to which are required to be capitalized on a balance sheet of the lessee in accordance with GAAP.
  - "Capital Lease Obligations" shall mean the capitalized lease obligations relating to a Capital Lease determined in accordance with GAAP.
  - "Carrols" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
  - "Carrols LLC Financing" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Cash Collateralize" shall mean to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Lender (as applicable) and the Lenders, as collateral for LOC Obligations or obligations of Lenders to fund participations in respect thereof, cash or deposit account balances or, if the Issuing Lender shall agree in its sole discretion, other credit support, in each case pursuant to documentation in form

and substance reasonably satisfactory to (a) the Administrative Agent and (b) the Issuing Lender. "Cash Collateral" shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such cash collateral and other credit support.

"Cash Equivalents" shall mean (a) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than twelve months from the date of acquisition ("Government Obligations"), (b) Dollar denominated time deposits, certificates of deposit, Eurodollar time deposits and Eurodollar certificates of deposit of (i) any domestic commercial bank of recognized standing having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 or (ii) any bank whose short-term commercial paper rating at the time of the acquisition thereof is at least A-1 or the equivalent thereof from S&P or from Moody's is at least P-1 or the equivalent thereof from Moody's (any such bank being an "Approved Bank"), in each case with maturities of not more than 364 days from the date of acquisition, (c) commercial paper and variable or fixed rate notes issued by any Approved Bank (or by the parent company thereof) or any variable rate notes issued by, or guaranteed by any domestic corporation rated A-1 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by S&P or P-1 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by Moody's and maturing within six months of the date of acquisition, (d) repurchase agreements with a term of not more than thirty (30) days with a bank or trust company (including a Lender) or a recognized securities dealer having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 for direct obligations issued by or fully guaranteed by the United States of America, (e) obligations of any state of the United States or any political subdivision thereof for the payment of the principal and redemption price of and interest on which there shall have been irrevocably deposited Government Obligations maturing as to principal and interest at times and in amounts sufficient to provide such payment, (f) money market accounts subject to Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Rule 2a-7") which consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents set forth in clauses (a) through (e) above and of which 95% shall at all times be comprised of First Tier Securities (as defined in Rule 2a-7) and any remaining amount shall at all times be comprised of Second Tier Securities (as defined in Rule 2a-7) and (g) shares of any socalled "money market fund"; provided that such fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has net assets of at least \$500,000,000 and has an investment portfolio with an average maturity of 365 days or less.

"Cash Management Services" shall mean any services provided from time to time to any Credit Party or Subsidiary of a Credit Party in connection with operating, collections, payroll, trust, or other depository or disbursement accounts, including automatic clearinghouse, controlled disbursement, depository, electronic funds transfer, information reporting, lockbox, stop payment, overdraft and/or wire transfer services and all other treasury and cash management services.

"Change in Law" shall mean the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i)

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

"Change of Control" shall mean at any time the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Section 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than the Permitted Holders (individually or in any combination as a group), is or becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that a person shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, in excess of forty percent (40%) of the then outstanding Voting Stock of the Borrower; (b) the replacement of a majority of the Board of Directors of the Borrower (other than in connection with the Spin-Off) over a two-year period from the directors who constituted the Board of Directors at the beginning of such period, and such replacement shall not have been approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Board of Directors of the Borrower then still in office who either were members of such Board of Directors at the beginning of such period or whose election as a member of such Board of Directors was previously so approved; (c) the occurrence of a "Change of Control" or any equivalent term or concept under the Second Lien Notes Indenture or (d) prior to the Spin-Off Date, Carrols shall cease to own 100% of the Voting Stock of the Borrower.

"Closing Date" shall mean the date of this Agreement.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Collateral" shall mean a collective reference to the collateral which is identified in, and at any time will be covered by, the Security Documents and any other property or assets of a Credit Party, whether tangible or intangible and whether real or personal, that may from time to time secure the Credit Party Obligations; provided that there shall be excluded from the Collateral (a) any account, instrument, chattel paper or other obligation or property of any kind due from, owed by, or belonging to, a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity, (b) any lease in which the lessee is a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity, (c) all leased real property interests of the Credit Parties, (d) subject to Section 5.12(c), the Identified Sale Leaseback Property, (e) the Excluded Real Property and (f) any other property specifically excluded pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Commitment" shall mean the Revolving Commitments and the LOC Commitment, individually or collectively, as appropriate.

"Commitment Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"Commitment Period" shall mean (a) with respect to Revolving Loans, the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the Maturity Date and (b) with respect to Letters

of Credit, the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the date that is thirty (30) days prior to the Maturity Date.

"Committed Funded Exposure" shall mean, as to any Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Revolving Loans, LOC Obligations and Participation Interests at such time.

"Commonly Controlled Entity" shall mean an entity, whether or not incorporated, which is under common control with the Borrower within the meaning of Section 4001(b)(1) of ERISA or is part of a group which includes the Borrower and which is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or 414(c) of the Code or, solely for purposes of Section 412 of the Code to the extent required by such Section, Section 414(m) or 414(o) of the Code.

"Consolidated" shall mean, when used with reference to financial statements or financial statement items of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or any other Person, such statements or items on a consolidated basis in accordance with the consolidation principles of GAAP.

"Consolidated Capital Expenditures" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, all expenditures of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis for such period that in accordance with GAAP would be classified as capital expenditures, including, without limitation, Capital Lease Obligations.

"Consolidated EBITDAR" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, without duplication, (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period plus (b) the sum of the following to the extent deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income for such period: (i) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period, (ii) tax expense (including, without limitation, any federal, state, local and foreign income and similar taxes) of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries for such period, (ii) depreciation and amortization expense of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries for such period, (iv) Consolidated Rent Expense for such period, (v) Other Designated Expenses, and (vi) other non-cash charges (excluding reserves for future cash charges) of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries for such period (including, without limitation, non-cash expense related to stock option or other equity compensation plans or grants) minus (c) non-cash charges previously added back to Consolidated Net Income in determining Consolidated EBITDAR to the extent such non-cash charges have become cash charges during such period minus (d) to the extent not deducted in the calculation of Consolidated Net Income, all amounts paid by the Credit Parties pursuant to Sections 6.10(d) and (e) (other than any payments or reimbursements for capital expenditures made for the benefit of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries).

"Consolidated Funded Debt" shall mean, as of any date of determination, Funded Debt of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, all interest expense (excluding amortization of debt discount and premium, but including the interest component under Capital

Leases and synthetic leases, tax retention operating leases, off-balance sheet loans and similar off-balance sheet financing products) for such period of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis. In addition, for purposes of calculating "Consolidated Interest Expense," the sale leaseback transactions relating to the Subject Lease Financing Obligations shall be treated as sale leaseback transactions and not financing transactions as described under the definition of "Consolidated Net Income" below.

"Consolidated Net Income" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, (i) the net income (excluding (a) extraordinary losses and gains, (b) gains from Dispositions not in the ordinary course of business, (c) gains from the early extinguishment of Indebtedness, (d) all non-cash income (other than amortization of deferred gains from Sale Leaseback transactions), (e) interest income, (f) tax credits, rebates and other benefits and (g) income received from joint venture investments to the extent not received in cash) of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis for such period, all as determined in accordance with GAAP and (ii) to the extent not included in net income, any cash payments received by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries under the Transition Services Agreement for such period. In addition, for purposes of calculating "Consolidated Net Income," the sale leaseback transactions relating to the Subject Lease Financing Obligations shall be treated as sale leaseback transactions and not financing transactions (including, without limitation, treating any restaurant leases relating to such Subject Lease Financing Obligations as operating leases, i.e.

(A) reducing depreciation expense for the property and plant subject to the Subject Lease Financing Obligations as if they were sale leaseback transactions and (B) characterizing the lease payments as rent expense for the restaurant leases relating to such Subject Lease Financing Obligations instead of principal repayments and interest expense under a financing transaction).

"Consolidated Rent Expense" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, all rent expense for such period of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis. In addition, for purposes of calculating "Consolidated Rent Expense," the sale leaseback transactions relating to the Subject Lease Financing Obligations shall be treated as sale leaseback transactions and not financing transactions (including, without limitation, treating any restaurant leases relating to such Subject Lease Financing Obligations as operating leases, i.e. (a) reducing deprecation expense for the property and plant subject to the Subject Lease Financing Obligations as if they were sale leaseback transactions and (b) characterizing the lease payment as rent expense for the restaurant leases under sale leaseback transactions instead of principal repayments and interest expense under a financing transaction) as set forth in the definition of "Consolidated Net Income" and the rent thereunder shall be included as rent expense in the calculation of "Consolidated Rent Expense."

"Contractual Obligation" shall mean, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any contract, agreement, instrument or undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"Control" shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise

voting power, by contract or otherwise. "Controlling" and "Controlled" have meanings correlative thereto.

"Copyright Licenses" shall mean any agreement, whether written or oral, providing for the grant by or to a Person of any right under any Copyright.

"Copyrights" shall mean all copyrights in all Works, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications in connection therewith, including, without limitation, registrations, recordings and applications in the United States Copyright Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any state thereof or any other country or any political subdivision thereof, or otherwise and all renewals thereof.

"Credit Documents" shall mean this Agreement, each of the Revolving Loan Notes, any Joinder Agreement, the Letters of Credit, LOC Documents and the Security Documents and all other agreements, documents, certificates and instruments delivered to the Administrative Agent or any Lender by any Credit Party in connection therewith (other than any agreement, document, certificate or instrument related to a Bank Product).

"Credit Party" shall mean any of the Borrower or the Guarantors.

"Credit Party Obligations" shall mean, without duplication, (a) the Obligations and (b) for purposes of the Guaranty, the Security Documents and all provisions under the other Credit Documents relating to the Collateral, the sharing thereof and/or payments from proceeds of the Collateral, all Bank Product Debt.

"CRG" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"<u>Debt Issuance</u>" shall mean the issuance of any Indebtedness by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries (excluding any issuance by the Borrower of its Equity Interests or any Indebtedness of any Credit Party and its Subsidiaries permitted to be incurred pursuant to Sections 6.1 (a)-(l) hereof).

"<u>Debtor Relief Laws</u>" shall mean the Bankruptcy Code and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.

"<u>Default</u>" shall mean any of the events specified in Section 7.1, whether or not any requirement for the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, or any other condition, has been satisfied.

"<u>Default Rate</u>" shall mean (a) when used with respect to the Obligations, other than Letter of Credit Fees, an interest rate equal to (i) for Alternate Base Rate Loans (A) the Alternate Base Rate <u>plus</u> (B) the Applicable Margin applicable to Alternate Base Rate Loans <u>plus</u> (C) 2.00% per annum and (ii) for LIBOR Rate Loans, (A) the LIBOR Rate <u>plus</u> (B) the Applicable Margin applicable to LIBOR Rate Loans <u>plus</u> (C) 2.00% per annum, (b) when used

with respect to Letter of Credit Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Margin applicable to Letter of Credit Fees <u>plus</u> 2.00% per annum and (c) when used with respect to any other fee or amount due hereunder, a rate equal to the Applicable Margin applicable to Alternate Base Rate Loans <u>plus</u> 2.00% per annum.

"Defaulting Lender" shall mean, subject to Section 2.21(b) any Lender that, (a) has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Revolving Loans within two Business Days of the date such Revolving Loans were required to be funded hereunder unless such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Lender or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Letters of Credit) within two Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any Issuing Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender's obligation to fund a Revolving Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) has failed, within three Business Days after written request by the Administrative Agent or the Borrower, to confirm in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), or (d) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or (ii) had appointed for it a receiver, custodian, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or assets, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other state or federal regulatory authority acting in such a capacity; provided that a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any equity interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender. Any determination by the Administrative Agent that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender under clauses (a) through (d) above shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to Section 2.21(b)) upon delivery of written notice of such determination to the Borrower, each Issuing Lender and each Lender.

"Deposit Account Control Agreement" shall mean an agreement, among a Credit Party, a depository institution, and the Administrative Agent, which agreement is in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent and which provides the Administrative Agent with "control" (as such term is used in Article 9 of the UCC) over the deposit account(s) described therein, as the same may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Disposition" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.4.

"Dollars" and "\$" shall mean dollars in lawful currency of the United States of America.

"<u>Domestic Lending Office</u>" shall mean, initially, the office of each Lender designated as such Lender's Domestic Lending Office shown in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire; and thereafter, such other office of such Lender as such Lender may from time to time specify to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the office of such Lender at which Alternate Base Rate Loans of such Lender are to be made.

"<u>Domestic Subsidiary</u>" shall mean any Subsidiary that is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state or commonwealth thereof or under the laws of the District of Columbia, other than an Excluded Holding Subsidiary.

"Eligible Assignee" shall mean (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender, (c) an Approved Fund and (d) any other Person (other than a natural person) approved by (i) the Administrative Agent (which approval shall not unreasonable be withheld or delayed in the case of an assignment pursuant to Section 2.19), (ii) in the case of any assignment of a Revolving Commitment, the Issuing Lender and (iii) unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and so long as the primary syndication of the Revolving Loans has been completed as determined by Wells Fargo, the Borrower (each such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, "Eligible Assignee" shall not include (A) CRG, Carrols, any Credit Party or any of the CRG's, Carrol's or the Credit Party's Affiliates or Subsidiaries or (B) any Person holding Subordinated Debt of the Credit Parties or any of such Person's Affiliates or (C) any Defaulting Lender (or any of their Affiliates).

"Environmental Laws" shall mean any and all applicable foreign, federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees, requirements of any Governmental Authority or other Requirement of Law (including common law) regulating, relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning protection of human health or the environment, as now or may at any time be in effect during the term of this Agreement.

"Equity Interests" shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, capital stock, (b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of capital stock, (c) in the case of a partnership, partnership interests (whether general, preferred or limited), (d) in the case of a limited liability company, membership interests and (e) any other interest or participation that confers or could confer on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, without limitation, options, warrants and any other "equity security" as defined in Rule 3a11-1 of the Exchange Act.

"ERISA" shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

- "Event of Default" shall mean any of the events specified in Section 7.1; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any requirement for the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, or any other condition, has been satisfied.
  - "Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
  - "Excluded Holding Subsidiary" shall mean a Subsidiary that has no material assets other than the Equity Interests in one or more Foreign Subsidiaries.
  - "Excluded Real Property" shall mean the owned real property set forth on Schedule 1.1(c) hereto.
- "Excluded Subsidiaries" shall mean Cabana Club of Webbs Chapel, Inc., Cabana Club of Bruckner, Inc., Two Pesos Private Club 1, Two Pesos Private Club 3 and Cabana Club of Pasadena, Inc.
- "Excluded Taxes" shall mean any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by the Recipient's net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes imposed on the Recipient, and branch profits Taxes imposed on the Recipient, in each case, (i) by the jurisdiction (or any political subdivision thereof) under the laws of which such Recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable lending office is located or (ii) as the result of any other present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising solely from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Credit Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Revolving Loan or Credit Document), (b) in the case of a Lender (other than an assignee pursuant to a request by the Borrower under Section 2.19(b)), Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender becomes a party hereto or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 2.16, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with Section 2.16(g) and (d) any Taxes imposed under FATCA (or any amended or successor version of FATCA that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with).
  - "Existing Carrols Notes" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Existing Letter of Credit" shall mean each of the letters of credit described by applicant, date of issuance, letter of credit number, amount, beneficiary and the date of expiry on Schedule 1.1(e) hereto.
- "Extension of Credit" shall mean, as to any Lender, the making of a Revolving Loan by such Lender, any conversion of a Revolving Loan from one Type to another Type, any extension

of any Revolving Loan or the issuance, extension or renewal of, or participation in, a Letter of Credit by such Lender.

"Extraordinary Receipt" shall mean any cash received by or paid to or for the account of any Person not in the ordinary course of business for Recovery Events.

"FATCA" shall mean Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement, and any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof.

"Federal Funds Effective Rate" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Alternate Base Rate".

"Fee Letter" shall mean the letter agreement dated July 13, 2011, addressed to the Borrower from Wells Fargo and WFS, as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"First Quarter" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, the thirteen (13) week period ending on the Sunday closest to March 31 of such fiscal year.

"Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio" shall mean, as of any date of determination, for the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis, the ratio of (a) Consolidated EBITDAR for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such date to (b) the sum of (i) Consolidated Interest Expense paid or payable in cash during the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, (ii) all cash Income Taxes paid during the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, (iii) Scheduled Funded Debt Payments made during the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date (including the principal component of payments due on Capital Leases) and (iv) Consolidated Rent Expense during the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Third Quarter of 2011, the Fourth Quarter of 2011 and the First Quarter of 2012, the components of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio attributable to (1) Consolidated Interest Expense and (2) Scheduled Funded Debt Payments ((1) and (2) collectively, the "Annualized Fixed Charges") shall be annualized during such fiscal quarters such that (I) for the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the end of the Third Quarter of 2011, Annualized Fixed Charges for the fiscal quarter then ending will be multiplied by four (4), (II) for the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the end of the Fourth Quarter of 2011, Annualized Fixed Charges for the two fiscal quarter period then ending will be multiplied by two (2) and (III) for the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the end of the First Quarter of 2012, Annualized Fixed Charges for the three fiscal quarter period then ending will be multiplied by one and one-third (1 1/3). For purposes of the computations in clauses (I), (II) and (III) above and for purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the four quarter period ended as of the end of as of the end of the Third Quarter of 2012, the Consolidated Interest Expense and Scheduled Funded Debt Payments for the Third Quarter of 2011 shall be computed by measuring actual Consolidated Interest Expense and Scheduled Funded Debt Payments from the Closing Date through the end of the Third Quarter of 2011 (the "Stub Period"), dividing such

amount by the number of days in the Stub Period and then multiplying such daily amount by ninety-two (92).

- "Flood Hazard Property" shall mean any Mortgaged Property that is in an area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as having special flood or mudslide hazards.
- "<u>Foreign Lender</u>" shall mean (a) if the Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if the Borrower is not a U.S. Person, any Lender that is resident or organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes.
  - "Foreign Subsidiary" shall mean any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.
- "Fourth Quarter" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, the thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) week period ending on the Sunday closest to December 31 of such fiscal year.
- "<u>Fronting Exposure</u>" shall mean, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding LOC Obligations with respect to Letters of Credit issued by the Issuing Lender other than LOC Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof.
- "Fund" shall mean any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business.
- "Funded Debt" shall mean, with respect to any Person, without duplication, all Indebtedness of such Person (other than Indebtedness set forth in clauses (e), (i), and (n) of such definition); provided, that (a) Funded Debt shall only include Indebtedness set forth in clause (j) of the definition thereof to the extent of unreimbursed drawings under such letters of credit or bankers' acceptances facilities and (b) Funded Debt shall exclude all of the Subject Lease Financing Obligations.
- "GAAP" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles in effect in the United States of America (or, in the case of Foreign Subsidiaries with significant operations outside the United States of America, generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time in their respective jurisdictions of organization or formation) applied on a consistent basis, <u>subject</u>, <u>however</u>, in the case of determination of compliance with the financial covenants set out in Section 5.9 to the provisions of Section 1.3.
  - "Government Acts" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.17.
  - "Government Obligations" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Cash Equivalents."

"Governmental Authority" shall mean the government of the United States of America or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Granting Lender" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.6(f).

"Guarantor" shall mean the Domestic Subsidiaries of the Borrower (other than any Excluded Subsidiary and any Domestic Subsidiary owned by a Foreign Subsidiary) as are, or may from time to time become parties to this Agreement.

"Guaranty" shall mean the guaranty of the Guarantors set forth in Article X.

"Guaranty Obligations" shall mean, with respect to any Person, without duplication, any obligations of such Person (other than endorsements in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) guaranteeing or intended to guarantee any Indebtedness of any other Person in any manner, whether direct or indirect, and including, without limitation, any obligation, whether or not contingent, (a) to purchase any such Indebtedness or any property constituting security therefor, (b) to advance or provide funds or other support for the payment or purchase of any such Indebtedness or to maintain working capital, solvency or other balance sheet condition of such other Person (including, without limitation, keep well agreements, maintenance agreements, comfort letters or similar agreements or arrangements) for the benefit of any holder of Indebtedness of such other Person, (c) to lease or purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the holder of such Indebtedness, or (d) to otherwise assure or hold harmless the holder of such Indebtedness against loss in respect thereof. The amount of any Guaranty Obligation hereunder shall (subject to any limitations set forth therein) be deemed to be an amount equal to the outstanding principal amount (or maximum principal amount, if larger) of the Indebtedness in respect of which such Guaranty Obligation is made

"<u>Hedging Agreements</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any agreement entered into to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest rates, or currency or raw materials values, including, without limitation, any interest rate swap, cap or collar agreement or similar arrangement between such Person and one or more counterparties, any foreign currency exchange agreement, currency protection agreements, commodity purchase or option agreements or other interest or exchange rate hedging agreements.

"Identified Sale Leaseback Property" shall mean the owned real property identified on Schedule 1.1(d).

"Income Taxes" shall mean federal, state, local and foreign income and similar taxes (including franchise taxes, to the extent such franchise taxes are based on the income or revenues of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries).

"Indebtedness" shall mean, with respect to any Person, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, or upon which interest payments are customarily made, (c) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property purchased by such Person (other than customary reservations or retentions of title under agreements with suppliers entered into in the ordinary course of business), (d) all obligations (including, without limitation, earnout obligations) of such Person incurred, issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services purchased by such Person (other than trade debt and accrued expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business and due within six months of the incurrence thereof) which would appear as liabilities on a balance sheet of such Person, (e) all obligations of such Person under take-or-pay or similar arrangements or under commodities agreements, (f) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on, or payable out of the proceeds of production from, property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the obligations secured thereby have been assumed, (g) all Guaranty Obligations of such Person with respect to Indebtedness of another Person, (h) the principal portion of all Capital Lease Obligations plus any accrued interest thereon, (i) all net obligations of such Person under Hedging Agreements, (j) the maximum amount of all letters of credit issued or bankers' acceptances facilities created for the account of such Person and, without duplication, all drafts drawn thereunder (to the extent unreimbursed), (k) all preferred Equity Interests issued by such Person and which by the terms thereof could be (at the request of the holders thereof or otherwise) subject to mandatory sinking fund payments, redemption or other acceleration on or prior to the Maturity Date, (1) the principal balance outstanding under any synthetic lease, tax retention operating lease, off-balance sheet loan or similar off-balance sheet financing product <u>plus</u> any accrued interest thereon, (m) all obligations of any partnership or unincorporated joint venture in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, (n) obligations of such Person under non-compete agreements to the extent such obligations are quantifiable contingent obligations of such Person under GAAP principles and (o) all ASC Section 840-40 lease financing obligations.

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

"Indemnitee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.5(b).

"Insolvency" shall mean, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such Plan is insolvent within the meaning of such term as used in Section 4245 of ERISA.

"Intellectual Property" shall mean, collectively, all Copyrights, Copyright Licenses, Patents, Patent Licenses, Trademarks and Trademark Licenses of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, all goodwill associated therewith and all rights to sue for infringement thereof.

"Intercompany Debt" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.19.

"Intercreditor Agreement" shall mean that certain Intercreditor Agreement dated as of the date hereof by and among the Administrative Agent and BNY Mellon, in its capacity as trustee under the Second Lien Notes Indenture.

"Interest Determination Date" shall have the meaning specified in the definition of "Applicable Margin".

"Interest Payment Date" shall mean (a) as to any Alternate Base Rate Loan, the last Business Day of each of the First Quarter, Second Quarter, Third Quarter and Fourth Quarter and on the applicable Maturity Date, (b) as to any LIBOR Rate Loan having an Interest Period of three months or less, the last day of such Interest Period, (c) as to any LIBOR Rate Loan having an Interest Period longer than three months, (i) each three (3) month anniversary following the first day of such Interest Period and (ii) the last day of such Interest Period and (d) as to any Revolving Loan which is the subject of a mandatory prepayment required pursuant to Section 2.7(b), the date on which such mandatory prepayment is due.

"Interest Period" shall mean, with respect to any LIBOR Rate Loan,

- (a) initially, the period commencing on the Borrowing Date or conversion date, as the case may be, with respect to such LIBOR Rate Loan and ending one, two, three, six, nine or twelve months thereafter, subject to availability to all applicable Lenders, as selected by the Borrower in the Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion given with respect thereto; and
- (b) thereafter, each period commencing on the last day of the immediately preceding Interest Period applicable to such LIBOR Rate Loan and ending one, two, three, six, nine or twelve months thereafter, subject to availability to all applicable Lenders, as selected by the Borrower by irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent not less than three Business Days prior to the last day of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto; <u>provided</u> that the foregoing provisions are subject to the following:
  - (i) if any Interest Period pertaining to a LIBOR Rate Loan would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to carry such Interest Period into another calendar month in which event such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day;
  - (ii) any Interest Period pertaining to a LIBOR Rate Loan that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the relevant calendar month;
  - (iii) if the Borrower shall fail to give notice as provided above, the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Alternate Base Rate Loan to replace the affected LIBOR Rate Loan;

- (iv) no Interest Period in respect of any Revolving Loan shall extend beyond the applicable Maturity Date; and
- (v) no more than six (6) LIBOR Rate Loans may be in effect at any time. For purposes hereof, LIBOR Rate Loans with different Interest Periods shall be considered as separate LIBOR Rate Loans, even if they shall begin on the same date and have the same duration, although borrowings, extensions and conversions may, in accordance with the provisions hereof, be combined at the end of existing Interest Periods to constitute a new LIBOR Rate Loan with a single Interest Period.

"Investment" shall mean (a) the acquisition (whether for cash, property, services, assumption of Indebtedness, securities or otherwise) of Equity Interests, other ownership interests or other securities of any Person or bonds, notes, debentures or all or substantially all of the assets of any Person, (b) any deposit with, or advance, loan or other extension of credit to, any Person (other than deposits made in the ordinary course of business), (c) the construction or development of, or the entering into of a binding commitment to construct or develop, a new Restaurant, or (d) any other capital contribution to or investment in any Person, including, without limitation, any Guaranty Obligation (including any support for a letter of credit issued on behalf of such Person) incurred for the benefit of such Person.

"IRS" shall mean the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"Issuing Lender" shall mean Wells Fargo together with any successor.

"Issuing Lender Fees" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(c).

"Joinder Agreement" shall mean a Joinder Agreement in substantially the form of Exhibit 1.1(c), executed and delivered by an Additional Credit Party in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.10.

"<u>Lender</u>" shall mean any of the several banks and other financial institutions as are, or may from time to time become parties to this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding the foregoing, "Lender" shall not include any Credit Party or any of the Credit Party's Affiliates or Subsidiaries.

"Lender Commitment Letter" shall mean, with respect to any Lender, the letter (or other correspondence) to such Lender from the Administrative Agent notifying such Lender of its LOC Commitment and Revolving Commitment Percentage.

"<u>Letter of Credit</u>" shall mean (a) any letter of credit issued by the Issuing Lender pursuant to the terms hereof, as such letter of credit may be amended, modified, restated, extended, renewed, increased, replaced or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and (b) any Existing Letter of Credit, in each case as such letter of credit may be amended, modified, extended, renewed or replaced from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

"Letter of Credit Facing Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(c).

"Letter of Credit Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(b).

"LIBOR" shall mean, for any LIBOR Rate Loan for any Interest Period therefor, the rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest 1/100 of 1%) appearing on Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page (or any successor page) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in Dollars at approximately 11:00 A.M. (London time) two (2) Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period for a term comparable to such Interest Period. If for any reason such rate is not available, then "LIBOR" shall mean the rate per annum at which, as determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with its customary practices, Dollars in an amount comparable to the Revolving Loans then requested are being offered to leading banks at approximately 11:00 A.M. London time, two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of the applicable Interest Period for settlement in immediately available funds by leading banks in the London interbank market for a period equal to the Interest Period selected.

"LIBOR Lending Office" shall mean, initially, the office(s) of each Lender designated as such Lender's LIBOR Lending Office in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire; and thereafter, such other office of such Lender as such Lender may from time to time specify to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the office of such Lender at which the LIBOR Rate Loans of such Lender are to be made.

"LIBOR Rate" shall mean a LIBOR rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next higher 1/100th of 1%) determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the definition of "LIBOR".

"LIBOR Rate Loan" shall mean Revolving Loans the rate of interest applicable to which is based on the LIBOR Rate.

"LIBOR Tranche" shall mean the collective reference to LIBOR Rate Loans whose Interest Periods begin and end on the same day.

"<u>Lien</u>" shall mean any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge or other security interest or any preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, (a) any conditional sale or other title retention agreement and any Capital Lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing and (b) the filing of, or the agreement to give, any UCC financing statement.

"LOC Commitment" shall mean the commitment of the Issuing Lender to issue Letters of Credit and with respect to each Lender, the commitment of such Lender to purchase Participation Interests in the Letters of Credit up to such Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the LOC Committed Amount.

"LOC Committed Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(a).

"LOC Documents" shall mean, with respect to each Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit, any amendments thereto, any documents delivered in connection therewith, any application therefor, and any agreements, instruments, guarantees or other documents (whether general in application or applicable only to such Letter of Credit) governing or providing for (a) the rights and obligations of the parties concerned or (b) any collateral for such obligations.

"LOC Obligations" shall mean, at any time, the sum of (a) the maximum amount which is, or at any time thereafter may become, available to be drawn under Letters of Credit then outstanding, assuming compliance with all requirements for drawings referred to in such Letters of Credit <u>plus</u> (b) the aggregate amount of all drawings under Letters of Credit honored by the Issuing Lender but not theretofore reimbursed.

"Management Services Agreement" shall mean that certain Management Services Agreement dated as of the Closing Date by and between the Borrower, Carrols and CRG.

"Mandatory LOC Borrowing" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(e).

"Material Adverse Effect" shall mean a material adverse effect on (a) the business, operations, property, assets or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Borrower or any Guarantor to perform its obligations, when such obligations are required to be performed, under this Agreement, any of the Revolving Loan Notes or any other Credit Document or (c) the validity or enforceability of this Agreement, any of the Revolving Loan Notes or any of the Occupants, the Administrative Agent's Liens (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) on the Collateral or the priority of such Liens or the rights or remedies of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders hereunder.

"Material Contract" shall mean (a) the Management Services Agreement, (b) the Transition Services Agreement and (c) any contract or agreement of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries as to which the breach, nonperformance, cancellation or failure to renew by any party thereto, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The parties acknowledge that no individual Restaurant real property lease is a Material Contract for purposes of this Agreement.

"<u>Materials of Environmental Concern</u>" shall mean any gasoline or petroleum (including crude oil or any extraction thereof) or petroleum products or any hazardous or toxic substances, materials or wastes, defined or regulated as such in or under any Environmental Law, including, without limitation, asbestos, perchlorate, polychlorinated biphenyls and urea-formaldehyde insulation.

"Maturity Date" shall mean the date that is four and one-half years following the Closing Date; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, if such date is not a Business Day, the Maturity Date shall be the next preceding Business Day.

"Moody's" shall mean Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"Mortgage Instrument" shall mean any mortgage, deed of trust or deed to secure debt executed by a Credit Party in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as the same may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Mortgaged Property" shall mean any owned real property of a Credit Party listed on Schedule 3.16(f)(i) and any other owned real property of a Credit Party that is or will become encumbered by a Mortgage Instrument in favor of the Administrative Agent in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Mortgaged Properties shall not include any Excluded Real Property.

"Multiemployer Plan" shall mean a Plan that is a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

"Net Cash Proceeds" shall mean the aggregate cash proceeds received by any Credit Party or any Subsidiary in respect of any Asset Disposition, Debt Issuance or Extraordinary Receipts, net of (a) reasonable direct costs and expenses (including, without limitation, legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions) associated therewith and paid to Persons who are not Credit Parties or their Affiliates, (b) amounts held in escrow to be applied as part of the purchase price of any Asset Disposition or the amount of any reserves established to fund contingent liabilities reasonably estimated to be payable, (c) the amount of such proceeds required to be used to permanently repay any Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) and (d) taxes paid or reasonably estimated to be payable as a result thereof; it being understood that "Net Cash Proceeds" shall include, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received by any Credit Party or any Subsidiary in any Asset Disposition, Debt Issuance or Extraordinary Receipt and any cash released from escrow as part of the purchase price in connection with any Asset Disposition.

"Non-Consenting Lender" means any Lender that does not approve any consent, waiver or amendment that (a) requires the approval of all affected Lenders in accordance with the terms of Section 9.1 and (b) has been approved by the Required Lenders.

"Non-Defaulting Lender' shall mean, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

"Notice of Borrowing" shall mean a request for a Revolving Loan borrowing pursuant to Section 2.1(b)(i). A Form of Notice of Borrowing is attached as Exhibit 1.1(d).

"Notice of Conversion/Extension" shall mean the written notice of conversion of a LIBOR Rate Loan to an Alternate Base Rate Loan or an Alternate Base Rate Loan, or extension of a LIBOR Rate Loan, in each case substantially in the form of Exhibit 1.1(e).

"Obligations" shall mean, collectively, all of the obligations, Indebtedness and liabilities of the Credit Parties to the Lenders (including the Issuing Lender) and the Administrative Agent,

whenever arising, under this Agreement, the Revolving Loan Notes or any of the other Credit Documents, including principal, interest, fees, costs, charges, expenses, professional fees, reimbursements, all sums chargeable to the Credit Parties or for which any Credit Party is liable as an indemnitor and whether or not evidenced by a note or other instrument and indemnification obligations and other amounts (including, but not limited to, any interest accruing after the occurrence of a filing of a petition of bankruptcy under the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Credit Party, regardless of whether such interest is an allowed claim under the Bankruptcy Code).

"OFAC" shall mean the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

"Operating Lease" shall mean, as applied to any Person, any lease (including, without limitation, leases which may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (whether real, personal or mixed) which is not a Capital Lease or a lease in connection with an ASC 840-40 lease financing obligation other than any such lease in which that Person is the lessor.

"Other Designated Expenses" shall mean, for any period, (a) consolidated impairment charges recorded in connection with the application of Financial Accounting Standard No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangibles" and Financial Accounting Standard No. 144 "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long Lived Assets," or any successor pronouncements, (b) amortization associated with the excess of purchase price over the value allocated to tangible property or assets acquired by the Borrower or its consolidated Subsidiaries, (c) any non-recurring cash fees, charges or other expenses made or incurred in connection with the credit facilities under this Agreement and the issuance of the Second Lien Notes and (d) cash fees, charges or other expenses made or incurred in connection with the Spin-Off.

"Other Spin-Off Documents" shall mean the separation and distribution agreement, tax matters agreement and employee matters agreement (and any ancillary agreements executed in connection therewith) to be entered into in connection with the Spin-Off, as generally described in the Offering Memorandum, dated July 28, 2011, relating to the issuance by the Borrower of the Second Lien Notes, with any changes, additions, modifications and amendments that vary from such description which would not be materially more disadvantageous to the Lenders.

"Other Taxes" shall mean all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Credit Document, except any such taxes that are imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.19).

"Participant" has the meaning assigned to such term in clause (d) of Section 9.6.

"Participation Interest" shall mean a participation interest purchased by a Lender in LOC Obligations as provided in Section 2.3(c).

"Participant Register" has the meaning specified in clause (d) of Section 9.6.

"<u>Patent Licenses</u>" shall mean any agreement, whether written or oral, providing for the grant by or to a Person of any right to manufacture, use or sell any invention covered by a Patent.

"<u>Patents</u>" shall mean (a) all letters patent of the United States or any other country, now existing or hereafter arising, and all improvement patents, reissues, reexaminations, patents of additions, renewals and extensions thereof and (b) all applications for letters patent of the United States or any other country and all provisionals, divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part and substitutes thereof.

"<u>Patriot Act</u>" shall mean the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001 (Title III of Pub. L. No. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), as amended or modified from time to time.

"Payment Event of Default" shall mean an Event of Default specified in Section 7.1(a).

"PBGC" shall mean the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation established pursuant to Subtitle A of Title IV of ERISA.

"Permitted Acquisition" shall mean an acquisition or any series of related acquisitions by a Credit Party of (a) all or substantially all of the assets or a majority of the outstanding Voting Stock or economic interests of a Person that is incorporated, formed or organized in the United States, (b) a Person that is incorporated, formed or organized in the United States by a merger, amalgamation or consolidation or any other combination with such Person, (c) any division, line of business or other business unit of a Person that is incorporated, formed or organized in the United States (such Person or such division, line of business or other business unit of such Person shall be referred to herein as the "Target"), in each case that is a type of business (or assets used in a type of business) permitted to be engaged in by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries pursuant to Section 6.3 or (d) one or more Restaurants not part of a transaction described in clause (a), (b) or (c) above, in each case so long as:

- (i) no Default or Event of Default shall then exist or would exist after giving effect thereto;
- (ii) the Credit Parties shall demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Administrative Agent that, after giving effect to the acquisition on a Pro Forma Basis, (A) the Credit Parties are in compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 and (B) for acquisitions consummated at any time the Adjusted Leverage Ratio covenant level set forth in Section 5.9(a) is greater than 5.50 to 1.0, the Adjusted Leverage Ratio shall be 0.25 to 1.0 less than the then applicable level set forth in Section 5.9;
- (iii) the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, shall have received (or shall receive in connection with the closing of such acquisition) a first priority perfected security interest in all property (including, without

limitation, Equity Interests) acquired with respect to the Target in accordance with the terms of Sections 5.10 and 5.12 and the Target, if a Person, shall have executed a Joinder Agreement in accordance with the terms of Section 5.10;

(iv) in connection with any Permitted Acquisition with a purchase price in excess of \$5,000,000, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received (A) a description of the material terms of such acquisition, (B) with respect to Permitted Acquisitions referred to in clause (a) above, audited financial statements (or, if unavailable, unaudited financial statements prepared by management of the Target) of the Target for the periods available to the Borrower (which shall not exceed its two most recent fiscal years) and for any fiscal quarters ended within the fiscal year to date (which quarters financial statements shall be unaudited), (C) with respect to Permitted Acquisitions referred to in clauses (b) or (c) above, financial statements of the Target that are made available to the Borrower (or such other financial information reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent) for its most recent fiscal year, (D) with respect to Permitted Acquisitions referred to in clause (d) above, profit and loss statements with respect to each Restaurant acquired and (E) not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the consummation of any such Permitted Acquisition, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 1.1(f), executed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower certifying that such Permitted Acquisition complies with the requirements of this Agreement; and

(v) such acquisition shall not be a "hostile" acquisition and shall have been approved by the Board of Directors (or equivalent) and/or shareholders (or equivalent) of the applicable Credit Party and the Target.

"Permitted Construction Transaction" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.5(h).

"Permitted Holders" shall mean (i) CRG or Carrols (prior to the Spin-Off), (ii) Jefferies Capital Partners IV LP, Jefferies Employee Partners IV LLC, JCP Partners IV LLC and/or any of their respective Affiliates and (iii) Alan Vituli, Timothy Taft and/or any member of executive management (vice president or more senior) of CRG, Carrols or the Borrower as of the Closing Date and/or any of their respective Affiliates.

"Permitted Investments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.5.

"Permitted Liens" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.2.

"<u>Permitted Tax Distributions</u>" shall mean payments, dividends or distributions by the Borrower made to Carrols to permit Carrols or CRG to pay Income Taxes required to be paid by Carrols or CRG resulting from the direct or indirect ownership of the Equity Interests of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

"Person" shall mean any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

- "<u>Plan</u>" shall mean, as of any date of determination, any employee benefit plan which is covered by Title IV of ERISA and in respect of which any Credit Party or a Commonly Controlled Entity is (or, if such plan were terminated at such time, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.
- "Pollo Tropical Trademarks" shall mean those certain Trademarks owned by Carrols and transferred to the Borrower prior to or after the Closing Date and as set forth in Schedule 1.1(f).
  - "Prime Rate" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of Alternate Base Rate.
- "<u>Pro Forma Basis</u>" shall mean, with respect to any transaction, that such transaction shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the four-quarter period (or twelve month period, as applicable) ending as of the most recent quarter end (or month end, as applicable) preceding the date of such transaction for which financial statement information is available.
  - "Properties" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.10(a).
  - "Recipient" shall mean (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) any Lender and (c) any Issuing Lender, as applicable.
- "Recovery Event" shall mean the receipt by any Credit Party or its Subsidiaries of any cash insurance proceeds or condemnation award payable by reason of theft, loss, physical destruction or damage, taking or similar event with respect to any of their respective property or assets.
  - "Register" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.6(c).
- "Reimbursement Obligation" shall mean the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the Issuing Lender pursuant to Section 2.3(d) for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit.
- "Related Parties" shall mean, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.
- "Reorganization" shall mean, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such Plan is in reorganization within the meaning of such term as used in Section 4241 of ERISA.
- "Reportable Event" shall mean any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than those events as to which the thirty-day notice period is waived under PBGC Reg. §4043.
- "Required Lenders" shall mean, as of any date of determination, two or more Lenders holding at least a majority of (a) the outstanding Revolving Commitments or (b) if the Revolving Commitments have been terminated, the outstanding Revolving Loans and Participation

Interests; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if any Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender at such time, then there shall be excluded from the determination of Required Lenders, Obligations (including Participation Interests) owing to such Defaulting Lender and such Defaulting Lender's Commitments.

"Requirement of Law" shall mean, as to any Person, (a) the articles or certificate of incorporation, by-laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and (b) all international, foreign, Federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes, executive orders, and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority (in each case whether or not having the force of law); in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.

"Responsible Officer" shall mean, for any Credit Party, the chief executive officer, the president, chief financial officer, general counsel, secretary, treasurer or any vice president of such Credit Party and any additional responsible officer that is designated as such to the Administrative Agent.

"Restaurant" means any restaurant owned or leased by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Restricted Payment" shall mean (a) any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Equity Interests of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, now or hereafter outstanding, (b) any redemption, retirement, sinking fund or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Equity Interests of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, now or hereafter outstanding, (c) any payment made to retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire shares of any class of Equity Interests of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, now or hereafter outstanding, (d) any payment or prepayment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, redemption, purchase, retirement, defeasance, sinking fund or similar payment with respect to, any Subordinated Debt of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, (e) the payment by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries of any management, advisory or consulting fee to any Person that is an Affiliate of a Credit Party, (f) the payment by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries of any fee pursuant to the Management Services Agreement, (g) the payment by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries of any amounts under the Other Spin-Off Documents, (h) Permitted Tax Distributions, (i) payments by any Credit Party to Carrols or CRG referred to in Section 6.10(h) and (j) any redemption, repurchase or clawback of the Second Lien Notes.

"Revolving Availability" shall mean the amount by which the Revolving Committed Amount exceeds the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure.

- "Revolving Commitment" shall mean, with respect to each Lender, the commitment of such Lender to make Revolving Loans in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding up to an amount equal to such Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the Revolving Committed Amount.
- "Revolving Commitment Percentage" shall mean, for each Lender, the percentage identified as its Revolving Commitment Percentage in its Lender Commitment Letter or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender became a Lender hereunder, as such percentage may be modified in connection with any assignment made in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.6(b).
  - "Revolving Committed Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).
- "Revolving Credit Exposure" shall mean, as to any Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Revolving Loans and such Lender's participation in LOC Obligations at such time.
  - "Revolving Facility" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).
  - "Revolving Loan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.
- "Revolving Loan Note" or "Revolving Loan Notes" shall mean the promissory notes of the Borrower provided pursuant to Section 2.1(e) in favor of any of the Lenders evidencing the Revolving Loan provided by any such Lender pursuant to Section 2.1(a), individually or collectively, as appropriate, as such promissory notes may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.
  - "S&P" shall mean Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc.
  - "Sale Leaseback" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.12.
- "<u>Sanctioned Entity</u>" shall mean (a) a country or a government of a country, (b) an agency of the government of a country, (c) an organization directly or indirectly controlled by a country or its government, or (d) a person or entity resident in or determined to be resident in a country, that is subject to a country sanctions program administered and enforced by OFAC.
  - "Sanctioned Person" shall mean a person named on the list of Specially Designated Nationals maintained by OFAC.
  - "Sarbanes-Oxley" shall mean the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- "Scheduled Funded Debt Payments" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, the sum of all regularly scheduled payments of principal on Funded Debt of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis for the applicable period ending on the date of determination (including the

principal component of payments due on Capital Leases during the applicable period ending on the date of determination) to the extent actually paid in cash.

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor Governmental Authority.

"Second Lien Notes" means those certain notes (together with any Additional Notes (as defined in the Second Lien Notes Indenture)) issued to the holders thereof from time to time.

"Second Lien Notes Indenture" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Second Quarter" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, the thirteen (13) week period ending on the Sunday closest to June 30 of such fiscal year.

"Secured Parties" shall mean the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Bank Product Providers.

"Securities Account Control Agreement" shall mean an agreement, among a Credit Party, a securities intermediary, and the Administrative Agent, which agreement is in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent and which provides the Administrative Agent with "control" (as such term is used in Articles 8 and 9 of the UCC) over the securities account(s) described therein, as the same may be as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, together with any amendment thereto or replacement thereof and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Securities Laws" shall mean the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, Sarbanes-Oxley and the applicable accounting and auditing principles, rules, standards and practices promulgated, approved or incorporated by the SEC or the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, as each of the foregoing may be amended and in effect on any applicable date hereunder.

"<u>Security Agreement</u>" shall mean the First Lien Security Agreement dated as of the Closing Date among the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent, as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.

"Security Documents" shall mean the Security Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement, any Deposit Account Control Agreement, any Securities Account Control Agreement, the Mortgage Instruments and all other agreements, documents and instruments relating to, arising out of, or in any way connected with any of the foregoing documents or granting to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, Liens or security interests to secure, inter alia, the Credit Party Obligations whether now or hereafter executed and/or filed, each as may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, executed and delivered in connection with the granting, attachment and perfection of the Administrative Agent's security interests and liens arising thereunder, including, without limitation, UCC financing statements.

- "Single Employer Plan" shall mean any Plan that is not a Multiemployer Plan.
- "SPC" has the meaning specified in Section 9.6(f).
- "Spin-Off" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Spin-Off Date" shall mean the date on which Carrols' distributes its ownership interest in the Borrower to CRG and CRG distributes such ownership interest to the holders of the Equity Interests of CRG.
  - "Spin-Off Parties" shall mean CRG and its Subsidiaries (other than the Borrower and its Subsidiaries).
  - "Subject Lease Financing Obligations" shall mean the ASC-840-40 lease financing obligations set forth on Schedule 1.1(g).
- "Subordinated Debt" shall mean any Indebtedness incurred by any Credit Party which by its terms is specifically subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment of the Credit Party Obligations and contains subordination and other terms acceptable to the Administrative Agent.
- "Subsidiary" shall mean, as to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors or other managers of such corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity are at the time owned, by such Person. Unless otherwise qualified, all references to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" in this Agreement shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.
  - "Target" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Permitted Acquisition".
- "<u>Taxes</u>" shall mean all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.
  - "Tender Offer" shall mean the tender offer for any and all Existing Carrols Notes commenced on July 22, 2011.
- "Third Quarter" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, the thirteen (13) week period ending on the Sunday closest to September 30 of such fiscal year.
  - "Total Credit Exposure" means, as to any Lender at any time, the unused Commitments and Revolving Credit Exposure of such Lender at such time.
  - "Trademark License" shall mean any agreement, whether written or oral, providing for the grant by or to a Person of any right to use any Trademark.

"Trademarks" shall mean (a) all trademarks, trade names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, service marks, elements of package or trade dress of goods or services, logos and other source or business identifiers, together with the goodwill associated therewith, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications in connection therewith, whether in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any State thereof or any other country or any political subdivision thereof and (b) all renewals thereof.

"Tranche" shall mean the collective reference to (a) LIBOR Rate Loans whose Interest Periods begin and end on the same day and (b) Alternate Base Rate Loans made on the same day.

"<u>Transactions</u>" shall mean the closing of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and the other transactions contemplated hereby and pursuant to the other Credit Documents (including, without limitation, the initial borrowings under the Credit Documents and the payment of fees and expenses in connection with all of the foregoing).

"Transfer Effective Date" shall have the meaning set forth in each Assignment and Assumption.

"<u>Transition Services Agreement</u>" shall mean that certain transition services agreement setting forth the terms and conditions by which the Borrower will provide certain general and administrative services to the Spin-Off Parties after the Spin-Off Date; <u>provided</u>, that such Transition Services Agreement shall be consistent in all material respects with the description of such agreement provided to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the Closing Date such that any such changes will not materially adversely affect the Lenders.

"Type" shall mean, as to any Revolving Loan, its nature as an Alternate Base Rate Loan or LIBOR Rate Loan, as the case may be.

"UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code from time to time in effect in any applicable jurisdiction.

"U.S. Borrower" shall mean any Borrower that is a U.S. Person.

"U.S. Person" shall mean any Person that is a "United States Person" as defined in section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate" has the meaning assigned to such term in paragraph (g) of Section 2.16.

"<u>Voting Stock</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, Equity Interests issued by such Person the holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person, even though the right so to vote may be or have been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

- "Wells Fargo" shall mean Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, together with its successors and/or assigns.
- "WFS" shall mean Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, together with its successors and assigns.
- "Withholding Agent" means any Credit Party and the Administrative Agent.
- "Works" shall mean all works which are subject to copyright protection pursuant to Title 17 of the United States Code.

### Section 1.2 Other Definitional Provisions.

The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, restated, supplemented, amended and restated or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein), (b) 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 Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement, (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, (f) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights and (g) all terms defined in this Agreement shall have the defined meanings when used in any other Credit Document or any certificate or other document.

#### Section 1.3 Accounting Terms.

(a) <u>Generally</u>. All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the most recently delivered audited Consolidated financial statements of the Borrower, <u>except</u> as otherwise specifically prescribed herein.

- (b) <u>Changes in GAAP</u>. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Credit Document, and either the Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); <u>provided that</u>, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.
- (c) Financial Covenant Calculations. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that, for purposes of all calculations made in determining compliance for any applicable period with the covenants set forth in Section 5.9 and for purposes of determining the Applicable Margin, (i) after consummation of any Permitted Acquisition, (A) Consolidated EBITDAR shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), (B) Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto (including the effect of any related incurrence of Indebtedness) on a Pro Forma Basis and (C) Consolidated Rent Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), (ii) after the consummation of any Permitted Construction Transaction, (A) Consolidated EBITDAR shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), (B) Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto (including the effect of any related incurrence of Indebtedness) on a Pro Forma Basis and (C) Consolidated Rent Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent) and (iii) after any Disposition permitted by Section 6.4(a)(vii) and (viii) in an amount in excess of \$2,500,000, (A) Consolidated EBITDAR shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (to the extent the property or assets subject to such Disposition were owned during the applicable period of calculation) (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), (B) Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto (including the effect of any related incurrence of Indebtedness) on a Pro Forma Basis and (C) Consolidated Rent Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent).

### Section 1.4 Time References.

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

#### Section 1.5 Execution of Documents.

Unless otherwise specified, all Credit Documents and all other certificates executed in connection therewith must be signed by an Authorized Officer.

#### ARTICLE II

#### THE LOANS; AMOUNT AND TERMS

# Section 2.1 Revolving Loans.

(a) Revolving Commitment. During the Commitment Period, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each Lender severally, but not jointly, agrees to make revolving credit loans in Dollars ("Revolving Loans") to the Borrower from time to time in an aggregate principal amount of up to TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) (as increased from time to time as provided in Section 2.22 and as such aggregate maximum amount may be reduced from time to time as provided in Section 2.6, the "Revolving Committed Amount") for the purposes hereinafter set forth (such facility, the "Revolving Facility"); provided, however, that (i) no Revolving Loans shall be made on the Closing Date, (ii) with regard to each Lender individually, the sum of such Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans plus such Lender's Revolving Commitment and (iii) with regard to the Lenders collectively, the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans plus outstanding LOC Obligations shall not exceed the Revolving Committed Amount then in effect. Revolving Loans may consist of Alternate Base Rate Loans or LIBOR Rate Loans, or a combination thereof, as the Borrower may request, and may be repaid and reborrowed in accordance with the provisions hereof; provided, however, the Revolving Loans made on any of the three (3) Business Days following the Closing Date, may only consist of Alternate Base Rate Loans unless the Borrower delivers a funding indemnity letter, substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.1(a), reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent not less than three (3) Business Days prior to the requested borrowing date. LIBOR Rate Loans shall be made by each Lender at its LIBOR Lending Office and Alternate Base Rate Loans at its Domestic Lending Office.

## (b) Revolving Loan Borrowings.

(i) <u>Notice of Borrowing</u>. The Borrower shall request a Revolving Loan borrowing by delivering a written Notice of Borrowing (or telephone notice promptly confirmed in writing by delivery of a written Notice of Borrowing, which delivery may be by fax) to the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 A.M. on the date of the requested borrowing in the case of Alternate Base Rate Loans, and on the third Business Day prior to the date of the requested

borrowing in the case of LIBOR Rate Loans. Each such Notice of Borrowing shall be irrevocable and shall specify (A) that a Revolving Loan is requested, (B) the date of the requested borrowing (which shall be a Business Day), (C) the aggregate principal amount to be borrowed and (D) whether the borrowing shall be comprised of Alternate Base Rate Loans, LIBOR Rate Loans or a combination thereof, and if LIBOR Rate Loans are requested, the Interest Period(s) therefor. If the Borrower shall fail to specify in any such Notice of Borrowing (1) an applicable Interest Period in the case of a LIBOR Rate Loan, then such notice shall be deemed to be a request for an Interest Period of one month, or (2) the Type of Revolving Loan requested, then such notice shall be deemed to be a request for an Alternate Base Rate Loan hereunder. The Administrative Agent shall give notice to each Lender promptly upon receipt of each Notice of Borrowing, the contents thereof and each such Lender's share thereof.

- (ii) <u>Minimum Amounts</u>. Each Revolving Loan that is made as an Alternate Base Rate Loan shall be in a minimum aggregate amount of \$500,000 and in integral multiples of \$250,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining amount of the Revolving Committed Amount, if less). Each Revolving Loan that is made as a LIBOR Rate Loan shall be in a minimum aggregate amount of \$500,000 and in integral multiples of \$250,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining amount of the Revolving Committed Amount, if less).
- (iii) <u>Advances</u>. Each Lender will make its Revolving Commitment Percentage of each Revolving Loan borrowing available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Borrower at the office of the Administrative Agent specified in Section 9.2, or at such other office as the Administrative Agent may designate in writing, by 1:00 P.M. on the date specified in the applicable Notice of Borrowing, in Dollars and in funds immediately available to the Administrative Agent. Such borrowing will then be made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent by crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of such office (or such other account that the Borrower may designate in writing to the Administrative Agent) with the aggregate of the amounts made available to the Administrative Agent by the Lenders and in like funds as received by the Administrative Agent.
- (c) <u>Repayment</u>. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Revolving Loans may be borrowed, repaid and reborrowed during the Commitment Period, subject to Section 2.7(a). The principal amount of all Revolving Loans shall be due and payable in full on the Maturity Date, unless accelerated sooner pursuant to Section 7.2.
  - (d) Interest. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.8, Revolving Loans shall bear interest as follows:
  - (i) <u>Alternate Base Rate Loans</u>. During such periods as any Revolving Loans shall be comprised of Alternate Base Rate Loans, each such Alternate Base

Rate Loan shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the sum of the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin; and

(ii) <u>LIBOR Rate Loans</u>. During such periods as Revolving Loans shall be comprised of LIBOR Rate Loans, each such LIBOR Rate Loan shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the sum of the LIBOR Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin.

Interest on Revolving Loans shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date.

(e) <u>Revolving Loan Notes</u>; <u>Covenant to Pay</u>. The Borrower's obligation to pay each Lender shall be evidenced by this Agreement and, upon such Lender's request, by a duly executed promissory note of the Borrower to such Lender in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 2.1(e)</u>. The Borrower covenants and agrees to pay the Revolving Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

# Section 2.2 [Reserved].

### Section 2.3 Letter of Credit Subfacility.

(a) <u>Issuance</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof and of the LOC Documents, if any, and any other terms and conditions which the Issuing Lender may reasonably require, during the Commitment Period the Issuing Lender shall issue, and the Lenders shall participate in, standby Letters of Credit for the account of the Borrower from time to time upon request in a form acceptable to the Issuing Lender; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (i) the aggregate amount of LOC Obligations shall not at any time exceed **TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000)** (the "<u>LOC Committed Amount</u>"), (ii) the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans <u>plus</u> outstanding LOC Obligations shall not at any time exceed the Revolving Committed Amount then in effect, (iii) all Letters of Credit shall be denominated in Dollars and (iv) Letters of Credit shall be issued for any lawful corporate purposes and shall be issued as standby letters of credit, including in connection with workers' compensation and other insurance programs. Except as otherwise expressly agreed in writing upon by all the Lenders, no Letter of Credit shall have an original expiry date more than twenty-four (24) months from the date of issuance; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and subject to the other terms and conditions to the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder, the expiry dates of Letters of Credit may be extended annually or periodically from time to time on the request of the Borrower or by operation of the terms of the applicable Letter of Credit may be extended, have an expiry date extending beyond the Maturity Date. Each Letter of Credit shall comply with the related LOC Documents. The Existing Letters of Credit shall, as of the Closing Date, be deemed to have been issued as Letters of Credit hereunder and subject to and governed by the terms of this Agreement. The issuance and expiry date of each Letter of Credit shall be a Business Day. Each Letter of Credit issued hereunder

face amount of \$100,000 or such lesser amount as approved by the Issuing Lender. The Borrower's Reimbursement Obligations in respect of each Existing Letter of Credit, and each Lender's participation obligations in connection therewith, shall be governed by the terms of this Credit Agreement. Wells Fargo shall be the Issuing Lender on all Letters of Credit issued after the Closing Date

- (b) Notice and Reports. The request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit shall be submitted to the Issuing Lender at least five (5) Business Days prior to the requested date of issuance. The Issuing Lender will promptly upon request provide to the Administrative Agent for dissemination to the Lenders a detailed report specifying the Letters of Credit which are then issued and outstanding and any activity with respect thereto which may have occurred since the date of any prior report, and including therein, among other things, the account party, the beneficiary, the face amount, expiry date as well as any payments or expirations which may have occurred. The Issuing Lender will further provide to the Administrative Agent promptly upon request copies of the Letters of Credit. The Issuing Lender will provide to the Administrative Agent promptly upon request a summary report of the nature and extent of LOC Obligations then outstanding.
- (c) <u>Participations</u>. Each Lender, (i) on the Closing Date with respect to each Existing Letter of Credit and (ii) upon issuance of a Letter of Credit, shall be deemed to have purchased without recourse a risk participation from the Issuing Lender in such Letter of Credit and the obligations arising thereunder and any Collateral relating thereto, in each case in an amount equal to its Revolving Commitment Percentage of the obligations under such Letter of Credit and shall absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably assume, as primary obligor and not as surety, and be obligated to pay to the Issuing Lender therefor and discharge when due, its Revolving Commitment Percentage of the obligations arising under such Letter of Credit; <u>provided</u> that any Person that becomes a Lender after the Closing Date shall be deemed to have purchased a Participation Interest in all outstanding Letters of Credit on the date it becomes a Lender hereunder and any Letter of Credit issued on or after such date, in each case in accordance with the foregoing terms. Without limiting the scope and nature of each Lender's participation in any Letter of Credit, to the extent that the Issuing Lender has not been reimbursed as required hereunder or under any LOC Document, each such Lender shall pay to the Issuing Lender its Revolving Commitment Percentage of such unreimbursed drawing in same day funds pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) hereof. The obligation of each Lender to so reimburse the Issuing Lender shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by the occurrence of a Default, an Event of Default or any other occurrence or event. Any such reimbursement shall not relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the Issuing Lender under any Letter of Credit, together with interest as hereinafter provided.
- (d) <u>Reimbursement</u>. In the event of any drawing under any Letter of Credit, the Issuing Lender will promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent. The Borrower shall reimburse the Issuing Lender on the day of drawing under any Letter of Credit if notified prior to 1:00 P.M. on a Business Day or, if after 1:00 P.M., on the

following Business Day (either with the proceeds of a Revolving Loan obtained hereunder or otherwise) in same day funds as provided herein or in the LOC Documents. If the Borrower shall fail to reimburse the Issuing Lender as provided herein, the unreimbursed amount of such drawing shall automatically bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the Default Rate. Unless the Borrower shall immediately notify the Issuing Lender and the Administrative Agent of its intent to otherwise reimburse the Issuing Lender, the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Mandatory LOC Borrowing in the amount of the drawing as provided in subsection (e) hereof, the proceeds of which will be used to satisfy the Reimbursement Obligations. The Borrower's Reimbursement Obligations hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under all circumstances irrespective of any rights of set-off, counterclaim or defense to payment the Borrower may claim or have against the Issuing Lender, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the beneficiary of the Letter of Credit drawn upon or any other Person, including, without limitation, any defense based on any failure of the Borrower to receive consideration or the legality, validity, regularity or unenforceability of the Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the other Lenders of the amount of any unreimbursed drawing and each Lender shall promptly pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender, in Dollars and in immediately available funds, the amount of such Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of such unreimbursed drawing. Such payment shall be made on the Business Day such notice is received by such Lender from the Administrative Agent if such notice is received at or before 2:00 P.M., otherwise such payment shall be made at or before 12:00 P.M. on the Business Day next succeeding the Business Day such notice is received. If such Lender does not pay such amount to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender in full upon such request, such Lender shall, on demand, pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender interest on the unpaid amount during the period from the date of such drawing until such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender in full at a rate per annum equal to, if paid within two (2) Business Days of the date of drawing, the Federal Funds Effective Rate and thereafter at a rate equal to the Alternate Base Rate. Each Lender's obligation to make such payment to the Issuing Lender, and the right of the Issuing Lender to receive the same, shall be absolute and unconditional, shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever and without regard to the termination of this Agreement or the Commitments hereunder, the existence of a Default or Event of Default or the acceleration of the Obligations hereunder and shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever.

(e) <u>Repayment with Revolving Loans</u>. On any day on which the Borrower shall have requested, or been deemed to have requested, a Revolving Loan to reimburse a drawing under a Letter of Credit, the Administrative Agent shall give notice to the Lenders that a Revolving Loan has been requested or deemed requested in connection with a drawing under a Letter of Credit, in which case a Revolving Loan borrowing comprised entirely of Alternate Base Rate Loans (each such borrowing, a "<u>Mandatory LOC Borrowing</u>") shall be made (without giving effect to any termination of the Commitments pursuant to Section 7.2) pro rata based on each Lender's respective Revolving Commitment Percentage (determined before giving effect to any termination

of the Commitments pursuant to Section 7.2) and the proceeds thereof shall be paid directly to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender for application to the respective LOC Obligations. Each Lender hereby irrevocably agrees to make such Revolving Loans on the day such notice is received by the Lenders from the Administrative Agent if such notice is received at or before 2:00 P.M., otherwise such payment shall be made at or before 12:00 P.M. on the Business Day next succeeding the day such notice is received, in each case notwithstanding (i) the amount of Mandatory LOC Borrowing may not comply with the minimum amount for borrowings of Revolving Loans otherwise required hereunder, (ii) whether any conditions specified in Section 4.2 are then satisfied, (iii) whether a Default or an Event of Default then exists, (iv) failure for any such request or deemed request for Revolving Loan to be made by the time otherwise required in Section 2.1(b), (v) the date of such Mandatory LOC Borrowing, or (vi) any reduction in the Revolving Committed Amount after any such Letter of Credit may have been drawn upon. In the event that any Mandatory LOC Borrowing cannot for any reason be made on the date otherwise required above (including, without limitation, as a result of the occurrence of a Bankruptcy Event), then each such Lender hereby agrees that it shall forthwith fund its Participation Interests in the outstanding LOC Obligations on the Business Day such notice to fund is received by such Lender from the Administrative Agent if such notice is received; provided, further, that in the event any Lender shall fail to fund its Participation Interest as required herein, then the amount of such Lender's unfunded Participation Interest therein shall automatically bear interest payable by such Lender to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender upon demand, at the rate equal to, if paid within two (2) Business Days of such date, the Federal Funds Effective Rate, and thereafter at a rate equ

- (f) <u>Modification</u>, <u>Extension</u>. The issuance of any supplement, modification, amendment, renewal, or extension to any Letter of Credit shall, for purposes hereof, be treated in all respects the same as the issuance of a new Letter of Credit hereunder.
- (g) <u>ISP98</u>. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the Issuing Lender and the Borrower, when a Letter of Credit is issued, the rules of the "International Standby Practices 1998," published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance) shall apply to each standby Letter of Credit.
- (h) <u>Conflict with LOC Documents</u>. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and any LOC Document (including any letter of credit application and any LOC Documents relating to the Existing Letters of Credit), this Agreement shall control.
- (i) <u>Designation of Subsidiaries as Account Parties</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, including, without limitation, Section 2.3(a), a Letter of Credit issued hereunder may contain a statement to the effect that such Letter of Credit is issued for the account of a Subsidiary of the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that, notwithstanding such statement, the Borrower shall be the account party for all

purposes of this Agreement for such Letter of Credit and such statement shall not affect the Borrower's Reimbursement Obligations hereunder with respect to such Letter of Credit.

- (j) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. At any point in time in which there is a Defaulting Lender, the Issuing Lender may require the Borrower to Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations pursuant to Section 2.20.
- (k) Letters of Credit Expiring After Maturity Date. With respect to any Letter of Credit with an expiry date after the Maturity Date (a "Cash Collateralized LC"), the Borrower shall deliver Cash Collateral to the Issuing Lender no later than the date that is thirty (30) days prior to the Maturity Date (the "LC Expiration Date") in an amount equal to 105% of the face amount of any such Letter of Credit (the "LC Cash Collateral"). To the extent the Borrower fails to provide the LC Cash Collateral on the LC Expiration Date, the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Mandatory LOC Borrowing in an amount equal to 100% of the face amount of the Cash Collateralized LC as provided in Section 2.3(e) hereof, the proceeds of which will be delivered to the Issuing Lender as Cash Collateral. In the event that any Mandatory LOC Borrowing cannot for any reason be made on the LC Expiration Date, then each such Lender hereby agrees that it shall promptly fund its Participation Interests in such Cash Collateralized LC (which shall be delivered to the Issuing Lender as Cash Collateral). Upon the Cash Collateralization of any Letter of Credit pursuant to this Section 2.3(j), such Cash Collateralized LC shall be deemed to be issued outside of this Agreement; provided, that, the fees associated with such Letter of Credit shall continue to accrue, but shall thereafter be solely for the benefit of the Issuing Lender.

#### Section 2.4 [Reserved].

## Section 2.5 Fees.

- (a) <u>Commitment Fee</u>. Subject to Section 2.21, in consideration of the Revolving Commitments, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Lenders, a commitment fee (the "<u>Commitment Fee</u>") in an amount equal to the Applicable Margin per annum on the average daily unused amount of the Revolving Committed Amount. The Commitment Fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears. For purposes of computation of the Commitment Fee, LOC Obligations shall be considered usage of the Revolving Committed Amount. The Commitment Fee shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter.
- (b) <u>Letter of Credit Fees</u>. Subject to Section 2.21, in consideration of the LOC Commitments, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Lenders, a fee (the "<u>Letter of Credit Fee</u>") equal to the Applicable Margin for Revolving Loans that are LIBOR Rate Loans per annum on the average daily maximum amount available to be drawn under each Letter of Credit from the date of issuance to the date of expiration. The Letter of Credit Fee shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter.

- (c) <u>Issuing Lender Fees</u>. In addition to the Letter of Credit Fees payable pursuant to subsection (b) hereof, the Borrower shall pay to the Issuing Lender for its own account without sharing by the other Lenders the reasonable and customary charges from time to time of the Issuing Lender with respect to the amendment, transfer, administration, cancellation and conversion of, and drawings under, such Letters of Credit (collectively, the "<u>Issuing Lender Fees</u>"). The Issuing Lender may charge, and retain for its own account without sharing by the other Lenders, an additional facing fee (the "<u>Letter of Credit Facing Fee</u>") of 0.125% per annum on the average daily maximum amount available to be drawn under each such Letter of Credit issued by it. The Issuing Lender Fees and the Letter of Credit Facing Fee shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter.
  - (d) Administrative Fee. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent the annual administrative fee as described in the Fee Letter.

#### **Section 2.6 Commitment Reductions.**

- (a) <u>Voluntary Reductions</u>. The Borrower shall have the right to terminate or permanently reduce the unused portion of the Revolving Committed Amount at any time or from time to time upon not less than five (5) Business Days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent (which shall notify the Lenders thereof as soon as practicable) of each such termination or reduction, which notice shall specify the effective date thereof and the amount of any such reduction which shall be in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and shall be irrevocable and effective upon receipt by the Administrative Agent; <u>provided</u> that no such reduction or termination shall be permitted if after giving effect thereto, and to any prepayments of the Revolving Loans made on the effective date thereof, the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans <u>plus</u> outstanding LOC Obligations would exceed the Revolving Committed Amount then in effect. Any reduction in the Revolving Committed Amount shall be applied to the Commitment of each Lender in accordance with its Revolving Commitment Percentage.
- (b) <u>LOC Committed Amount</u>. If the Revolving Committed Amount is reduced below the then current LOC Committed Amount, the LOC Committed Amount shall automatically be reduced by an amount such that the LOC Committed Amount equals the Revolving Committed Amount.
  - (c) Maturity Date. The Revolving Commitments and the LOC Commitment shall automatically terminate on the Maturity Date.

# Section 2.7 Prepayments.

(a) <u>Optional Prepayments and Repayments</u>. The Borrower shall have the right to repay the Revolving Loans in whole or in part from time to time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that each partial prepayment or repayment of (i) Revolving Loans that are

Alternate Base Rate Loans shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$500,000 and integral multiples of \$250,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining outstanding principal amount) and (ii) Revolving Loans that LIBOR Rate Loans shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$500,000 and integral multiples of \$250,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining outstanding principal amount). The Borrower shall give three Business Days' irrevocable notice of prepayment in the case of LIBOR Rate Loans and same-day irrevocable notice on any Business Day in the case of Alternate Base Rate Loans, to the Administrative Agent (which shall notify the Lenders thereof as soon as practicable). To the extent the Borrower elects to repay the Revolving Loans, amounts prepaid under this Section shall be applied to the Revolving Loans of the Lenders in accordance with their respective Revolving Commitment Percentages. Within the foregoing parameters, prepayments under this Section shall be applied first to Alternate Base Rate Loans and then to LIBOR Rate Loans in direct order of Interest Period maturities. All prepayments under this Section shall be subject to Section 2.15, but otherwise without premium or penalty. Interest on the principal amount prepaid shall be payable on the next occurring Interest Payment Date that would have occurred had such loan not been prepaid.

# (b) Mandatory Prepayments.

- (i) <u>Revolving Committed Amount</u>. If at any time after the Closing Date, the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans <u>plus</u> outstanding LOC Obligations shall exceed the Revolving Committed Amount, the Borrower shall immediately prepay the Revolving Loans and (after all Revolving Loans have been repaid) Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations in an amount sufficient to eliminate such excess (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (v) below).
- (ii) <u>Asset Dispositions</u>. Promptly following any Asset Disposition (or related series of Asset Dispositions), the Borrower shall prepay the Revolving Loans in an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Net Cash Proceeds derived from such Asset Disposition (or related series of Asset Dispositions) (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (v) below); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, such Net Cash Proceeds shall not be required to be so applied (A) until the aggregate amount of the Net Cash Proceeds derived from any Asset Dispositions in any fiscal year of the Borrower is equal to or greater than \$2,500,000 and (B) to the extent the Borrower delivers to the Administrative Agent a certificate stating that the Credit Parties intend to use such Net Cash Proceeds to acquire capital assets useful to the business of the Credit Parties within 360 days of the receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds, it being expressly agreed that Net Cash Proceeds not so reinvested within such time period shall be applied to prepay the Revolving Loans (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (v) below).
- (iii) <u>Debt Issuances</u>. Immediately upon receipt by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries of proceeds from any Debt Issuance, the Borrower shall

prepay the Revolving Loans in an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Debt Issuance (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (v) below).

- (iv) Extraordinary Receipts. Promptly upon receipt by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries (other than Foreign Subsidiaries) of proceeds from any Extraordinary Receipt, the Borrower shall prepay the Revolving Loans in an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Extraordinary Receipt (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (v) below); provided, however, that, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Net Cash Proceeds from Recovery Events shall not be required to be so applied to the extent the Borrower delivers to the Administrative Agent a certificate stating that Credit Parties intend to use such Net Cash Proceeds to acquire capital assets useful to the business of the Credit Parties within 360 days of the receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds, it being expressly agreed that any Net Cash Proceeds not so reinvested within such time period shall be applied to prepay the Revolving Loans (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (v below).
- (v) <u>Application of Mandatory Prepayments</u>. All amounts required to be paid pursuant to this Section shall be applied <u>first</u> to the outstanding Revolving Loans (without a simultaneous corresponding reduction of the Revolving Committed Amount) and (2) only with respect to (b)(i) above, <u>second</u> to Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations. Within the parameters of the applications set forth above, prepayments shall be applied first to Alternate Base Rate Loans and then to LIBOR Rate Loans in direct order of Interest Period maturities. All prepayments under this Section shall be subject to Section 2.15 and be accompanied by interest on the principal amount prepaid through the date of prepayment, but otherwise without premium or penalty.
- (c) <u>Bank Product Obligations Unaffected</u>. Any repayment or prepayment made pursuant to this Section shall not affect the Borrower's obligation to continue to make payments under any Bank Product, which shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such repayment or prepayment, subject to the terms of such Bank Product.

# Section 2.8 Default Rate and Payment Dates.

(a) If all or a portion of the principal amount of any Revolving Loan which is a LIBOR Rate Loan shall not be paid when due or continued as a LIBOR Rate Loan in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.9 (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue principal amount of such Revolving Loan shall be converted to an Alternate Base Rate Loan at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

- (b) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of a (i) Bankruptcy Event or a Payment Event of Default, the principal of and, to the extent permitted by law, interest on the Revolving Loans and any other amounts owing hereunder or under the other Credit Documents shall automatically bear interest at a rate per annum which is equal to the Default Rate and (ii) any other Event of Default hereunder, at the option of the Required Lenders, the principal of and, to the extent permitted by law, interest on the Revolving Loans and any other amounts owing hereunder or under the other Credit Documents shall automatically bear interest, at a per annum rate which is equal to the Default Rate, in each case from the date of such Event of Default until such Event of Default is waived in accordance with Section 9.1. Any default interest owing under this Section 2.8(b) shall be due and payable on the earlier to occur of (x) demand by the Administrative Agent (which demand the Administrative Agent shall make if directed by the Required Lenders) and (y) the Maturity Date.
- (c) Interest on each Revolving Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date; <u>provided</u> that interest accruing pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section shall be payable from time to time on demand.

#### Section 2.9 Conversion Options.

(a) The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert Alternate Base Rate Loans to LIBOR Rate Loans or to continue LIBOR Rate Loans, by delivering a Notice of Conversion/Extension to the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days prior to the proposed date of conversion or continuation. In addition, the Borrower may elect from time to time to convert all or any portion of a LIBOR Rate Loan to an Alternate Base Rate Loan by giving the Administrative Agent irrevocable written notice thereof by 11:00 A.M. one (1) Business Day prior to the proposed date of conversion. If the date upon which an Alternate Base Rate Loan is to be converted to a LIBOR Rate Loan is not a Business Day, then such conversion shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and during the period from such last day of an Interest Period to such succeeding Business Day such Revolving Loan shall bear interest Period. If the date upon which a LIBOR Rate Loan is to be converted to an Alternate Base Rate Loan is not a Business Day, then such conversion shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and during the period from such last day of an Interest Period to such succeeding Business Day such Revolving Loan shall bear interest as if it were an Alternate Base Rate Loan. All or any part of outstanding Alternate Base Rate Loans may be converted as provided herein; provided that (i) no Revolving Loan may be converted into a LIBOR Rate Loan when any Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) partial conversions shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$250,000 in excess thereof. All or any part of outstanding LIBOR Rate Loans may be converted as provided herein; provided that partial conversions shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$250,000 in excess thereof.

(b) Any LIBOR Rate Loans may be continued as such upon the expiration of an Interest Period with respect thereto by compliance by the Borrower with the notice provisions contained in Section 2.9(a); provided, that no LIBOR Rate Loan may be continued as such when any Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which case such Revolving Loan shall be automatically converted to an Alternate Base Rate Loan at the end of the applicable Interest Period with respect thereto. If the Borrower shall fail to give timely notice of an election to continue a LIBOR Rate Loan, or the continuation of LIBOR Rate Loans is not permitted hereunder, such LIBOR Rate Loans shall be automatically converted to Alternate Base Rate Loans at the end of the applicable Interest Period with respect thereto.

#### Section 2.10 Computation of Interest and Fees; Usury.

- (a) Interest payable hereunder with respect to any Alternate Base Rate Loan based on the Prime Rate shall be calculated on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days, as applicable) for the actual days elapsed. All other fees, interest and all other amounts payable hereunder shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower and the Lenders of each determination of a LIBOR Rate on the Business Day of the determination thereof. Any change in the interest rate on a Revolving Loan resulting from a change in the Alternate Base Rate shall become effective as of the opening of business on the day on which such change in the Alternate Base Rate shall become effective. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the effective date and the amount of each such change.
- (b) Each determination of an interest rate by the Administrative Agent pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be conclusive and binding on the Borrower and the Lenders in the absence of manifest error. The Administrative Agent shall, at the request of the Borrower, deliver to the Borrower a statement showing the computations used by the Administrative Agent in determining any interest rate.
- (c) It is the intent of the Lenders and the Credit Parties to conform to and contract in strict compliance with applicable usury law from time to time in effect. All agreements between the Lenders and the Credit Parties are hereby limited by the provisions of this subsection which shall override and control all such agreements, whether now existing or hereafter arising and whether written or oral. In no way, nor in any event or contingency (including, but not limited to, prepayment or acceleration of the maturity of any Obligation), shall the interest taken, reserved, contracted for, charged, or received under this Agreement, under the Revolving Loan Notes or otherwise, exceed the maximum nonusurious amount permissible under applicable law. If, from any possible construction of any of the Credit Documents or any other document, interest would otherwise be payable in excess of the maximum nonusurious amount, any such construction shall be subject to the provisions of this paragraph and such interest shall be automatically reduced to the maximum nonusurious amount permitted under applicable law, without the necessity of execution of any amendment or new document. If any Lender shall ever receive anything of value which is characterized as interest on the

Revolving Loans under applicable law and which would, apart from this provision, be in excess of the maximum nonusurious amount, an amount equal to the amount which would have been excessive interest shall, without penalty, be applied to the reduction of the principal amount owing on the Revolving Loans and not to the payment of interest, or refunded to the Borrower or the other payor thereof if and to the extent such amount which would have been excessive exceeds such unpaid principal amount of the Revolving Loans. The right to demand payment of the Revolving Loans or any other Indebtedness evidenced by any of the Credit Documents does not include the right to receive any interest which has not otherwise accrued on the date of such demand, and the Lenders do not intend to charge or receive any unearned interest in the event of such demand. All interest paid or agreed to be paid to the Lenders with respect to the Revolving Loans shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be amortized, prorated, allocated, and spread throughout the full stated term (including any renewal or extension) of the Revolving Loans so that the amount of interest on account of such Indebtedness does not exceed the maximum nonusurious amount permitted by applicable law.

# Section 2.11 Pro Rata Treatment and Payments.

(a) Allocation of Payments Prior to Exercise of Remedies. Each borrowing of Revolving Loans and any reduction of the Revolving Commitments shall be made pro rata according to the respective Revolving Commitment Percentages of the Lenders. Unless otherwise required by the terms of this Agreement, each payment under this Agreement shall be applied, first, to any fees then due and owing by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.5, second, to interest then due and owing hereunder of the Borrower and, third, to principal then due and owing hereunder and under this Agreement of the Borrower. Each payment on account of any fees pursuant to Section 2.5 shall be made pro rata in accordance with the respective amounts due and owing (except as to the Letter of Credit Facing Fees and the Issuing Lender Fees which shall be paid to the Issuing Lender). Each optional repayment and prepayment by the Borrower on account of principal of and interest on the Revolving Loans shall be applied to such Revolving Loans, as applicable, on a pro rata basis and, to the extent applicable, in accordance with the terms of Section 2.7(a) hereof. Each mandatory prepayment on account of principal of the Revolving Loans shall be applied to such Revolving Loans, as applicable, on a pro rata basis and, to the extent applicable, in accordance with Section 2.7(b). All payments (including prepayments) to be made by the Borrower on account of principal, interest and fees shall be made without defense, set-off or counterclaim and shall be made to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders at the Administrative Agent's office specified on Section 9.2 in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 1:00 P.M. on the date when due. The Administrative Agent shall distribute such payments to the Lenders entitled thereto promptly upon receipt in like funds as received. If any payment hereunder (other than payments on the LIBOR Rate Loans) becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day, and, with respect to payments of principal, interest thereon shall be payable at the then applicable rate during such extension. If any payment on a LIBOR Rate Loan becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, such payment date shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the

result of such extension would be to extend such payment into another calendar month, in which event such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day.

(b) Allocation of Payments After Exercise of Remedies. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, after the exercise of remedies (other than the application of default interest pursuant to Section 2.8) by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders pursuant to Section 7.2 (or after the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the Revolving Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts under the Credit Documents (including, without limitation, the maximum amount of all contingent liabilities under Letters of Credit) shall automatically become due and payable in accordance with the terms of such Section), all amounts collected or received by the Administrative Agent or any Lender on account of the Credit Party Obligations or any other amounts outstanding under any of the Credit Documents or in respect of the Collateral shall be paid over or delivered as follows (irrespective of whether the following costs, expenses, fees, interest, premiums, scheduled periodic payments or Credit Party Obligations are allowed, permitted or recognized as a claim in any proceeding resulting from the occurrence of a Bankruptcy Event):

FIRST, to the payment of all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) of the Administrative Agent in connection with enforcing the rights of the Lenders under the Credit Documents and any protective advances made by the Administrative Agent with respect to the Collateral under or pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents;

SECOND, to the payment of any fees owed to the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Lender;

THIRD, to the payment of all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) of each of the Lenders in connection with enforcing its rights under the Credit Documents or otherwise with respect to the Credit Party Obligations owing to such Lender;

FOURTH, to the payment of all of the Credit Party Obligations consisting of accrued fees and interest, and including, with respect to any Bank Product, any fees, premiums and scheduled periodic payments due under such Bank Product and any interest accrued thereon;

FIFTH, to the payment of the outstanding principal amount of the Credit Party Obligations and the payment or cash collateralization of the outstanding LOC Obligations, and including with respect to any Bank Product, any breakage, termination or other payments due under such Bank Product and any interest accrued thereon;

SIXTH, to all other Credit Party Obligations and other obligations which shall have become due and payable under the Credit Documents or otherwise and not repaid pursuant to clauses "FIRST" through "FIFTH" above; and

SEVENTH, to the payment of the surplus, if any, to whoever may be lawfully entitled to receive such surplus.

In carrying out the foregoing, (a) amounts received shall be applied in the numerical order provided until exhausted prior to application to the next succeeding category; (b) each of the Lenders and any Bank Product Provider shall receive an amount equal to its pro rata share (based on the proportion that the then outstanding Revolving Loans and LOC Obligations held by such Lender or the outstanding obligations payable to such Bank Product Provider bears to the aggregate then outstanding Revolving Loans and LOC Obligations and obligations payable under all Bank Products) of amounts available to be applied pursuant to clauses "THIRD", "FOURTH", "FIFTH" and "SIXTH" above; and (c) to the extent that any amounts available for distribution pursuant to clause "FIFTH" above are attributable to the issued but undrawn amount of outstanding Letters of Credit, such amounts shall be held by the Administrative Agent in a cash collateral account and applied (i) first, to reimburse the Issuing Lender from time to time for any drawings under such Letters of Credit and (ii) then, following the expiration of all Letters of Credit, to all other obligations of the types described in clauses "FIFTH" and "SIXTH" above in the manner provided in this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing terms of this Section, only Collateral proceeds and payments under the Guaranty (as opposed to ordinary course principal, interest and fee payments hereunder) shall be applied to obligations under any Bank Product. Amounts distributed with respect to any Bank Product Debt shall be the last Bank Product Amount reported to the Administrative Agent; provided that any such Bank Product Provider may provide an updated Bank Product Amount to the Administrative Agent prior to payments made pursuant to this Section. The Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to calculate the amount to be distributed with respect to any Bank Product Debt, but may rely upon written notice of the amount (setting forth a reasonably detailed calculation) from the applicabl

#### Section 2.12 Non-Receipt of Funds by the Administrative Agent.

(a) <u>Funding by Lenders</u>; <u>Presumption by Administrative Agent</u>. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received written notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Extension of Credit that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Extension of Credit, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with this Agreement and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Extension of Credit available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to

pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (ii) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Alternate Base Rate Loans. If the Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Administrative Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrower the amount of such interest paid by the Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Extension of Credit to the Administrative Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Revolving Loan included in such Extension of Credit. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent.

(b) <u>Payments by Borrower</u>; <u>Presumptions by Administrative Agent</u>. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or the Issuing Lender hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or the Issuing Lender, with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender or the Borrower with respect to any amount owing under subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

- (c) <u>Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent</u>. If any Lender makes available to the Administrative Agent funds for any Revolving Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Article II, and such funds are not made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent because the conditions to the applicable Extension of Credit set forth in Article IV are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms thereof, the Administrative Agent shall return such funds (in like funds as received from such Lender) to such Lender, without interest.
- (d) <u>Obligations of Lenders Several</u>. The obligations of the Lenders hereunder to make Revolving Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and to make payments pursuant to Section 9.5(c) are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender

to make any Revolving Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any such payment under Section 9.5(c) on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Revolving Loan, to purchase its participation or to make its payment under Section 9.5(c).

(e) <u>Funding Source</u>. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for any Revolving Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Revolving Loan in any particular place or manner.

## Section 2.13 <u>Inability to Determine Interest Rate</u>.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if (a) the Administrative Agent shall reasonably determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that, by reason of circumstances affecting the relevant market, reasonable and adequate means do not exist for ascertaining the LIBOR Rate for such Interest Period, or (b) the Required Lenders shall reasonably determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that the LIBOR Rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding LIBOR Rate Loans that the Borrower has requested be outstanding as a LIBOR Tranche during such Interest Period, the Administrative Agent shall forthwith give telephone notice of such determination, confirmed in writing, to the Borrower, and the Lenders at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period. Unless the Borrower shall have notified the Administrative Agent upon receipt of such telephone notice that it wishes to rescind or modify its request regarding such LIBOR Rate Loans, any Revolving Loans that were requested to be made as LIBOR Rate Loans shall be made as Alternate Base Rate Loans and any Revolving Loans that were requested to be converted into or continued as LIBOR Rate Loans shall remain as or be converted into Alternate Base Rate Loans. Until any such notice has been withdrawn by the Administrative Agent, no further Revolving Loans shall be made as, continued as, or converted into, LIBOR Rate Loans for the Interest Periods so affected.

#### Section 2.14 <u>Yield Protection</u>.

- (a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender (except any reserve requirement reflected in the LIBOR Rate) or the Issuing Lender;
- (ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than Indemnified Taxes and Excluded Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or

(iii) impose on any Lender or the Issuing Lender or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or LIBOR Rate Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender or such other Recipient of making, converting to, continuing or maintaining any LIBOR Rate Loan or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Revolving Loan, or to increase the cost to such Lender, such Issuing Lender or such other Recipient of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Letter of Credit), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender, Issuing Lender or other Recipient hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of such Lender, Issuing Lender or other Recipient, the Borrower will pay to such Lender, Issuing Lender or other Recipient, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender, Issuing Lender or other Recipient, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

- (b) <u>Capital Requirements</u>. If any Lender or the Issuing Lender determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or the Issuing Lender or any lending office of such Lender or such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company, if any, regarding capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitments of such Lender or the Revolving Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the Issuing Lender, to a level below that which such Lender or the Issuing Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company with respect to capital adequacy), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the Issuing Lender's holding company for any such reduction suffered.
- (c) <u>Certificates for Reimbursement</u>. A certificate of a Lender or the Issuing Lender setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the Issuing Lender or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section and delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten (10) Business Days after receipt thereof.
- (d) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the Issuing Lender to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's right to demand such compensation,

<u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the Issuing Lender pursuant to this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine (9) months prior to the date such Lender or Issuing Lender, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions, and of such Lender's or Issuing Lender's intention to claim compensation therefore (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine (9) month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).

#### Section 2.15 Compensation for Losses; Eurocurrency Liabilities.

- (a) Upon demand of any Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) from time to time, the Borrower shall promptly compensate such Lender for and hold such Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:
  - (i) any continuation, conversion, payment or prepayment of any Revolving Loan other than an Alternate Base Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such Revolving Loan (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration, or otherwise);
  - (ii) any failure by the Borrower (for a reason other than the failure of such Lender to make a Revolving Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any Revolving Loan other than an Alternate Base Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by the Borrower; or
  - (iii) any assignment of a LIBOR Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.19;

including any loss of anticipated profits and any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain such Revolving Loan or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained. The Borrower shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing.

For purposes of calculating amounts payable by the Borrower to the Lenders under this Section, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each LIBOR Rate Loan made by it at the LIBOR Rate for such Revolving Loan by a matching deposit or other borrowing in the London interbank eurodollar market for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such LIBOR Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

(b) The Borrower shall pay to each Lender, as long as such Lender shall be required to maintain reserves under Regulation D with respect to "Eurocurrency liabilities" within the meaning of Regulation D, or under any similar or successor regulation with respect to Eurocurrency liabilities or Eurocurrency funding, additional interest on the unpaid principal amount of each LIBOR Loan equal to the actual costs of such reserves allocated to such LIBOR Loan by such Lender (as determined by such

Lender in good faith, which determination shall be conclusive), which shall be due and payable on each date on which interest is payable on such LIBOR Loan, provided the Borrower shall have received at least fifteen (15) Business Days prior notice (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of such additional interest from such Lender. If a Lender fails to give notice fifteen (15) Business Days prior to the relevant interest payment date, such additional interest shall be due and payable fifteen (15) Business Days from receipt of such notice.

#### Section 2.16 Taxes.

- (a) <u>Issuing Lender</u>. For purposes of this Section 2.16, the term "Lender" includes any Issuing Lender.
- (b) <u>Payments Free of Taxes</u>. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party under any Credit Document shall be made free and clear of and without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable law. If any applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable Withholding Agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a Withholding Agent, then the applicable Withholding Agent shall make such deduction and timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the applicable Credit Party shall be increased as necessary so that after making such deductions (including such deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made.
- (c) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. The Credit Parties shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.
- (d) <u>Indemnification by the Credit Parties</u>. The Credit Parties shall jointly and severally indemnify each Recipient, within 10 Business Days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (e) <u>Indemnification by the Lenders</u>. Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that any Credit Party has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Credit Parties to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 9.6(d) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Credit Document, and any reasonable

expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Credit Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this paragraph (e).

- (f) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by any Credit Party to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section 2.16, such Credit Party shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (g) Status of Lenders. (i) Any Recipient that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Credit Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 2.16(g)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.
  - (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Borrower,
  - (A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. Federal backup withholding tax;
  - (B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

- (i) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Credit Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Credit Document, IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;
  - (ii) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;
- (iii) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate to the effect that (A) such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and (B) the interest payments in question are not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business conducted by such Foreign Lender or are effectively connected but are not includible in the Foreign Lender's gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes under an income tax treaty (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN; or
- (iv) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner (for example, where the Foreign Lender is a partnership or participating Lender granting a typical participation), executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by a Form W-8ECI, W-8BEN, U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate, Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; <u>provided</u> that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership (and not a participating Lender) and one or more beneficial owners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate on behalf of each such beneficial owner;
- (C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and
- (D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Credit Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to

comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

- (h) <u>Treatment of Certain Refunds</u>. If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised reasonably and in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.16 (including additional amounts pursuant to this Section 2.16), it shall promptly pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this paragraph (h) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (h), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (h) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the indemnification payments or additional amounts giving rise to such refund had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.
- (i) <u>Survival</u>. Each party's obligations under this Section 2.16 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under any Credit Document.

#### Section 2.17 Indemnification; Nature of Issuing Lender's Duties.

- (a) In addition to its other obligations under Section 2.3, the Credit Parties hereby agree to protect, indemnify, pay and save the Issuing Lender and each Lender harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, charges and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that the Issuing Lender or such Lender may incur or be subject to as a consequence, direct or indirect, of (i) the issuance of any Letter of Credit or (ii) the failure of the Issuing Lender to honor a drawing under a Letter of Credit as a result of any act or omission, whether rightful or wrongful, of any present or future de jure or de facto government or Governmental Authority (all such acts or omissions, herein called "Government Acts").
- (b) As between the Credit Parties, the Issuing Lender and each Lender, the Credit Parties shall assume all risks of the acts, omissions or misuse of any Letter of Credit by the beneficiary thereof. Neither the Issuing Lender nor any Lender shall be responsible: (i) for the form, validity, sufficiency, accuracy, genuineness or legal effect of any document submitted by any party in connection with the application for and issuance of any Letter of Credit, even if it should in fact prove to be in any or all respects invalid, insufficient, inaccurate, fraudulent or forged; (ii) for the validity or sufficiency of any instrument transferring or assigning or purporting to transfer or assign any Letter of Credit or the rights or benefits thereunder or proceeds thereof, in whole or in part, that may prove to be invalid or ineffective for any reason; (iii) for failure of the beneficiary of a Letter of Credit to comply fully with conditions required in order to draw upon a Letter of Credit; (iv) for errors, omissions, interruptions or delays in transmission or delivery of any messages, by mail, cable, telegraph, telex or otherwise, whether or not they be in cipher; (v) for errors in interpretation of technical terms; (vi) for any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under a Letter of Credit or of the proceeds thereof; and (vii) for any consequences arising from causes beyond the control of the Issuing Lender or any Lender, including, without limitation, any Government Acts. None of the above shall affect, impair, or prevent the vesting of the Issuing Lender's rights or powers hereunder.
- (c) In furtherance and extension and not in limitation of the specific provisions hereinabove set forth, any action taken or omitted by the Issuing Lender or any Lender, under or in connection with any Letter of Credit or the related certificates, if taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, shall not put such Issuing Lender or such Lender under any resulting liability to the Credit Parties. It is the intention of the parties that this Agreement shall be construed and applied to protect and indemnify the Issuing Lender and each Lender against any and all risks involved in the issuance of the Letters of Credit, all of which risks are hereby assumed by the Credit Parties, including, without limitation, any and all risks of the acts or omissions, whether rightful or wrongful, of any Government Authority. The Issuing Lender and the Lenders shall not, in any way, be liable for any failure by the Issuing Lender or anyone else to pay any drawing under any Letter of Credit as a result of any Government Acts or any other cause beyond the control of the Issuing Lender and the Lenders.

- (d) Nothing in this Section is intended to limit the Reimbursement Obligation of the Borrower contained in Section 2.3(d) hereof. The obligations of the Credit Parties under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement. No act or omissions of any current or prior beneficiary of a Letter of Credit shall in any way affect or impair the rights of the Issuing Lender and the Lenders to enforce any right, power or benefit under this Agreement.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section, the Credit Parties shall have no obligation to indemnify the Issuing Lender or any Lender in respect of any liability incurred by the Issuing Lender or such Lender arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Issuing Lender (including action not taken by the Issuing Lender or such Lender), as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or pursuant to arbitration.

## Section 2.18 Illegality.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Credit Agreement, if any Change in Law shall make it unlawful for such Lender or its LIBOR Lending Office to make or maintain LIBOR Rate Loans as contemplated by this Credit Agreement or to obtain in the interbank eurodollar market through its LIBOR Lending Office the funds with which to make such Revolving Loans, (a) such Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower thereof, (b) the commitment of such Lender hereunder to make LIBOR Rate Loans or continue LIBOR Rate Loans as such shall forthwith be suspended until the Administrative Agent shall give notice that the condition or situation which gave rise to the suspension shall no longer exist, and (c) such Lender's Revolving Loans then outstanding as LIBOR Rate Loans, if any, shall be converted on the last day of the Interest Period for such Revolving Loans or within such earlier period as required by law as Alternate Base Rate Loans. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay any Lender, within two (2) Business Days of its demand, any additional amounts necessary to compensate such Lender for actual and direct costs (but not including anticipated profits) reasonably incurred by such Lender in making any repayment in accordance with this Section including, but not limited to, any interest or fees payable by such Lender to lenders of funds obtained by it in order to make or maintain its LIBOR Rate Loans hereunder. A certificate (which certificate shall include a description of the basis for the computation) as to any additional amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted by such Lender, through the Administrative Agent, to the Borrower shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. Each Lender agrees to use reasonable efforts (including reasonable efforts to change its LIBOR Lending Office) to avoid or to minimize any amounts which may otherwise be payable pursuant to this Section; provided, however, that such efforts shall not cause the imposition on such Lender of any additional costs o

#### Section 2.19 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

(a) <u>Designation of a Different Lending Office</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.14, or requires the Borrower to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16, then such Lender shall (at the request of the

Borrower) use reasonable best efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Revolving Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.14 or Section 2.16, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

- (b) Replacement of Lenders. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.14, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16 and, in each case, such Lender has declined or is unable to designate a different lending office in accordance with Section 2.19(a), or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, Section 9.6), all of its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to Section 2.14 or Section 2.16) and obligations under this Agreement and the related Credit Documents to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment), provided that:
  - (i) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent the assignment fee (if any) specified in Section 9.6;
  - (ii) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Revolving Loans and participations in Letters of Credit, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Credit Documents (including any amounts under Section 2.15) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);
  - (iii) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 2.14 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 2.16, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter;
    - (iv) such assignment does not conflict with applicable law; and
  - (v) in the case of any assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Consenting Lender, the applicable assignee shall have consented to the applicable amendment, waiver or consent.

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

# Section 2.20 Cash Collateral.

- (a) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. At any time that there shall exist a Defaulting Lender, within one (1) Business Day following the written request of the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize all Fronting Exposure of the Issuing Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender (determined after giving effect to Section 2.21(b) and any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender).
- (b) <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. The Borrower, and to the extent provided by any Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lenders and the Lenders, and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest in all such Cash Collateral as security for the Defaulting Lenders' obligations to which such Cash Collateral may be applied pursuant to clause (c) below. If at any time the Administrative Agent or Issuing Lender determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent as herein provided, or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the applicable Fronting Exposure, the Borrower will, promptly upon demand by the Administrative Agent or Issuing Lender pay or provide to the Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency (after giving effect to any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender).
- (c) <u>Application</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under any of this Section or Section 2.21 in respect of Letters of Credit, shall be held and applied to the satisfaction of the specific LOC Obligations, obligations to fund participations therein (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) and other obligations for which the Cash Collateral was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may be provided for herein.
- (d) <u>Termination of Requirement</u>. Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce Fronting Exposure or other obligations shall no longer be required to be held as Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.20 following (i) the elimination of the applicable Fronting Exposure or other obligations giving rise thereto (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender), or (ii) the determination by the Administrative Agent, each Issuing Lender that there exists excess Cash Collateral; <u>provided</u> that, Subject to Section 2.21, the Person providing Cash Collateral and each applicable Issuing Lender may agree that Cash Collateral shall be held to support future anticipated Fronting Exposure or other obligations.

#### Section 2.21 Defaulting Lenders.

- (a) <u>Defaulting Lender Adjustments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable law:
  - (i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of Required Lenders and Section 9.1.
  - (ii) Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article VII or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 9.7 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; second, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to any Issuing Lender hereunder; third, to Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lender's Fronting Exposure in accordance with Section 2.20; fourth, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Revolving Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; fifth, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a non-interest bearing deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Revolving Loans under this Agreement and (y) Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lender's future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement in accordance with Section 2.20; sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders, the Issuing Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender, the Issuing Lenders against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; seventh, so long as no Default or Event of Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and eighth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (A) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Revolving Loans or LOC Obligations in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share and (B) such Revolving Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time

when the conditions set forth in Section 4.2 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Revolving Loans of, and LOC Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Revolving Loans of, or LOC Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Revolving Loans and funded and unfunded participations in LOC Obligations are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Commitments under the applicable facility without giving effect to Section 2.21(a) (iv). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.21(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

# (iii) Certain Fees.

- (A) <u>Commitment Fees</u>. No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any Commitment Fee for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).
- (B) <u>Letter of Credit Fees</u>. Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive Letter of Credit Fees for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Applicable Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant Section 2.20.
- (C) Reallocation of Fees. With respect to any Letter of Credit Fee not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (A) or (B) above, the Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in LOC Obligations that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (iv) below, (y) pay to each Issuing Lender the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such Issuing Lender's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.
- (iv) <u>Reallocation of Participations to Reduce Fronting Exposure</u>. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in LOC Obligations shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment) but only to the extent that (x) the conditions set forth in Section 4.2 are satisfied at the time of such reallocation (and, unless the Borrower shall have otherwise notified the Administrative Agent at such time, the

Borrower shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such conditions are satisfied at such time) and (y) such reallocation does not cause the aggregate Committed Funded Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment. No reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.

- (v) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. If the reallocation described in clause (iv) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under law, Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lender's Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.20.
- (b) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and Issuing Lender agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Revolving Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Revolving Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit to be held on a pro rata basis by the Lenders in accordance with their Applicable Percentages (without giving effect to Section 2.21(a)(iv)), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; <u>provided</u> that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and <u>provided</u>, further, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.
- (c) New Letters of Credit. So long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, no Issuing Lender shall be required to issue, extend, renew or increase any Letter of Credit unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect thereto.

# Section 2.22 <u>Incremental Revolving Facility Increase</u>.

(a) <u>Incremental Revolving Facility Increases</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower shall have the right, at any time and from time to time prior to the Maturity Date, to incur additional Indebtedness under this Agreement in the form of an increase to the Revolving Committed Amount (each, a "<u>Revolving Facility Increase</u>") by an aggregate principal amount for all such Revolving Facility Increases of up to \$5,000,000 ("<u>Incremental Increase Amount</u>").

- (b) Terms and Conditions. The following terms and conditions shall apply to any Revolving Facility Increase: (i) no Default or Event of Default shall exist immediately prior to or after giving effect to such Revolving Facility Increase, (ii) the other terms and documentation will be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (iii) any loans made pursuant to any Revolving Facility Increase shall constitute Credit Party Obligations and will be secured and guaranteed with the other Credit Party Obligations on a pari passu basis, (iv) any such Revolving Facility Increase shall have a maturity date no sooner than the Maturity Date, (v) any Lenders providing such Revolving Facility Increase shall be entitled to the same voting rights as the existing Lenders and shall be entitled to receive proceeds of prepayments on the same basis as the existing Lenders, (vi) any such Revolving Facility Increase shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$2,000,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining amount of the Incremental Increase Amount, if less), (vii) the proceeds of any such Revolving Facility Increase will be used for the purposes set forth in Section 3.11, (viii) the Borrower shall execute a Revolving Loan Note in favor of any new Lender or any existing Lender requesting a Revolving Loan Note, (ix) the conditions to Extensions of Credit in Section 4.2 shall have been satisfied, (x) the Administrative Agent shall have received (A) upon request of the Administrative Agent, an opinion or opinions (including, if reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, local counsel opinions) of counsel for the Credit Parties, addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, (B) any authorizing corporate documents as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request and (C) if applicable, a duly executed Notice of Borrowing, and (xi) the Administrative Agent shall have received from the Borrower updated financial projections and an officer's certificate, in each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, demonstrating that, after giving effect to any such Revolving Facility Increase on a Pro Forma Basis, the Borrower will be in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9.
- (c) <u>Applicable Margin and Yield</u>. The Applicable Margin and any other components of yield on any Revolving Facility Increase payable to the Lenders making such Revolving Facility Increase may be higher than the then current Applicable Margin (or any other components of yield) on the Revolving Loans calculating yield in the same manner but in each case by no more than 50 basis points (it being understood that the Revolving Loan pricing will be increased and/or additional fees will be paid to Lenders holding Revolving Commitments to the extent necessary to satisfy such requirement).
- (d) <u>Reallocation</u>. In connection with the closing of any Revolving Facility Increase, the outstanding Revolving Loans and Participation Interests shall be reallocated by causing such fundings and repayments (which shall not be subject to any processing and/or recordation fees) among the Lenders (which the Borrower shall be responsible for any costs arising under Section 2.15 resulting from such reallocation and repayments) of Revolving Loans as necessary such that, after giving effect to such Revolving Facility Increase, each Lender will hold Revolving Loans and Participation Interests based on its Revolving Commitment Percentage (after giving effect to such Revolving Facility Increase).

- (e) <u>Participation</u>. Participation in any such Revolving Facility Increase may be offered to each of the existing Lenders, but each such Lender shall have no obligation to provide all or any portion of such Revolving Facility Increase. The Borrower may invite other banks, financial institutions and investment funds reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to join this Credit Agreement as Lenders hereunder for any portion of such Revolving Facility Increase; <u>provided</u> that such other banks, financial institutions and investment funds shall enter into such joinder agreements to give effect thereto as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request.
- (f) <u>Amendments</u>. The Administrative Agent is authorized to enter into, on behalf of the Lenders, any amendment to this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document as may be necessary to incorporate the terms of any such Revolving Facility Increase.

#### ARTICLE III

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and to make the Extensions of Credit herein provided for, the Credit Parties hereby represent and warrant to the Administrative Agent and to each Lender that:

# Section 3.1 Financial Condition.

- (a)(i) The audited Consolidated and consolidating financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal years ended 2008, 2009 and 2010 together with the related Consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, equity and cash flows for the fiscal years ended on such dates, (ii) the unaudited Consolidated and consolidating financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the year-to-date period ending on the last day of the First Quarter of 2011, together with the related Consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, equity and cash flows for the year-to-date period ending on such date and (iii) a pro forma balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of May 31, 2011:
  - (A) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and
  - (B) fairly present, in all material respects, the financial condition of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof (subject, in the case of the unaudited financial statements, to normal year-end adjustments) and results of operations for the period covered thereby.

(b) The five-year projections of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries (prepared quarterly for the first year following the Closing Date and annually thereafter for the term of this Agreement) delivered to the Lenders on or prior to the Closing Date have been prepared in good faith based upon reasonable assumptions (i) in light of then existing conditions and (ii) of future results of operations which may or may not in fact occur and no assurance can be given that such results will be achieved.

#### Section 3.2 No Material Adverse Effect.

Since January 2, 2011 (and, in addition, after delivery of annual audited financial statements in accordance with Section 5.1(a), from the date of the most recently delivered annual audited financial statements), there has been no development or event which has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# Section 3.3 Corporate Existence; Compliance with Law; Patriot Act Information.

Each of the Credit Parties (a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, organization or formation, (b) has the requisite corporate or limited liability company power and authority and the legal right to own and operate all its property, to lease the property it operates as lessee and to conduct the business in which it is currently engaged and has taken all actions necessary to maintain all rights, privileges, licenses and franchises necessary or required in the normal conduct of its business except where the failure to take any such action could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (c) is duly qualified to conduct business and in good standing under the laws of (i) the jurisdiction of its organization or formation, (ii) the jurisdiction where its chief executive office is located and (iii) each other jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification except to the extent that the failure to so qualify or be in good standing in any such other jurisdiction could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (d) is in compliance with all applicable Requirements of Law, organizational documents, government permits and government licenses except to the extent such non-compliance could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Set forth on Schedule 3.3 as of the Closing Date, or as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is the following information for each Credit Party: the exact legal name and any former legal names of such Credit Party in the four (4) months prior to the Closing Date, the state of incorporation or organization, the type of organization, the jurisdictions in which such Credit Party is qualified to do business, the chief executive office, the principal place of business, th

## Section 3.4 Corporate Power; Authorization; Enforceable Obligations.

Each of the Credit Parties has full corporate, partnership or limited liability company power and authority and the legal right to make, deliver and perform the Credit Documents to which it is party and has taken all necessary limited liability company, partnership or corporate

action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Credit Documents to which it is party. Each Credit Document to which it is a party has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of each Credit Party. Each Credit Document to which it is a party constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Credit Party, enforceable against such Credit Party in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles (whether enforcement is sought by proceedings in equity or at law).

# Section 3.5 No Legal Bar; No Default.

The execution, delivery and performance by each Credit Party of the Credit Documents to which such Credit Party is a party, the borrowings thereunder and the use of the proceeds of the Revolving Loans (a) will not violate any applicable Requirement of Law of any Credit Party (except those as to which waivers or consents have been obtained), (b) will not conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute a default under the articles of incorporation, bylaws, articles of organization, operating agreement or other organization documents of the Credit Parties or any Material Contract to which such Person is a party or by which any of its properties may be bound or any material approval or material consent from any Governmental Authority relating to such Person, and (c) will not result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien on any Credit Party's properties or revenues pursuant to any Requirement of Law or Contractual Obligation other than the Liens arising under or contemplated in connection with the Credit Documents or Permitted Liens. No Credit Party is in default under or with respect to any of its Contractual Obligations except where such default could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

## Section 3.6 No Material Litigation.

Except as set forth on Schedule 3.6, no litigation, investigation, claim, criminal prosecution, civil investigative demand, imposition of criminal or civil fines and penalties, or any other proceeding of or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Credit Parties, threatened by or against any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of its or their respective properties or revenues (a) with respect to the Credit Documents or any Extension of Credit or any of the Transactions, or (b) which, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No permanent injunction, temporary restraining order or similar decree has been issued against any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Since the Closing Date there has been no occurrence, change or development with respect to the matters set forth on Schedule 3.6 which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# Section 3.7 Investment Company Act; etc.

No Credit Party is an "investment company", or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as

amended. No Credit Party is subject to regulation limiting its ability to incur Credit Party Obligations.

# Section 3.8 Margin Regulations.

No part of the proceeds of any Extension of Credit hereunder will be used directly or indirectly for any purpose that violates, or that would require any Lender to make any filings in accordance with, the provisions of Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as now and from time to time hereafter in effect. The Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries (a) are not engaged, principally or as one of their important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose of "purchasing" or "carrying" "margin stock" within the respective meanings of each of such terms under Regulation U and (b) taken as a group do not own "margin stock" except as identified in the financial statements referred to in Section 3.1 or delivered pursuant to Section 5.1 and the aggregate value of all "margin stock" owned by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries taken as a group does not exceed 25% of the value of their assets.

#### Section 3.9 ERISA.

Except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (a) neither a Reportable Event nor an "accumulated funding deficiency" (within the meaning of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA) has occurred during the five-year period prior to the date on which this representation is made or deemed made with respect to any Plan, (b) each Plan has complied in all material respects with the applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code, (c) no termination of a Single Employer Plan has occurred resulting in any liability that has remained underfunded, (d) no Lien in favor of the PBGC or a Plan has arisen, during such five-year period and (e) the present value of all accrued benefits under each Single Employer Plan (based on those assumptions used to fund such Plans) did not, as of the last annual valuation date prior to the date on which this representation is made or deemed made, exceed the value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such accrued benefits and (f) neither any Credit Party nor any Commonly Controlled Entity is currently subject to any liability for a complete or partial withdrawal from a Multiemployer Plan.

# Section 3.10 Environmental Matters.

Except as could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect:

- (a) The facilities and properties owned, leased or operated by the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries (the "Properties") do not contain any Materials of Environmental Concern in amounts or concentrations which (i) constitute a violation of, or (ii) could give rise to liability on behalf of any Credit Party under, any Environmental Law.
- (b) The Properties and all operations of the Credit Parties and/or their Subsidiaries at the Properties are in compliance, and have in the last five years been in

compliance, with all applicable Environmental Laws, and there is no contamination at, under or about the Properties or violation of any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the business operated by the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries (the "Business").

- (c) Neither the Credit Parties nor their Subsidiaries have received any written or actual notice of violation, alleged violation, non-compliance, liability or potential liability on behalf of any Credit Party with respect to environmental matters or Environmental Laws regarding any of the Properties or the Business, nor do the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries have knowledge or reason to believe that any such notice will be received or is being threatened.
- (d) Materials of Environmental Concern have not been transported or disposed of from the Properties in violation of, or in a manner or to a location that could give rise to liability on behalf of any Credit Party under any Environmental Law, and no Materials of Environmental Concern have been generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, on or under any of the Properties in violation of, or in a manner that could give rise to liability on behalf of any Credit Party under, any applicable Environmental Law.
- (e) No judicial proceeding or governmental or administrative action is pending or, to the knowledge of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, threatened, under any Environmental Law to which any Credit Party or any Subsidiary is or will be named as a party with respect to the Properties or the Business, nor are there any consent decrees or other decrees, consent orders, administrative orders or other orders, or other administrative or judicial requirements outstanding under any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business.
- (f) There has been no release or threat of release of Materials of Environmental Concern at or from the Properties, or arising from or related to the operations of any Credit Party or any Subsidiary in connection with the Properties or otherwise in connection with the Business, in violation of or in amounts or in a manner that could give rise to liability on behalf of any Credit Party under Environmental Laws.

#### Section 3.11 Use of Proceeds.

The proceeds of the Extensions of Credit shall be used by the Borrower solely for working capital and other general corporate purposes of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries.

# Section 3.12 Subsidiaries; Joint Ventures; Partnerships.

Set forth on Schedule 3.12 is a complete and accurate list of all Subsidiaries, joint ventures and partnerships of the Credit Parties as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2. Information on the attached Schedule includes the following: (a) the number of shares of each class of Equity Interests of each Subsidiary outstanding and (b) the number and percentage of outstanding shares of each class of Equity Interests owned by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries. The

outstanding Equity Interests of all such Subsidiaries are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and are owned free and clear of all Liens (other than those arising under or contemplated in connection with the Credit Documents). There are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights or other agreements or commitments (other than stock options granted to employees or directors and directors' qualifying shares) of any nature relating to any Equity Interests of any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof, except as contemplated in connection with the Credit Documents.

# Section 3.13 Ownership.

Each of the Credit Parties and its Subsidiaries is the owner of, and has good and marketable title to or a valid leasehold interest in, all of its respective assets, which, together with assets leased or licensed by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, represents all assets in the aggregate material to the conduct of the business of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, other than the Pollo Tropical Trademarks which shall be transferred to a Credit Party in accordance with Section 5.13(e). Each Credit Party and its Subsidiaries enjoys peaceful and undisturbed possession under all of its leases and all such leases are valid and subsisting and in full force and effect except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### Section 3.14 Consent; Governmental Authorizations.

No approval, consent or authorization of, filing with, notice to or other act by or in respect of, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is required in connection with acceptance of Extensions of Credit by the Borrower or the making of the Guaranty hereunder or with the execution, delivery or performance of any Credit Document by the Credit Parties (other than those which have been obtained) or with the validity or enforceability of any Credit Document against the Credit Parties (except such filings as are necessary in connection with the perfection of the Liens created by such Credit Documents).

#### Section 3.15 Taxes.

Each of the Credit Parties and its Subsidiaries has filed, or caused to be filed, all federal income tax returns and all other material tax returns (federal, state, local and foreign) required to be filed and paid (a) all amounts of taxes shown thereon to be due (including interest and penalties) and (b) all other material taxes, fees, assessments and other governmental charges (including mortgage recording taxes, documentary stamp taxes and intangibles taxes) owing by it, except for such taxes (i) that are not yet delinquent or (ii) that are being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings, and against which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP. None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries has received written notice as of the Closing Date of any material tax assessments against it or any of its Subsidiaries.

## Section 3.16 Collateral Representations.

(a) Intellectual Property. Set forth on Schedule 3.16(a), as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with

Section 5.2, is a list of all registered or issued Intellectual Property (including all applications for registration and issuance) owned by each of the Credit Parties or that each of the Credit Parties has the right to (including the name/title, current owner, registration or application number, and registration or application date and such other information as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent).

- (b) <u>Documents, Instrument, and Tangible Chattel Paper</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(b)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a description of all Documents (as defined in the UCC), Instruments (as defined in the UCC), and Tangible Chattel Paper (as defined in the UCC) of the Credit Parties (including the Credit Party owning such Document, Instrument and Tangible Chattel Paper and such other information as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent), in each case to the extent with a value in excess of \$100,000.
- (c) <u>Deposit Accounts, Electronic Chattel Paper, Letter-of-Credit Rights, Securities Accounts and Uncertificated Investment Property.</u> Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(c)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a description of all Deposit Accounts (as defined in the UCC), Electronic Chattel Paper (as defined in the UCC), Letter-of-Credit Rights (as defined in the UCC), Securities Accounts (as defined in the UCC) and uncertificated Investment Property (as defined in the UCC) of the Credit Parties, including the name of (i) the applicable Credit Party, (ii) in the case of a Deposit Account, the depository institution and average amount held in such Deposit Account, (iii) in the case of Electronic Chattel Paper, the account debtor, (iv) in the case of Letter-of-Credit Rights, the issuer or nominated person, as applicable, and (v) in the case of a Securities Account or other uncertificated Investment Property, the Securities Intermediary or issuer and the average amount held in such Securities Account, as applicable.
- (d) <u>Commercial Tort Claims</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(d)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a description of all Commercial Tort Claims (as defined in the UCC) of the Credit Parties (detailing such Commercial Tort Claim in such detail as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent).
- (e) <u>Pledged Equity Interests</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(e)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a list of (i) 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Credit Party) of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests owned by such Credit Party of each Domestic Subsidiary (other than Excluded Subsidiaries), (ii) 65% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Credit Party) of each class of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.956-2(c)(2)) and 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of each class of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests not entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.956-2(c)(2)) owned by such Credit Party of each first-tier Foreign Subsidiary

and (iii) all other Equity Interests required to be pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Security Documents.

(f) <u>Properties</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(f)(i)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a list of all Mortgaged Properties (including the owner of such Mortgaged Property). Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(f)(ii)</u> is a list of (i) each headquarter location of the Credit Parties (and an indication if such location is leased or owned) and (ii) each other location where any significant administrative functions are performed (and an indication if such location is leased or owned).

#### Section 3.17 Solvency.

The Credit Parties taken as a whole are solvent and are able to pay their debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and other commitments as they mature in the normal course of business, and the fair saleable value of the Credit Parties assets, taken as a whole and measured on a going concern basis, exceeds all probable liabilities, including those to be incurred pursuant to this Agreement. The Credit Parties taken as a whole do not have unreasonably small capital in relation to the business in which they are or propose to be engaged. The Credit Parties taken as a whole have not incurred, or believe that they will incur debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due. In executing the Credit Documents and consummating the Transactions, none of the Credit Parties intends to hinder, delay or defraud either present or future creditors or other Persons to which one or more of the Credit Parties is or will become indebted. On the Closing Date, the foregoing representations and warranties shall be made both before and after giving effect to the Transactions.

#### Section 3.18 Compliance with FCPA.

Each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries is in compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, *et seq.*, and any foreign counterpart thereto. None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries has made a payment, offering, or promise to pay, or authorized the payment of, money or anything of value (a) in order to assist in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any foreign official, foreign political party, party official or candidate for foreign political office, (b) to a foreign official, foreign political party or party official or any candidate for foreign political office, and (c) with the intent to induce the recipient to misuse his or her official position to direct business wrongfully to such Credit Party or its Subsidiary or to any other Person, in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, *et seq.* 

#### Section 3.19 Reserved.

#### Section 3.20 Brokers' Fees.

None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries has any obligation to any Person in respect of any finder's, broker's, investment banking or other similar fee in connection with any

of the Transactions other than the closing and other fees payable pursuant to this Agreement and as set forth in the Fee Letter.

#### Section 3.21 Labor Matters.

Except as could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect, (a) there are no collective bargaining agreements or Multiemployer Plans covering the employees of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries as of the Closing Date and none of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries (i) has suffered any strikes, walkouts, work stoppages or other material labor difficulty within the last five years or (ii) has knowledge of any potential or pending strike, walkout or work stoppage, (b) no unfair labor practice complaint is pending against any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries and (c) there are no strikes, walkouts, work stoppages or other material labor difficulty pending or threatened against any Credit Party.

## Section 3.22 Accuracy and Completeness of Information.

No representation or warranty made by the Borrower or any other Credit Party in any Credit Document or in any document, instrument or other writing furnished to the Lenders by or on behalf of any Credit Party in connection with the transactions contemplated in any Credit Document does or will contain any untrue material statement of fact or will omit to state any such fact (of which any executive officer of any Credit Party has knowledge) necessary to make the representations, warranties and other statements contained herein or in such other document, instrument or writing not misleading in any material respect.

# Section 3.23 Material Contracts.

<u>Schedule 3.23</u> sets forth a complete and accurate list of all Material Contracts of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries in effect as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2. Each Material Contract is, and after giving effect to the Transactions will be, in full force and effect in accordance with the terms thereof.

#### Section 3.24 Insurance.

The insurance coverage of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries is outlined as to carrier, policy number, expiration date, type and amount on <u>Schedule 3.24</u> as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2 and such insurance coverage complies in all material respects with the requirements set forth in Section 5.5(b).

## Section 3.25 Security Documents.

The Security Documents create valid and enforceable security interests in, and Liens on, the Collateral purported to be covered thereby. Except as set forth in the Security Documents, such security interests and Liens are currently (or will be, upon (a) the filing of appropriate

financing statements with the Secretary of State of the state of incorporation or organization for each Credit Party, the filing of appropriate assignments or notices with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office, and the recordation of the Mortgage Instruments, in each case in favor of the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Lenders, and (b) the Administrative Agent obtaining control or possession over those items of Collateral in which a security interest is perfected through control or possession) perfected security interests and Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, prior to all other Liens other than Permitted Liens.

## Section 3.26 Classification of Senior Indebtedness.

The Credit Party Obligations constitute "Senior Indebtedness", "Designated Senior Indebtedness" or any similar designation under and as defined in any agreement governing any Subordinated Debt and the subordination provisions set forth in each such agreement are legally valid and enforceable against the parties thereto.

## Section 3.27 Anti-Terrorism Laws.

Neither any Credit Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is an "enemy" or an "ally of the enemy" within the meaning of Section 2 of the Trading with the Enemy Act of the United States of America (50 U.S.C. App. §§ 1 *et seq.*) (the "<u>Trading with the Enemy Act</u>"), as amended. Neither any Credit Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of (a) the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, (b) any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) or any enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto or (c) the Patriot Act. None of the Credit Parties (i) is a blocked person described in Section 1 of the Anti-Terrorism Order or (ii) to the best of its knowledge, engages in any dealings or transactions, or is otherwise associated, with any such blocked person.

## Section 3.28 Compliance with OFAC Rules and Regulations.

- (a) None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates is in violation of and shall not violate any of the country or list based economic and trade sanctions administered and enforced by OFAC that are described or referenced at http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/ or as otherwise published from time to time.
- (b) None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates (i) is a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity, (ii) has a more than 10% of its assets located in Sanctioned Entities, or (iii) derives more than 10% of its operating income from investments in, or transactions with Sanctioned Persons or Sanctioned Entities. No proceeds of any Revolving Loan will be used nor have any been used to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in or make any payments to, a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity.

### Section 3.29 Authorized Officer.

Set forth on Schedule 3.29 are Responsible Officers that are permitted to sign Credit Documents on behalf of the Credit Parties, holding the offices indicated next to their respective names, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2. Such Authorized Officers are the duly elected and qualified officers of such Credit Party and are duly authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the respective Credit Party, the Credit Agreement, the Revolving Loan Notes and the other Credit Documents.

### Section 3.30 Regulation H.

No Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property unless the Administrative Agent shall have received the following: (a) the applicable Credit Party's written acknowledgment of receipt of written notification from the Administrative Agent (i) as to the fact that such Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property and (ii) as to whether the community in which each such Flood Hazard Property is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and (b) copies of insurance policies or certificates of insurance of the applicable Credit Party evidencing flood insurance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and naming the Administrative Agent as loss payee on behalf of the Lenders.

### ARTICLE IV

### CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

## Section 4.1 Conditions to Closing Date.

This Agreement shall become effective upon, and the obligation of each Lender to make the initial Extensions of Credit on the Closing Date is subject to, the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

- (a) Execution of Credit Agreement and Credit Documents. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) counterparts of this Agreement, executed by a duly authorized officer of each party hereto, (ii) for the account of each Lender requesting a promissory note, a duly executed Revolving Loan Note, (iii) counterparts of the Security Agreement conforming to the requirements of this Agreement and executed by duly authorized officers of the Credit Parties or other Person, as applicable and (iv) counterparts of any other Credit Document, executed by the duly authorized officers of the parties thereto.
  - (b) Authority Documents. The Administrative Agent shall have received the following:
  - (i) <u>Articles of Incorporation/Charter Documents</u>. Original certified articles of incorporation or other charter documents, as applicable, of each Credit

Party certified (A) by an officer of such Credit Party (pursuant to an officer's certificate in substantially the form of Exhibit 4.1(b) attached hereto) as of the Closing Date to be true and correct and in force and effect as of such date, and (B) to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state of its incorporation or organization, as applicable.

- (ii) <u>Resolutions</u>. Copies of resolutions of the board of directors or comparable managing body of each Credit Party approving and adopting the Credit Documents, the Transactions and authorizing execution and delivery thereof, certified by an officer of such Credit Party (pursuant to an officer's certificate in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(b)</u> attached hereto) as of the Closing Date to be true and correct and in force and effect as of such date.
- (iii) <u>Bylaws/Operating Agreement</u>. A copy of the bylaws or comparable operating or partnership agreement of each Credit Party certified by an officer of such Credit Party (pursuant to an officer's certificate in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(b)</u> attached hereto) as of the Closing Date to be true and correct and in force and effect as of such date.
- (iv) <u>Good Standing</u>. Original certificates of good standing, existence or its equivalent with respect to each Credit Party certified as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authorities of the state of incorporation or organization and each other state in which the failure to so qualify and be in good standing could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (v) <u>Incumbency</u>. An incumbency certificate of each Authorized Officer of each Credit Party certified by an officer (pursuant to an officer's certificate in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(b)</u> attached hereto) to be true and correct as of the Closing Date.
- (c) <u>Legal Opinion of Counsel</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received an opinion or opinions of counsel for the Credit Parties (including an opinion of the general counsel of the Borrower and local counsel opinions from counsel in Texas and Florida), dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (which shall include, without limitation, opinions with respect to the due organization and valid existence of each Credit Party, opinions as to perfection of certain of the Liens granted to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Security Documents and opinions as to the non-contravention of the Credit Parties' organizational documents and Material Contracts).
- (d) <u>Personal Property Collateral</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
  - (i) (A) searches of UCC filings in the jurisdiction of incorporation or formation, as applicable, of each Credit Party and each jurisdiction where any

Collateral is located or where a filing would need to be made in order to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral, copies of the financing statements on file in such jurisdictions and evidence that no Liens exist other than Permitted Liens and (B) tax lien and judgment searches:

- (ii) searches of ownership of Intellectual Property in the appropriate governmental offices and such patent/trademark/copyright filings as requested by the Administrative Agent in order to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Intellectual Property;
- (iii) completed UCC financing statements for each appropriate jurisdiction as is necessary, in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral;
- (iv) stock or membership certificates, if any, evidencing the Equity Interests pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Security Agreement and undated stock or transfer powers duly executed in blank;
- (v) duly executed consents as are necessary, in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, to perfect the Lenders' security interest in the Collateral;
- (vi) to the extent required to be delivered pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents, all instruments, documents and chattel paper in the possession of any of the Credit Parties, together with allonges or assignments as may be necessary or appropriate to perfect the Administrative Agent's and the Lenders' security interest in the Collateral;

#### (e) Reserved.

- (f) <u>Liability, Casualty, Property and Business Interruption Insurance</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received copies of insurance policies or certificates and endorsements of insurance evidencing liability, casualty, property and business interruption insurance meeting the requirements set forth herein or in the Security Documents. The Administrative Agent shall be named (i) as lenders' loss payee, as its interest may appear, with respect to any such insurance providing coverage in respect of any Collateral and (ii) as additional insured, as its interest may appear, with respect to any such insurance providing liability coverage, and the Credit Parties will use their commercially reasonable efforts to have each provider of any such insurance agree, by endorsement upon the policy or policies issued by it or by independent instruments to be furnished to the Administrative Agent, that it will give the Administrative Agent thirty (30) days prior written notice before any such policy or policies shall be altered or cancelled.
- (g) <u>Solvency Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received an officer's certificate prepared by the chief financial officer or other Authorized Officer approved by the Administrative Agent of the Borrower as to the financial condition,

solvency and related matters of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, after giving effect to the Transactions and the initial borrowings under the Credit Documents, in substantially the form of Exhibit 4.1(g) hereto.

- (h) <u>Account Designation Notice</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received the executed Account Designation Notice in the form of <u>Exhibit 1.1(a)</u> hereto.
- (i) <u>Notice of Borrowing</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received a Notice of Borrowing with respect to the Revolving Loans to be made on the Closing Date.
- (j) <u>Consents</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence that all boards of directors, governmental, shareholder and material third party consents and approvals necessary in connection with the Transactions have been obtained and all applicable waiting periods have expired without any action being taken by any authority that could restrain, prevent or impose any material adverse conditions on such transactions or that could seek or threaten any of the foregoing.
- (k) Existing Indebtedness of the Credit Parties. All of the existing Indebtedness for borrowed money of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries (other than Indebtedness permitted to exist pursuant to Section 6.1) shall be repaid in full (together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon and obligations with respect thereto) and all security interests related thereto shall be terminated on or prior to the Closing Date. Carrols shall have repurchased all Existing Carrols Notes tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer on or prior to the Closing Date and paid all accrued and unpaid interest thereon.
- (l) <u>Financial Statements</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received copies of the financial statements referred to in Section 3.1, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to each of them.
- (m) <u>Financial Condition Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate or certificates executed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower as of the Closing Date, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(m)</u> stating that (i) except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.6</u>, there does not exist any pending or ongoing, action, suit, investigation, litigation or proceeding in any court or before any other Governmental Authority (A) affecting this Agreement or the other Credit Documents, that has not been settled, dismissed, vacated, discharged or terminated prior to the Closing Date or (B) that purports to affect any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Transaction, which action, suit, investigation, litigation or proceeding which, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, that has not been settled, dismissed, vacated, discharged or terminated prior to the Closing Date, (ii) immediately after giving effect to this Agreement, the other Credit Documents, and all the Transactions contemplated to occur on such date, (A) no Default or Event of Default exists and (B) all representations and warranties contained herein and in the other Credit Documents are true and correct in all material respects, and (iii) each of the other conditions precedent in Section 4.1 have been satisfied, except to the extent the

satisfaction of any such condition is subject to the judgment or discretion of the Administrative Agent or any Lender.

- (n) <u>Carrols LLC Financing</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence that, simultaneous with the execution and effectiveness of this Agreement, the Carrols LLC Financing shall be effective and that Carrols LLC shall have received gross proceeds of \$65,000,000 from term loans issued under the Carrols LLC Financing.
- (o) <u>Management Services Agreement and Transition Services Agreement</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received (a) term sheet setting forth the terms and conditions to be included in the Transition Services Agreement and (b) a fully executed copy of the Management Services Agreement, in each case certified by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower to be true and complete and, in the case of the Management Services Agreement, in full force and effect as of the Closing Date.
- (p) <u>Structure</u>. The pro forma capital, ownership and management structure and shareholding arrangement of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (and all agreements relating thereto) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (q) <u>Second Lien Notes</u>. The Borrower shall have received gross proceeds from the issuance of the Second Lien Notes on the Closing Date of \$200,000,000. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certified copy of the Second Lien Note Indenture and other related documents (including, without limitation, the Intercreditor Agreement), each to be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (r) <u>Fees and Expenses</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received all fees and expenses, if any, owing pursuant to the Fee Letter and Section 2.5.
- (s) <u>Additional Matters</u>. All other documents and legal matters in connection with the Transactions shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Administrative Agent and its counsel.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of Section 8.4, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this Section 4.1, each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

### Section 4.2 Conditions to All Extensions of Credit.

The obligation of each Lender to make any Extension of Credit hereunder is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent on the date of making such Extension of Credit:

- (a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representations and warranties made by the Credit Parties herein, in the other Credit Documents and which are contained in any certificate furnished at any time under or in connection herewith shall (i) with respect to representations and warranties that contain a materiality qualification, be true and correct and (ii) with respect to representations and warranties that do not contain a materiality qualification, be true and correct in all material respects, in each case on and as of the date of such Extension of Credit as if made on and as of such date except for any representation or warranty made as of an earlier date, which representation and warranty shall remain true and correct as of such earlier date.
- (b) No Default or Event of Default. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on such date or after giving effect to the Extension of Credit to be made on such date unless such Default or Event of Default shall have been waived in accordance with this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Compliance with Commitments</u>. Immediately after giving effect to the making of any such Extension of Credit (and the application of the proceeds thereof), (i) the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans <u>plus</u> outstanding LOC Obligations shall not exceed the Revolving Committed Amount then in effect, and (ii) the outstanding LOC Obligations shall not exceed the LOC Committed Amount.
  - (d) Additional Conditions to Revolving Loans. If a Revolving Loan is requested, all conditions set forth in Section 2.1 shall have been satisfied.
- (e) <u>Additional Conditions to Letters of Credit</u>. If the issuance of a Letter of Credit is requested, (i) all conditions set forth in Section 2.3 shall have been satisfied and (ii) there shall exist no Lender that is a Defaulting Lender unless the Issuing Lender has entered into satisfactory arrangements with the Borrower or such Defaulting Lender to eliminate the Issuing Lender's risk with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LOC Obligations.
  - (f) Incremental Facility. If an Incremental Facility is requested, all conditions set forth in Section 2.22 shall have been satisfied.

Each request for an Extension of Credit and each acceptance by the Borrower of any such Extension of Credit shall be deemed to constitute representations and warranties by the Credit Parties as of the date of such Extension of Credit that the conditions set forth above in paragraphs (a) through (f), as applicable, have been satisfied.

#### ARTICLE V

## AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Each of the Credit Parties hereby covenants and agrees that on the Closing Date, and thereafter (a) for so long as this Agreement is in effect, (b) until the Commitments have terminated, and (c) the Credit Party Obligations and all other amounts owing to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder are paid in full in cash, such Credit Party shall, and shall cause each of their Subsidiaries (other than the Excluded Subsidiaries), to:

### Section 5.1 Financial Statements.

Furnish to the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders:

- (a) <u>Annual Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available and in any event no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower (beginning with fiscal year 2011), a copy of the Consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such fiscal year and the related Consolidated statements of income and retained earnings and of cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such year, which shall be audited by a firm of independent certified public accountants of nationally recognized standing reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (and the Administrative Agent hereby acknowledges that Deloitte LLP is acceptable to it), setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous year, reported on without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception, or qualification indicating that the scope of the audit was inadequate to permit such independent certified public accountants to certify such financial statements without such qualification;
- (b) <u>Quarterly Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available and in any event no later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower (including the Second Quarter 2011), a copy of the Consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such period and related Consolidated statements of income and retained earnings and, other than with respect to the Fourth Quarter, of cash flows for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such quarterly period and for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such period, in each case setting forth in comparative form Consolidated figures for the corresponding period or periods of the preceding fiscal year (subject to normal recurring year-end audit adjustments); and
- (c) <u>Annual Operating Budget and Cash Flow</u>. As soon as available, but in any event no later than sixty (60) days after the beginning of each fiscal year (including fiscal year 2012), a copy of the detailed annual operating budget or plan including cash flow projections of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such fiscal year prepared on a quarterly basis, in form and detail reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, together with a summary of the material assumptions made in the preparation of such annual budget or plan;

all such financial statements furnished pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) above shall be complete and correct in all material respects (subject, in the case of interim statements, to normal recurring year-end audit adjustments and except that such statements are condensed and exclude detailed footnote disclosures) and to be prepared in reasonable detail and, in the case of the annual and quarterly financial statements provided in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) above, in accordance in all material respects with GAAP applied consistently throughout the periods reflected therein and further accompanied by a description of, and an estimation of the effect on the financial statements on account of, a change, if any, in GAAP as provided in Section 1.3(b).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, financial statements and reports required to be delivered pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section may be delivered electronically and if so, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which the Administrative Agent receives such reports from the Borrower through electronic mail; <a href="mailto:provided">provided</a> that, upon the Administrative Agent's request, the Borrower shall provide paper copies of any documents required hereby to the Administrative Agent.

### Section 5.2 Certificates; Other Information.

Furnish to the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders:

- (a) Reserved.
- (b) Officer's Certificate. Concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Sections 5.1(a) and 5.1(b) above, a certificate of an Authorized Officer substantially in the form of Exhibit 5.2(b) stating that (i) such financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries for the periods indicated in conformity with GAAP applied on a consistent basis, (ii) each of the Credit Parties during such period observed or performed in all material respects all of its covenants and other agreements, and satisfied in all material respects every condition, contained in this Agreement to be observed, performed or satisfied by it, and (iii) such Authorized Officer has obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event of Default except as specified in such certificate and such certificate shall include the calculations in reasonable detail required to indicate compliance with Section 5.9 as of the last day of such period.
- (c) <u>Updated Schedules</u>. Concurrently with or prior to the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Sections 5.1(a) and 5.1(b) above, (i) an updated copy of <u>Schedule 3.3</u> and <u>Schedule 3.12</u> if the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries has formed or acquired a new Subsidiary since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (ii) an updated copy of <u>Schedule 3.16(a)</u> if the Credit Parties have registered, applied for registration of, acquired or otherwise obtained ownership of any new Intellectual Property since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (iii) an updated copy of <u>Schedule 3.16(b)</u> if the Credit Parties have obtained any Documents (as defined in the UCC), Instruments (as defined in the UCC) or Tangible Chattel Paper (as defined in the UCC) since the Closing Date or since

such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (iv) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(c) if the Credit Parties maintain any Deposit Accounts (as defined in the UCC), Electronic Chattel Paper (as defined in the UCC), Letter-of-Credit Rights (as defined in the UCC), Securities Accounts (as defined in the UCC) or uncertificated Investment Property (as defined in the UCC) to the extent not otherwise set forth on such Schedule as of the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (v) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(d) if the Credit Parties have any Commercial Tort Claims not otherwise set forth on such Schedule as of the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (vi) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(e) to the extent required to be updated to make the representation in Section 3.16(e) true and correct, (vii) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(f)(i) to the extent any Credit Party is obligated to provide a mortgage or deed of trust on any Property in accordance with Section 5.12, (viii) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(f)(ii) to the extent any Credit Party has a (1) headquarter location and (2) location where any significant administrative functions are performed (and an indication whether such location is leased or owned), to the extent not otherwise set forth on such Schedule as of the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (ix) an updated copy of Schedule 3.23 if any new Material Contract has been entered into or any Material Contract has been terminated since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, together with a copy of each new Material Contract, and (x) an updated copy of Schedule 3.24 if the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries has altered or acquired any insurance policies since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated.

- (d) Reports; SEC Filings; Regulatory Reports; Press Releases; Etc. Promptly upon their becoming available, (i) copies of all reports (other than those provided pursuant to Section 5.1 and those which are of a promotional nature) and other financial information which any Credit Party sends to its shareholders, (ii) copies of all reports and all registration statements and prospectuses, if any, which any Credit Party may make to, or file with, the SEC (or any successor or analogous Governmental Authority) or any securities exchange or other private regulatory authority, (iii) all material regulatory reports and (iv) all press releases and other statements made available by any of the Credit Parties to the public concerning material developments in the business of any of the Credit Parties; provided that the Borrower agrees to deliver each of the foregoing items, if any, with respect to CRG prior to the Spin-Off Date.
- (e) <u>Calculations</u>. Within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a certificate containing information including the amount of all Restricted Payments, Investments (including Permitted Acquisitions and Permitted Construction Transactions), Asset Dispositions and Debt Issuances that were made during the prior fiscal year and amounts received in connection with any Extraordinary Receipt during the prior fiscal year.
- (f) <u>Changes in Corporate Structure.</u> Within ten days prior to any merger, consolidation, dissolution or other change in corporate structure of any Credit Party or any of its subsidiaries permitted pursuant to the terms hereof, provide notice of such change in corporate structure to the Administrative Agent.

(g) <u>General Information</u>. Promptly, such additional financial and other information as the Administrative Agent, on behalf of any Lender, may from time to time reasonably request.

# Section 5.3 Payment of Taxes and Other Obligations.

Pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy at or before maturity or before they become delinquent, as the case may be, subject, where applicable, to specified grace periods, (a) all of its material taxes (Federal, state, local and any other taxes) and (b) all of its other obligations and liabilities of whatever nature in accordance with industry practice to the extent failure to pay could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (c) any additional costs that are imposed as a result of any failure to so pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy such taxes, obligations and liabilities, except when the amount or validity of any such taxes, obligations and liabilities is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and reserves, if applicable, in conformity with GAAP with respect thereto have been provided on the books of the Credit Parties.

### Section 5.4 Conduct of Business and Maintenance of Existence.

Except as expressly permitted under Section 6.4, continue to engage in business of the same general type as now conducted by it on the Closing Date and preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its corporate or other formative existence and good standing, take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business and to maintain its goodwill and comply in all material respects with Requirements of Law.

### Section 5.5 Maintenance of Property; Insurance.

Maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies liability, casualty, property and business interruption insurance (including, without limitation, insurance with respect to its tangible Collateral) in at least such amounts and against at least such risks as are usually insured against in the same general area by companies engaged in the same or a similar business; and furnish to the Administrative Agent, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, full information as to the insurance carried. To the extent permitted under applicable laws, the Administrative Agent shall be named (i) as lenders' loss payee, as its interest may appear with respect to any property insurance, and (ii) as additional insured, as its interest may appear, with respect to any such liability insurance, and each provider of any such insurance shall agree, by endorsement upon the policy or policies issued by it or by independent instruments to be furnished to the Administrative Agent, that it will give the Administrative Agent thirty (30) days prior written notice before any such policy or policies shall be altered or canceled, and such policies shall provide that no act or default of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries or any other Person shall affect the rights of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders under such policy or policies.

### Section 5.6 Maintenance of Books and Records.

Keep proper books, records and accounts which permit financial statements to be prepared in accordance with GAAP.

#### Section 5.7 Notices.

Give notice in writing to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly transmit such notice to each Lender):

- (a) promptly, but in any event within two (2) Business Days after any Credit Party knows thereof, the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default;
- (b) promptly after becoming aware of any default or event of default under any Contractual Obligation of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or involve a monetary claim in excess of \$1,000,000;
- (c) promptly after becoming aware of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding known or threatened to any Credit Party (i) affecting any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or involve a monetary claim in excess of \$2,500,000 or involving injunctions or requesting injunctive relief by or against any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of any Credit Party, (ii) affecting or with respect to this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any security interest or Lien created thereunder, (iii) involving an environmental claim or potential liability under Environmental Laws which could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, or (iv) by any Governmental Authority relating to any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof and alleging fraud, deception or willful misconduct by such Person;
- (d) of any labor controversy that has resulted in, or threatens to result in, a strike or other work action against any Credit Party which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (e) of any attachment, judgment, lien, levy or order exceeding \$2,500,000 that may be assessed against or threatened against any Credit Party other than Permitted Liens;
- (f) as soon as possible and in any event within thirty (30) days after any Credit Party knows or has reason to know thereof: (i) the occurrence or expected occurrence of any Reportable Event with respect to any Plan, a failure to make any required contribution to a Plan, the creation of any Lien in favor of the PBGC (other than a Permitted Lien) or a Plan or any withdrawal from, or the termination, Reorganization or Insolvency of, any Multiemployer Plan or (ii) the institution of proceedings or the taking of any other action by the PBGC or any Credit Party, any Commonly Controlled Entity or any Multiemployer Plan, with respect to the withdrawal from, or the terminating,

Reorganization or Insolvency of, any Plan, in each case which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

- (g) promptly, any notice of any violation received by any Credit Party from any Governmental Authority including, without limitation, any notice of violation of Environmental Laws which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and
  - (h) promptly, any other development or event which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Each notice pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by a statement of an Authorized Officer setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Credit Parties propose to take with respect thereto. In the case of any notice of a Default or Event of Default, the Borrower shall specify that such notice is a Default or Event of Default notice on the face thereof.

### Section 5.8 Environmental Laws.

- (a) Except as could not reasonably be expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect, comply with all applicable Environmental Laws and obtain and comply with and maintain any and all licenses, approvals, notifications, registrations or permits required by applicable Environmental Laws:
- (b) Except as could not reasonably be expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect, conduct and complete all investigations, studies, sampling and testing, and all remedial, removal and other actions required under Environmental Laws and promptly comply with all lawful orders and directives of all Governmental Authorities regarding Environmental Laws except to the extent that the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; and
- (c) Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, and their respective employees, agents, officers and directors and affiliates, from and against any and all claims, demands, penalties, fines, liabilities, settlements, damages, costs and expenses of whatever kind or nature, known or unknown, contingent or otherwise, arising out of, or in any way relating to the violation of, noncompliance with or liability under, any Environmental Law applicable to the operations of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries or the Properties, or any orders, requirements or demands of Governmental Authorities related thereto, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's and consultant's fees, investigation and laboratory fees, response costs, court costs and litigation expenses, except to the extent that any of the foregoing arise out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party seeking indemnification therefor. The agreements in this paragraph shall survive repayment of the Credit Party Obligations and all other amounts payable hereunder and termination of the Commitments and the Credit Documents.

### Section 5.9 Financial Covenants.

Comply with the following financial covenants:

(a) <u>Adjusted Leverage Ratio</u>. The Adjusted Leverage Ratio, calculated as of the last day of each fiscal quarter occurring during the periods set forth below shall be less than or equal to the following:

<u>Period</u>	Ratio
Closing Date through and including Fourth Quarter of 2012	6.00 to 1.00
First Quarter 2013 through and including the Fourth Quarter of 2013	5.50 to 1.00
First Quarter of 2014 and thereafter	5.00 to 1.00

(b) <u>Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio</u>. The Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, calculated as of the last day of each fiscal quarter, shall be greater than or equal to 1.30 to 1.0.

### Section 5.10 Additional Guarantors.

The Credit Parties will cause each of their Domestic Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries), whether newly formed, after acquired or otherwise existing to promptly (and in any event within thirty (30) days after such Subsidiary is formed or acquired (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion)) become a Guarantor hereunder by way of execution of a Joinder Agreement. In connection therewith, the Credit Parties shall give notice to the Administrative Agent not less than ten (10) days prior to creating a Subsidiary (or such shorter period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion), or acquiring the Equity Interests of any other Person. The Credit Party Obligations shall be secured by, among other things, a first priority perfected security interest in the Collateral of such new Guarantor and a pledge of 100% of the Equity Interests of such new Guarantor and its Domestic Subsidiaries (other than any Domestic Subsidiary that is owned by a Foreign Subsidiary) and 65% of the voting Equity Interests and 100% of the non-voting Equity Interests of its first-tier Foreign Subsidiaries. In connection with the foregoing, the Credit Parties shall deliver to the Administrative Agent, with respect to each new Guarantor to the extent applicable, substantially the same documentation required pursuant to Sections 4.1 (b) – (f), (j), Section 5.13(e) and 5.12 and such other documents or agreements as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request.

### Section 5.11 Compliance with Law.

Comply with all Requirements of Law and orders (including Environmental Laws), and all applicable restrictions imposed by all Governmental Authorities, applicable to it and the Collateral if noncompliance with any such Requirements of Law, order or restriction could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

#### Section 5.12 Pledged Assets.

- (a) <u>Equity Interests</u>. Each Credit Party will cause 100% of the Equity Interests in each of its direct or indirect Domestic Subsidiaries (other than any Excluded Subsidiary and any Domestic Subsidiary that is owned by a Foreign Subsidiary) and 65% of the voting Equity Interests and 100% of the non-voting Equity Interests of its first-tier Foreign Subsidiaries, in each case to the extent owned by such Credit Party, to be subject at all times to a first priority, perfected Lien in favor of the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Security Documents or such other security documents as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request.
- (b) <u>Personal Property</u>. Subject to the terms of subsection (c) below, Section 5.13(e) and any other exclusions set forth in the Security Documents, each Credit Party will cause all of its tangible and intangible personal property (other than real property leases) now owned or hereafter acquired by it to be subject at all times to a first priority, perfected Lien (subject in each case to Permitted Liens) in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties to secure the Credit Party Obligations pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Security Documents or such other security documents as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request. Each Credit Party shall, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to, adhere to the covenants set forth in the Security Documents.

# (c) Real Property.

- (i) Each Credit Party shall cause all fee owned real property ("Real Estate") (other than the Identified Sale Leaseback Property and the real property subject to Section 5.13(e)(i)) which has a fair market value in excess of \$500,000 to be subject (within ninety days (or such extended period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent) following the acquisition of such Real Estate) to a first priority, perfected Lien (subject in each case to Permitted Liens) in favor of the Administrative Agent; provided, however, the Credit Parties shall not be required to cause such real property to be subject to a first priority, perfected Lien to the extent such Credit Party promptly delivers written notice to the Administrative Agent stating that such Credit Party intends to cause such real property to be subject to a Sale Leaseback pursuant to Section 6.12 within 180 days (or, in the case of real property acquired without a Restaurant, 365 days) following the acquisition of such real property (it being understood that the Credit Parties will cause such real property to be subject to a first priority, perfected Lien in accordance with the terms of this clause (c) to the extent such Sale Leaseback is not consummated during such 180 day period (or 365 day period, as applicable).
- (ii) Each Credit Party shall cause any Identified Sale Leaseback Property that has not become subject to a Sale Leaseback transaction pursuant to Section 6.12 within 210 days following the Closing Date to be subject to a first priority, perfected Lien (subject in each case to Permitted Liens) in favor of the Administrative Agent.

- (iii) In connection with each of the foregoing, each Credit Party will deliver all documentation as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in connection with the foregoing, including, without limitation, title reports, surveys, zoning letters, environmental reports and opinions of counsel, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (d) <u>Leases and other Agreements</u>. Each Credit Party shall timely and fully pay and perform its obligations under all leases and other agreements with respect to each leased location or public warehouse where any Collateral is or may be located except where the failure to pay or perform could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

### Section 5.13 Further Assurances and Post-Closing Covenants.

- (a) <u>Public/Private Designation</u>. The Credit Parties will cooperate with the Administrative Agent in connection with the publication of certain materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of the Credit Parties to the Administrative Agent and Lenders (collectively, "<u>Information Materials</u>") and will designate Information Materials (i) that are either available to the public or not material with respect to the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries or any of their respective securities for purposes of United States federal and state securities laws, as "<u>Public Information</u>" and (ii) that are not Public Information as "Private Information".
- (b) <u>Additional Information</u>. The Credit Parties shall provide such information regarding the operations, business affairs and financial condition of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may reasonably request.
- (c) <u>Visits and Inspections</u>. The Credit Parties shall permit representatives of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, from time to time upon prior reasonable notice and at such times during normal business hours, to visit and inspect its properties (including the Collateral); inspect, audit and make extracts from its books, records and files; and discuss with its principal officers, and its independent accountants, its business, assets, liabilities, financial condition, results of operations and business prospects. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent or any Lender may do any of the foregoing at any time without advance notice.
- (d) <u>Further Assurances</u>. Upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, promptly perform or cause to be performed any and all acts and execute or cause to be executed any and all documents for filing under the provisions of the UCC or any other Requirement of Law which are necessary or advisable to maintain in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, Liens on the Collateral that are duly perfected in accordance with the requirements of, or the obligations of the Credit Parties under, the Credit Documents and all applicable Requirements of Law.
  - (e) Post Closing Covenants.

- (i) <u>Real Property Collateral</u>. Subject to Section 5.12(c), within ninety (90) days after the Closing Date (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), the Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
  - (A) fully executed and notarized Mortgage Instruments encumbering the Mortgaged Properties as to properties owned by the Credit Parties;
  - (B) evidence as to (1) whether any Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property and (2) if any Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property, (x) whether the community in which such Mortgaged Property is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program, (y) the applicable Credit Party's written acknowledgment of receipt of written notification from the Administrative Agent (I) as to the fact that such Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property and (II) as to whether the community in which each such Flood Hazard Property is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and (z) copies of insurance policies or certificates of insurance of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries evidencing flood insurance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and naming the Administrative Agent as loss payee on behalf of the Lenders;
  - (C) maps or plats of an as-built survey of the sites of the Mortgaged Properties; it being agreed that the surveys in existence on the Closing Date and provided to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of this clause (C) (along with a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Borrower reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent) are satisfactory;
  - (D) an environmental questionnaire executed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower with respect to all owned Mortgaged Properties, along with third-party environmental reviews of all owned Mortgaged Properties, including but not limited to Phase I environmental assessments; it being agreed that the Phase I environmental assessments in existence on the Closing Date and provided to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of this clause (e) are satisfactory;
  - (E) to the extent requested by the Administrative Agent, opinions of counsel to the Credit Parties for each jurisdiction in which the Mortgaged Properties are located; and
  - (F) to the extent available, zoning letters from each municipality or other Governmental Authority for each jurisdiction in which the Mortgaged Properties are located.

- (ii) <u>Account Control Agreements</u>. Within forty-five (45) days after the Closing Date (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), the Administrative Agent shall have received Deposit Account Control Agreements and Securities Account Control Agreements required to be delivered in accordance with Section 6.14.
- (iii) <u>Pollo Tropical Trademarks</u>. Within ninety (90) days after the Closing Date (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), the Borrower shall have caused Carrols to transfer all of the Pollo Tropical Trademarks to a Credit Party and the Administrative Agent shall have received first priority security interests in the Pollo Tropical Trademarks.
- (iv) <u>Discharge of Existing Carrols Notes</u>. Within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Closing Date the Borrower agrees to cause Carrols to satisfy and discharge the obligations under the Existing Carrols Notes, the guarantees thereof and the indenture under which the Existing Carrols Notes were issued pursuant to Section 9.01 of such indenture (except those obligations referred to in the penultimate paragraph of such section).

### Section 5.14 New Restaurants.

Provide the Administrative Agent, as of the end of each fiscal quarter (beginning with the Third Quarter of 2011), notice of the acquisition, lease or construction (or binding commitment to construct) of any new Restaurant by the Borrower or any Subsidiary.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **NEGATIVE COVENANTS**

Each of the Credit Parties hereby covenants and agrees that on the Closing Date, and thereafter (a) for so long as this Agreement is in effect, (b) until the Commitments have terminated, (c) the Credit Party Obligations and all other amounts owing to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder are paid in full in cash, that:

## Section 6.1 Indebtedness.

No Credit Party will, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, contract, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except:

- (a) Indebtedness arising or existing under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents;
- (b) Indebtedness of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries existing as of the Closing Date as referred to in the financial statements referenced in Section 3.1 (and set

out more specifically in <u>Schedule 6.1(b)</u> hereto) and any renewals, refinancings or extensions thereof in a principal amount not in excess of that outstanding as of the date of such renewal, refinancing or extension and the terms of any such renewal, refinancing or extension are not less favorable in any material respect to the obligor thereunder;

- (c) Indebtedness of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries incurred after the Closing Date consisting of Capital Leases or Indebtedness incurred to provide all or a portion of the purchase price or cost of construction of an asset; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Indebtedness when incurred shall not exceed the purchase price or cost of construction of such asset; (ii) no such Indebtedness shall be renewed, refinanced or extended for a principal amount in excess of the principal balance outstanding thereon at the time of such renewal, refinancing or extension; and (iii) the total amount of all such Indebtedness shall not exceed \$10,000,000 at any time outstanding;
  - (d) Unsecured intercompany Indebtedness among the Credit Parties;
- (e) Indebtedness and obligations owing under (i) Bank Products and (ii) other Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business in order to manage existing or anticipated interest rate, exchange rate or commodity price risks and not for speculative purposes;
- (f) Indebtedness of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of a Credit Party in a transaction permitted hereunder in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for all such Persons; <u>provided</u> that any such Indebtedness was not created in anticipation of or in connection with the transaction or series of transactions pursuant to which such Person became a Subsidiary of a Credit Party;
- (g) any guarantee of the Existing Carrols Notes; <u>provided</u>, that within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Closing Date, the obligations under the Existing Carrols Notes, the guarantees thereof and the indenture under which the Existing Carrols Notes were issued have been satisfied and discharged pursuant to Section 9.01 of such indenture (except those obligations referred to in the penultimate paragraph of such section);
  - (h) all ASC Section 840-40 lease financing obligations;
- (i) Guaranty Obligations in respect of Indebtedness of a Credit Party to the extent such Indebtedness is permitted to exist or be incurred pursuant to this Section;
  - (j) Indebtedness under the Second Lien Notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000;
- (k) other unsecured Indebtedness of Credit Parties in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,500,000; <u>provided</u> that the Credit Parties are in pro forma compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9; and

(l) other junior secured or unsecured Indebtedness of Credit Parties; <u>provided</u> that after giving pro forma effect to the incurrence of any such Indebtedness, (i) the Adjusted Leverage Ratio of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis shall be less than 5.00 to 1.00 and (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

## Section 6.2 Liens.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, contract, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien with respect to any of their respective property or assets of any kind (whether real or personal, tangible or intangible), whether now owned or hereafter acquired, except for the following (the "Permitted Liens"):

- (a) Liens created by or otherwise existing under or in connection with this Agreement or the other Credit Documents in favor of the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties;
- (b) Liens in favor of a Bank Product Provider in connection with a Bank Product; <u>provided</u> that such Liens shall secure the Credit Party Obligations on a pari passu basis;
- (c) Liens securing purchase money Indebtedness and Capital Lease Obligations (and refinancings thereof) to the extent permitted under Section 6.1(c); provided, that (i) any such Lien attaches to such property concurrently with or within thirty (30) days after the acquisition thereof and (ii) such Lien attaches solely to the property so acquired in such transaction;
- (d) Liens for taxes, assessments, charges or other governmental levies not yet due or as to which the period of grace, if any, related thereto has not expired or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; <u>provided</u> that adequate reserves with respect to such contested amounts are maintained on the books of any Credit Party or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, in conformity with GAAP;
- (e) statutory Liens such as carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, landlords', repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which are not overdue for a period of more than thirty (30) days or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- (f) pledges or deposits in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation (other than any Lien imposed by ERISA) and deposits securing liability to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000;
- (g) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than for borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;

- (h) easements, rights of way, restrictions and other similar encumbrances affecting real property which, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount, and which do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the applicable Person;
- (i) Liens existing on the Closing Date and set forth on <u>Schedule 1.1(b)</u>; <u>provided</u> that (i) no such Lien shall at any time be extended to cover property or assets other than the property or assets subject thereto on the Closing Date and improvements thereon and (ii) the principal amount of the Indebtedness secured by such Lien shall not be extended, renewed, refunded or refinanced;
- (j) any extension, renewal or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals or replacements), in whole or in part, of any Lien referred to in this definition (other than Liens set forth on <u>Schedule 1.1(b)</u>); <u>provided</u> that such extension, renewal or replacement Lien shall be limited to all or a part of the property which secured the Lien so extended, renewed or replaced (plus improvements on such property);
- (k) Liens arising in the ordinary course of business by virtue of any contractual, statutory or common law provision relating to banker's Liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies covering deposit or securities accounts (including funds or other assets credited thereto) or other funds maintained with a depository institution or securities intermediary;
  - (l) any zoning, building or similar laws or rights reserved to or vested in any Governmental Authority;
  - (m) restrictions on transfers of securities imposed by applicable Securities Laws;
  - (n) Liens arising out of judgments or awards not resulting in an Event of Default;
- (o) Liens on the property of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of a Credit Party in a transaction permitted hereunder securing Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for all such Persons; provided, however, that any such Lien may not extend to any other property of any Credit Party or any other Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary of such Person; provided, further, that any such Lien was not created in anticipation of or in connection with the transaction or series of transactions pursuant to which such Person became a Subsidiary of a Credit Party;
- (p) any interest or title of a lessor, licensor or sublessor under any lease, license or sublease entered into by any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof in the ordinary course of its business and covering only the assets so leased, licensed or subleased;

- (q) Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent and/or Issuing Lender to Cash Collateralize or otherwise secure the obligations of a Defaulting Lender to fund risk participations hereunder;
- (r) assignments of insurance or condemnation proceeds provided to landlords (or their mortgagees) pursuant to the terms of any lease and Liens or rights reserved in any lease for rent or for compliance with the terms of such lease;
  - (s) Liens securing the Second Lien Notes,
  - (t) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.1(k); and
- (u) additional Liens so long as the principal amount of Indebtedness and other obligations secured thereby does not exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Credit Party shall grant a Lien on any of its assets in violation of this Section, then it shall be deemed to have simultaneously granted an equal and ratable Lien on any such assets in favor of the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, to the extent such Lien has not already been granted to the Administrative Agent.

### Section 6.3 Nature of Business.

No Credit Party will, nor will it permit any Subsidiary (other than the Excluded Subsidiaries) to, alter the character of its business in any material respect from that conducted as of the Closing Date.

## Section 6.4 Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Purchase of Assets, etc.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to,

- (a) dissolve, liquidate or wind up its affairs, or sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of its property or assets (each a "<u>Disposition</u>") or agree to do so at a future time, except the following, without duplication, shall be expressly permitted:
  - (i) (A) the sale, transfer, lease or other disposition of inventory and materials in the ordinary course of business and (B) the conversion of cash into Cash Equivalents and Cash Equivalents into cash;
  - (ii) the sale, transfer or other disposition of property or assets to an unrelated party not in the ordinary course of business where and to the extent that they are the result of a Recovery Event; to the extent Net Cash Proceeds from such Recovery Event are reinvested or used to make mandatory prepayments pursuant to Section 2.7(b)(iv);

- (iii) the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of machinery, parts and equipment no longer used or useful in the conduct of the business of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries;
- (iv) the sale, lease or transfer of property or assets from one Credit Party to another Credit Party or dissolution of any Credit Party (other than the Borrower) to the extent any and all assets of such Credit Party are distributed to another Credit Party;
  - (v) the termination of any Hedging Agreement;
- (vi) the sale, lease, transfer, closure or other disposition of Restaurants, the termination or non-renewal of leases or the subletting of Restaurants, in each case as determined to be prudent in the reasonable judgment of the senior officers of the Borrower;
  - (vii) Sale Leaseback transactions to the extent permitted under Section 6.12; and
  - (viii) the sale, lease or transfer of property or assets not to exceed \$2,500,000 in the aggregate in any fiscal year;

provided that (A) with respect to clauses (ii), (iii), (vi), (vii) and (viii) above, at least 75% of the consideration received therefor by the Credit Parties or any such Subsidiary shall be in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents, assets used in the business or Capital Stock, (B) after giving effect to any Disposition pursuant to clause (vii) above, the Credit Parties shall be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis with the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 hereof, recalculated for the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which information is available and (C) with respect to clause (vii) above, no Default or Event of Default shall exist or shall result therefrom; provided, further, that with respect to sales of assets permitted hereunder only, the Administrative Agent shall, without the consent of any Lender, release its Liens relating to the particular assets sold; or

(b) (i) purchase, lease or otherwise acquire (in a single transaction or a series of related transactions) the property or assets of any Person, other than (A) Permitted Acquisitions, (B) the lease or acquisition of real property in connection with Permitted Construction Transactions; (C) except as otherwise limited or prohibited herein, purchases or other acquisitions of inventory, materials, property and equipment in the ordinary course of business, (D) the acquisition of certain infrastructure and corporate assets of the Spin-Off Parties in connection with the Spin-Off, (E) the acquisition of the Pollo Tropical Trademarks and (F) Investments permitted by Section 6.5 or (ii) enter into any transaction of merger or consolidation, except for (A) Investments or acquisitions permitted pursuant to Section 6.5 so long as the Credit Party subject to such merger or consolidation is the surviving entity, (B) (y) the merger or consolidation of a Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party with and into a Credit Party; provided that such Credit Party will

be the surviving entity and (z) the merger or consolidation of a Credit Party with and into another Credit Party; <u>provided</u> that if the Borrower is a party thereto, the Borrower will be the surviving corporation, and (C) the merger or consolidation of a Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party with and into another Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party.

# Section 6.5 Advances, Investments and Loans.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, make any Investment or contract to make any Investment except for the following (the "Permitted Investments"):

- (a) cash and Cash Equivalents;
- (b) Investments existing as of the Closing Date as set forth on Schedule 1.1(a) (which shall include new Restaurant development);
- (c) receivables owing to the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries or any receivables and advances to suppliers, in each case if created, acquired or made in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms;
  - (d) Investments in and loans to any Credit Party;
- (e) loans and advances to officers, directors and employees in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000 at any time outstanding; provided that such loans and advances shall comply with all applicable Requirements of Law (including Sarbanes-Oxley);
- (f) Investments (including debt obligations) received in connection with the bankruptcy or reorganization of suppliers and customers and in settlement of delinquent obligations of, and other disputes with, customers and suppliers arising in the ordinary course of business;
  - (g) Permitted Acquisitions;
- (h) the construction or development of a new Restaurant; <u>provided</u>, however, that in each such case, at the time such Credit Party enters into a contract obligating a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries to commence construction or develop a new Restaurant which obligates any Credit Party to pay greater than \$250,000 in the aggregate (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would exist after giving effect to the construction or development of the new Restaurant, and (ii) after giving effect to the construction or development of such new Restaurant on a Pro Forma basis (A) the Credit Parties are in compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 and (B) if any time the Adjusted Leverage Ratio covenant level set forth in Section 5.9(a) is greater than 5.50 to 1.0, the Adjusted Leverage Ratio shall be 0.25 to 1.0 less than the then applicable level set forth in Section 5.9 (each such

construction or development of a new Restaurant permitted pursuant to this clause (h) shall be referred to in this Agreement as a "Permitted Construction Transaction");

- (i) Bank Products to the extent permitted hereunder;
- (j) to the extent permitted by Section 6.10, Investments consisting of redemptions, repurchases, and clawbacks of Second Lien Notes; and
- (k) additional loan advances and/or Investments of a nature not contemplated by the foregoing clauses hereof; <u>provided</u> that such loans, advances and/or Investments made after the Closing Date pursuant to this clause shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 at any one time outstanding.

## Section 6.6 Transactions with Affiliates.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, enter into any transaction or series of transactions, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, with any officer, director, shareholder or Affiliate (or any Spin-Off Party before or after the Spin-Off Date) other than on terms and conditions substantially as favorable as would be obtainable in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person other than an officer, director, shareholder or Affiliate, other than (a) transactions solely between or among Credit Parties, (b) the Management Services Agreement, (c) the Transition Services Agreement, (d) the Other Spin-Off Documents and (e) any Restricted Payment permitted by Section 6.10.

### Section 6.7 Ownership of Subsidiaries; Restrictions.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, create, form or acquire any Subsidiaries, except for Domestic Subsidiaries that are joined as Additional Credit Parties as required by the terms hereof. The Credit Parties will not sell, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of any Equity Interests in any of their Subsidiaries, nor will they permit any of their Subsidiaries to issue, sell, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of any of their Equity Interests, except in a transaction permitted by Section 6.4.

## Section 6.8 Corporate Changes; Material Contracts.

No Credit Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, (a) change its fiscal quarters or fiscal year, (b) amend, modify or change its articles of incorporation, certificate of designation (or corporate charter or other similar organizational document) operating agreement or bylaws (or other similar document) in any respect materially adverse to the interests of the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders. No Credit Party shall (a) (i) except as permitted under Section 6.4, alter its legal existence or, in one transaction or a series of transactions, merge into or consolidate with any other entity, or sell all or substantially all of its assets, (ii) change its state of incorporation or organization, without providing thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and without filing (or confirming that the Administrative Agent has filed) such financing statements and amendments to any previously filed financing statements as the Administrative Agent may require, or (iii) change its registered

legal name, without providing thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and without filing (or confirming that the Administrative Agent has filed) such financing statements and amendments to any previously filed financing statements as the Administrative Agent may require, (b) amend, modify, cancel or terminate or fail to renew or extend or permit the amendment, modification, cancellation or termination of any of its Material Contracts in any respect materially adverse to the interests of the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders, (c) have more than one state of incorporation, organization or formation, or (d) change its accounting method (except in accordance with GAAP) in any manner adverse to the interests of the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders.

### Section 6.9 Limitation on Restricted Actions.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any such Person to (a) pay dividends or make any other distributions to any Credit Party on its Equity Interests or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, (b) pay any Indebtedness or other obligation owed to any Credit Party, (c) make loans or advances to any Credit Party, (d) sell, lease or transfer any of its properties or assets to any Credit Party, or (e) act as a Guarantor and pledge its assets pursuant to the Credit Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof or amend or otherwise modify the Credit Documents, except (in respect of any of the matters referred to in clauses (a)-(d) above) for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of (i) this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, (ii) applicable law, (iii) any document or instrument governing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 6.1(c); provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets constructed or acquired in connection therewith, (iv) any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien; provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien.

### **Section 6.10 Restricted Payments.**

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, declare, order, make or set apart any sum for or pay any Restricted Payment, except (a) to make dividends payable solely in the same class of Equity Interests of such Person, (b) to make dividends or other distributions payable to the Credit Parties (directly or indirectly through its Subsidiaries), (c) to make payments and dividends to Carrols to be used by Carrols concurrently with the payment of such payments and dividends (and within 15 Business Days thereafter pursuant to Section 5.13(e)(iv)) to repay Indebtedness for borrowed money of Carrols (including all accrued and unpaid interest thereon and obligations with respect thereto) existing on the Closing Date (and after such Indebtedness is paid in full, to be used by Carrols for other working capital or corporate purposes of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and/or Carrols LLC and its Subsidiaries), in an aggregate amount for all such Restricted Payments not to exceed \$200,000,000, (d) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing to pay, prior to the Spin-Off Date, management fees to Carrols pursuant to the Management Services Agreement as in effect on the Closing Date in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 during any fiscal year; provided, that such amount may be increased by \$1,000,000

per year, (e) the payment of any obligations under the Other Spin-Off Documents, (f) from and after the First Quarter of 2013, so long as (A) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom and (B) the Credit Parties are in compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 after giving effect to such Restricted Payment on a Pro Forma Basis, to repurchase Equity Interests of the Borrower (including rights, options or warrants to acquire such Equity Interests) from employees of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or their authorized representatives upon the death, disability or termination of employment of such employees, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year, (g) with respect to any taxable year (or portion thereof) for which the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are members of a consolidated, combined or similar income tax group of which Carrols or CRG is a member, and so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to make Permitted Tax Distributions, (h) prior to the Spin-Off Date and so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) the Credit Parties' shall have cash and Cash Equivalents together with Revolving Availability of not less than \$5,000,000, make distributions to Carrols and/or CRG in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 in the aggregate; provided that such distributions are paid by Carrols and CRG, as applicable, to Carrols LLC, (i) so long as no Default of Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, redeem, repurchase or clawback the Second Lien Notes with the net proceeds received by the Borrower from the issuance and sale of the Borrower's Equity Interests (or, prior to the Spin-Off Date, from the issuance and sale of CRG's or Carrols' Equity Interests, and (j) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, redeem or repurchase the Second Lien Notes (other than pursuant clause (i) above); provided that after giving effect to such redemption or repurchase, (A) the Credit Parties' shall have cash and Cash Equivalents together with Revolving Availability of not less than \$5,000,000, (B) the Adjusted Leverage Ratio of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis shall be less than 5.25 to 1.00, (C) no Default or Event of Default shall have resulted therefrom and (D) no Revolving Loans may be used to make such distribution.

## Section 6.11 Amendment of Subordinated Debt.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders, amend, modify, waive or extend or permit the amendment, modification, waiver or extension of any term of any document governing or relating to any Subordinated Debt in a manner that is adverse to the interests of the Lenders.

### Section 6.12 Sale Leasebacks.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, become or remain liable as lessee or as guarantor or other surety with respect to any lease, whether an Operating Lease or a Capital Lease, of any property (whether real, personal or mixed), whether now owned or hereafter acquired, (a) which any Credit Party or any Subsidiary has sold or transferred or is to sell or transfer to a Person which is not a Credit Party or a Subsidiary of a Credit Party or (b) which any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party intends to use for substantially the same purpose as any other property which has been sold or is to be sold or transferred by a Credit Party or a Subsidiary of a Credit Party to another Person which is not a Credit Party or a Subsidiary of a Credit Party in connection with such lease (each

a "<u>Sale Leaseback</u>"); provided, that the Credit Parties may enter into Sale Leasebacks so long as (i) the Credit Parties are in compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 after giving effect to such Sale Leaseback on a Pro Forma Basis and (ii) the proceeds from such Sale Leaseback are used to prepay the Revolving Loans as required pursuant to Section 2.7(b)(ii).

# Section 6.13 No Further Negative Pledges.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, enter into, assume or become subject to any agreement prohibiting or otherwise restricting the creation or assumption of any Lien upon any of their properties or assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, or requiring the grant of any security for such obligation if security is given for some other obligation, except (a) pursuant to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, (b) pursuant to any document or instrument governing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 6.1(c); provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets constructed or acquired in connection therewith, (c) pursuant to the Second Lien Notes Indenture and (d) in connection with any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien; provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien.

### Section 6.14 Account Control Agreements; Additional Bank Accounts.

Set forth on Schedule 3.16(c) is a complete and accurate list of all checking, savings or other accounts (including securities accounts) of the Credit Parties at any bank or other financial institution, or any other account where money is or may be deposited or maintained with any Person as of the Closing Date. Beginning forty-five (45) days following the Closing Date, each of the Credit Parties will not open, maintain or otherwise have any checking, savings or other accounts (including securities accounts) at any bank or other financial institution, or any other account where money is or may be deposited or maintained with any Person, other than (a) deposit accounts that are subject to a Deposit Account Control Agreement, (b) securities accounts that are subject to a Securities Account Control Agreement, (c) deposit accounts established solely as payroll and other zero balance accounts and (d) other deposit accounts, so long as at any time the balance in any such account does not exceed \$50,000 and the aggregate balance in all such accounts does not exceed \$50,000.

### ARTICLE VII

### **EVENTS OF DEFAULT**

### Section 7.1 Events of Default.

An Event of Default shall exist upon the occurrence of any of the following specified events (each an "Event of Default"):

(a) <u>Payment</u>. (i) The Borrower shall fail to pay any principal on any Revolving Loan or Revolving Loan Note when due (whether at maturity, by reason of

acceleration or otherwise) in accordance with the terms hereof or thereof; or (ii) the Borrower shall fail to reimburse the Issuing Lender for any LOC Obligations when due (whether at maturity, by reason of acceleration or otherwise) in accordance with the terms hereof; (iii) the Borrower shall fail to provide cash collateral when required pursuant to Section 2.3(k); or (iv) the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Revolving Loan or any fee or other amount payable hereunder when due (whether at maturity, by reason of acceleration or otherwise) in accordance with the terms hereof and such failure shall continue unremedied for five (5) days; or (v) or any Guarantor shall fail to pay on the Guaranty in respect of any of the foregoing or in respect of any other Guaranty Obligations hereunder (after giving effect to the grace period in clause (iii)); or

(b) <u>Misrepresentation</u>. Any representation or warranty made or deemed made herein, in the Security Documents or in any of the other Credit Documents or which is contained in any certificate, document or financial or other statement furnished at any time under or in connection with this Agreement shall prove to have been incorrect, false or misleading in any material respect on or as of the date made or deemed made; or

## (c) Covenant Default.

- (i) Any Credit Party shall fail to perform, comply with or observe any term, covenant or agreement applicable to it contained in Sections 5.1, 5.2(b), 5.4 (to the extent such covenant requires that the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect their corporate or other formative existence), 5.7, 5.9, 5.13, or Article VI hereof; or
- (ii) Any Credit Party shall fail to comply with any other covenant contained in this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or any other agreement, document or instrument among any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders or executed by any Credit Party in favor of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders (other than as described in Sections 7.1(a) or 7.1(c)(i) above) and, with respect to this clause (ii) only, such breach or failure to comply is not cured within thirty (30) days of its occurrence; or
- (d) <u>Indebtedness Cross-Default</u>. (i) Any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall default in any payment of principal of or interest on any Indebtedness (other than the Loans, Reimbursement Obligations, the Guaranty, ASC 840-40 lease financing obligations and Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business in order to manage existing or anticipated commodity price risks) in a principal amount outstanding of at least \$2,500,000 for the Credit Parties and any of their Subsidiaries in the aggregate beyond any applicable grace period (not to exceed thirty (30) days), if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created; or (ii) any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall default in the observance or performance of any other agreement or condition relating to any Indebtedness (other than the Loans, Reimbursement Obligations, the Guaranty, ASC 840-40 lease financing obligations and Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business in order to manage existing or anticipated commodity price risks) in a

principal amount outstanding of at least \$2,500,000 in the aggregate for the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness or beneficiary or beneficiaries of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiary or beneficiaries) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity or to be repurchased, prepaid, deferred or redeemed (automatically or otherwise); or (iii) any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall breach or default any Hedging Agreement that is a Bank Product; or

- (e) Other Cross-Defaults. The Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries shall default in (i) the payment when due under any Material Contract or (ii) the performance or observance, of any obligation or condition of any Material Contract and, in the case of this clause (ii) only, such failure to perform or observe such other obligation or condition continues unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days after notice of the occurrence of such default unless, but only as long as, the existence of any such default is being contested by the Credit Parties in good faith by appropriate proceedings and adequate reserves in respect thereof have been established on the books of the Credit Parties to the extent required by GAAP except where such default could not be reasonably expected to have a Material adverse Effect; or
- (f) <u>Bankruptcy Default</u>. (i) A Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall commence any case, proceeding or other action (A) under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors, seeking to have an order for relief entered with respect to it, or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution, composition or other relief with respect to it or its debts, or (B) seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator or other similar official for it or for all or any substantial part of its assets, or a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or (ii) there shall be commenced against a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in clause (i) above which (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (B) remains undismissed, undischarged or unbonded for a period of sixty (60) days; or (iii) there shall be commenced against a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action seeking issuance of a warrant of attachment, execution, distraint or similar process against all or any substantial part of their assets which results in the entry of an order for any such relief which shall not have been vacated, discharged, or stayed or bonded pending appeal within sixty (60) days from the entry thereof; or (iv) a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall generally not, or shall be unable to, or shall admit in writing their inability to, pay its debts as they become due; or

- (g) <u>Judgment Default</u>. (i) One or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries involving in the aggregate a liability (to the extent not covered by insurance) of \$2,500,000 or more and all such judgments or decrees shall not have been paid and satisfied, vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within the earlier of (A) thirty (30) days from the entry thereof or (B) the expiration of the period during which an appeal of such judgment or decree is permitted or (ii) any injunction, temporary restraining order or similar decree shall be issued against a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries that, individually or in the aggregate, could result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (h) ERISA Default. The occurrence of any of the following to the extent it could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) Any Person shall engage in any "prohibited transaction" (as defined in Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) involving any Plan, (ii) any "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 302 of ERISA), whether or not waived, shall exist with respect to any Plan or any Lien in favor of the PBGC or a Plan (other than a Permitted Lien) shall arise on the assets of the Credit Parties or any Commonly Controlled Entity, (iii) a Reportable Event shall occur with respect to, or proceedings shall commence to have a trustee appointed, or a trustee shall be appointed, to administer or to terminate, any Single Employer Plan, which Reportable Event or commencement of proceedings or appointment of a trustee is, in the reasonable opinion of the Required Lenders, likely to result in the termination of such Plan for purposes of Title IV of ERISA, (iv) any Single Employer Plan shall terminate for purposes of Title IV of ERISA, (v) a Credit Party, any of its Subsidiaries or any Commonly Controlled Entity shall, or in the reasonable opinion of the Required Lenders is likely to, incur any liability in connection with a withdrawal from, or the Insolvency or Reorganization of, any Multiemployer Plan or (vi) any other similar event or condition shall occur or exist with respect to a Plan; or
  - (i) Change of Control. There shall occur a Change of Control; or
- (j) <u>Invalidity of Guaranty</u>. At any time after the execution and delivery thereof, the Guaranty, for any reason other than the satisfaction in full of all Credit Party Obligations, shall cease to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with its terms) or shall be declared to be null and void, or any Credit Party shall contest the validity, enforceability, perfection or priority of the Guaranty, any Credit Document, or any Lien granted thereunder in writing or deny in writing that it has any further liability, including with respect to future advances by the Lenders, under any Credit Document to which it is a party; or
- (k) <u>Invalidity of Credit Documents</u>. Any Credit Document shall fail to be in full force and effect or to give the Administrative Agent and/or the Lenders the security interests, liens, rights, powers, priority and privileges purported to be created thereby (except as such documents may be terminated or no longer in force and effect in accordance with the terms thereof, other than those indemnities and provisions which by their terms shall survive) or any Lien shall fail to be a first priority, perfected Lien on a material portion of the Collateral; or

- (l) <u>Subordinated Debt</u>. The subordination provisions contained in any Subordinated Debt shall cease to be in full force and effect or shall cease to give the Lenders the rights, powers and privileges purported to be created thereby; or
- (m) <u>Classification as Senior Debt</u>. The Credit Party Obligations shall cease to be classified as "Senior Indebtedness," "Designated Senior Indebtedness" or any similar designation under any Subordinated Debt instrument; or
- (n) <u>Uninsured Loss</u>. Any uninsured damage to or loss, theft or destruction of any assets of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries shall occur that is in excess of \$2,500,000 (excluding customary deductible thresholds established in accordance with historical past practices).

### Section 7.2 Acceleration; Remedies.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, then, and in any such event, (a) if such event is a Bankruptcy Event, automatically the Commitments shall immediately terminate and the Revolving Loans (with accrued interest thereon), and all other amounts under the Credit Documents (including, without limitation, the maximum amount of all contingent liabilities under Letters of Credit) shall immediately become due and payable, and (b) if such event is any other Event of Default, any or all of the following actions may be taken: (i) with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the written request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, declare the Commitments to be terminated forthwith, whereupon the Commitments shall immediately terminate; (ii) the Administrative Agent may, or upon the written request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, declare the Revolving Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the Revolving Loan Notes to be due and payable forthwith and direct the Borrower to pay to the Administrative Agent cash collateral as security for the LOC Obligations for subsequent drawings under then outstanding Letters of Credit an amount equal to the maximum amount of which may be drawn under Letters of Credit then outstanding, whereupon the same shall immediately become due and payable; and/or (iii) with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the written request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, exercise such other rights and remedies as provided under the Credit Documents and under applicable law.

### ARTICLE VIII

### THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

## Section 8.1 Appointment and Authority.

Each of the Lenders and the Issuing Lender hereby irrevocably appoints Wells Fargo to act on its behalf as the Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Credit Documents and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such

powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Lender, and neither the Borrower nor any other Credit Party shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions. It is understood and agreed that the use of the term "agent" herein or in any other Credit Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to the Administrative Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable law. Instead such term is used as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties.

### Section 8.2 Nature of Duties.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the bookrunners, arrangers or other agents listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent, a Lender or the Issuing Lender hereunder. Without limiting the foregoing, none of the Lenders or other Persons so identified shall have or be deemed to have any fiduciary relationship with any Lender. Each Lender acknowledges that it has not relied, and will not rely, on any of the Lenders or other Persons so identified in deciding to enter into this Agreement or in taking or not taking action hereunder.

The Administrative Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Credit Document by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any subagents except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and non appealable judgment that the Administrative Agent acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agents

## Section 8.3 Exculpatory Provisions.

The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents, and its obligations hereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent:

(a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;

- (b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Credit Documents that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Credit Documents), provided that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Credit Document or applicable law, including for the avoidance of doubt any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any Debtor Relief Law or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any Debtor Relief Law; and
- (c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to any Credit Party or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Sections 9.1 and 7.2) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until notice describing such Default is given to the Administrative Agent in writing by the Borrower, a Lender or an Issuing Lender.

The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Credit Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

### Section 8.4 Reliance by Administrative Agent.

The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and

shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Revolving Loan, or the issuance, extension, renewal or increase of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the Issuing Lender, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the Issuing Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or the Issuing Lender prior to the making of such Revolving Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

### Section 8.5 Notice of Default.

The Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default hereunder unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice from a Lender or the Borrower referring to this Agreement, describing such Default or Event of Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default". In the event that the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, the Administrative Agent shall give prompt notice thereof to the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Required Lenders; provided, however, that unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders except to the extent that this Agreement expressly requires that such action be taken, or not taken, only with the consent or upon the authorization of the Required Lenders, or all of the Lenders, as the case may be.

### Section 8.6 Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Lenders.

Each Lender and the Issuing Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates has made any representation or warranty to it and that no act by the Administrative Agent hereinafter taken, including any review of the affairs of any Credit Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent to any Lender. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

#### Section 8.7 Indemnification.

The Lenders agree to indemnify the Administrative Agent, and the Issuing Lender in its capacity hereunder and their Affiliates and their respective officers, directors, agents and employees (to the extent not reimbursed by the Credit Parties and without limiting the obligation of the Credit Parties to do so), ratably according to their respective Revolving Commitment Percentages in effect on the date on which indemnification is sought under this Section, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever which may at any time (including, without limitation, at any time following the payment of the Credit Party Obligations) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against any such indemnitee in any way relating to or arising out of any Credit Document or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the Transactions or any action taken or omitted by any such indemnitee under or in connection with any of the foregoing; provided, however, that no Lender shall be liable for the payment of any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements to the extent resulting from such indemnitee's gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. The agreements in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and payment of the Revolving Loan Notes, any Reimbursement Obligation and all other amounts payable hereunder.

### Section 8.8 Administrative Agent in Its Individual Capacity.

The Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with the Credit Parties or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

## Section 8.9 Resignation of Administrative Agent.

(a) The Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, subject to the approval of the Borrower to the extent no Event of Default shall then exist and be continuing (which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed), which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Resignation Effective Date"), then the retiring Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to), on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Lender, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications

set forth above subject to the approval of the Borrower to the extent no Event of Default shall then exist and be continuing (which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed). Whether or not a successor has been appointed, such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice on the Resignation Effective Date.

- (b) If the Person serving as Administrative Agent is a Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (d) of the definition thereof, the Required Lenders may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, by notice in writing to the Borrower and such Person remove such Person as Administrative Agent and, subject to the approval of the Borrower to the extent no Event of Default shall then exist and be continuing (which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed), appoint a successor. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Removal Effective Date"), then such removal shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice on the Removal Effective Date.
- (c) With effect from the Resignation Effective Date or the Removal Effective Date (as applicable) (i) the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Credit Documents (except that in the case of any Collateral held by the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the Issuing Lender under any of the Credit Documents, the retiring Administrative Agent shall continue to hold such Collateral until such time as a successor Administrative Agent is appointed) and (ii) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and the Issuing Lender directly, until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Administrative Agent as provided for above. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring or removed Administrative Agent, and the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this paragraph). The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Administrative Agent's resignation or removal hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, the provisions of this Article and Section 9.5 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring or removed Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent.
- (d) Any resignation by Wells Fargo Bank, as Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section shall also constitute its resignation as Issuing Lender. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, (i) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Issuing Lender, (ii) the retiring Issuing Lender shall be

discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents, and (iii) the successor Issuing Lender shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the retiring Issuing Lender to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring Issuing Lender with respect to such Letters of Credit.

## Section 8.10 Collateral and Guaranty Matters.

- (a) The Lenders and the Bank Product Provider irrevocably authorize and direct the Administrative Agent:
- (i) to release any Lien on any Collateral granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Credit Document (A) upon termination of the Commitments and payment in full of all Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit, (B) that is transferred or to be transferred as part of or in connection with any sale or other disposition permitted under Section 6.4, or (C) subject to Section 9.1, if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders;
- (ii) to subordinate any Lien on any Collateral granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Credit Document to the holder of any Lien on such Collateral that is permitted by Section 6.2(c); and
- (iii) to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the applicable Guaranty if such Person ceases to be a Guarantor as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder.
- (b) In connection with a termination or release pursuant to this Section, the Administrative Agent shall promptly execute and deliver to the applicable Credit Party, at the Borrower's expense, all documents that the applicable Credit Party shall reasonably request to evidence such termination or release. Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Required Lenders will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of Collateral, or to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty pursuant to this Section.

#### **Section 8.11 Bank Products.**

Except as otherwise provided herein, no Bank Product Provider that obtains the benefits of Sections 2.11 and 7.2, any Guaranty or any Collateral by virtue of the provisions hereof or of any Guaranty or any Collateral Document shall have any right to notice of any action or to consent to, direct or object to any action hereunder or under any other Credit Document or otherwise in respect of the Collateral (including the release or impairment of any Collateral) other than in its capacity as a Lender and, in such case, only to the extent expressly provided in the Credit Documents. The Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of,

or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Credit Party Obligations arising under Bank Products unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice (including, without limitation, a Bank Product Provider Notice) of such Credit Party Obligations, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Bank Product Provider.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

### Section 9.1 Amendments, Waivers, Consents and Release of Collateral.

Neither this Agreement nor any of the other Credit Documents, nor any terms hereof or thereof may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented (by amendment, waiver, consent or otherwise) except in accordance with the provisions of this Section nor may Collateral be released except as specifically provided herein or in the Security Documents or in accordance with the provisions of this Section. The Required Lenders may or, with the consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, from time to time, (a) enter into with the Borrower written amendments, supplements or modifications hereto and to the other Credit Documents for the purpose of adding any provisions to this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or changing in any manner the rights of the Lenders or of the Borrower hereunder or thereunder or (b) waive or consent to the departure from, on such terms and conditions as the Required Lenders may specify in such instrument, any of the requirements of this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or any Default or Event of Default and its consequences; provided, however, that no such amendment, supplement, modification, release, waiver or consent shall:

(i) reduce the amount or extend the scheduled date of maturity of any Revolving Loan or Revolving Loan Note or any installment thereon, or reduce the stated rate of any interest or fee payable hereunder (except in connection with a waiver of Default Interest which shall be determined by a vote of the Required Lenders) or extend the scheduled date of any payment thereof or increase the amount or extend the expiration date of any Lender's Commitment, in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; provided that, it is understood and agreed that no waiver, reduction or deferral of a mandatory prepayment required pursuant to Section 2.7(b), nor any amendment of Section 2.7(b) or the definitions of Asset Disposition, Debt Issuance, or Recovery Event, shall constitute a reduction of the amount of, or an extension of the scheduled date of, the scheduled date of maturity of, or any installment of, any Revolving Loan or Revolving Loan Note; or

(ii) amend, modify or waive any provision of this Section or reduce the percentage specified in the definition of Required Lenders, without the written consent of all the Lenders; or

- (iii) release the Borrower or all or substantially all of the value of the Guaranty, without the written consent of all of the Lenders; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may release any Guarantor permitted to be released pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; or
- (iv) release all or substantially all of the value of the Collateral without the written consent of all of the Lenders; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may release any Collateral permitted to be released pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or the Security Documents; or
  - (v) subordinate the Revolving Loans to any other Indebtedness without the written consent of all of the Lenders; or
- (vi) permit a Letter of Credit to have an original expiry date more than twenty-four (24) months from the date of issuance without the consent of each of the Lenders; <u>provided</u>, that the expiry date of any Letter of Credit may be extended in accordance with the terms of Section 2.3(a); or
- (vii) permit the Borrower to assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement or other Credit Documents without the written consent of all of the Lenders; or
- (viii) amend, modify or waive any provision of the Credit Documents requiring consent, approval or request of the Required Lenders or all Lenders without the written consent of the Required Lenders or all the Lenders as appropriate; or
- (ix) amend, modify or waive (A) the order in which Credit Party Obligations are paid or (B) the pro rata sharing of payments by and among the Lenders, in each case in accordance with Section 2.11(b) or 9.7(b) without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; or
  - (x) amend, modify or waive any provision of Article VIII without the written consent of the then Administrative Agent; or
- (xi) amend or modify the definition of Credit Party Obligations to delete or exclude any obligation or liability described therein without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; or
- (xii) amend the definitions of "Hedging Agreement," "Bank Product," or "Bank Product Provider" without the consent of any Bank Product Provider that would be adversely affected thereby; or
- (xiii) amend or modify Section 9.6(f) without the consent of each Granting Lender all or any part of whose Loans are being funded by an SPC at the time of such amendment or other modification;

<u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that no amendment, waiver or consent affecting the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Lender under any Credit Document shall in any event be effective, unless in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent and/or the Issuing Lender, as applicable, in addition to the Lenders required hereinabove to take such action.

Any such waiver, any such amendment, supplement or modification and any such release shall apply equally to each of the Lenders and shall be binding upon the Borrower, the other Credit Parties, the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and all future holders of the Revolving Loan Notes. In the case of any waiver, the Borrower, the other Credit Parties, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent shall be restored to their former position and rights hereunder and under the outstanding Revolving Loans and Revolving Loan Notes and other Credit Documents, and any Default or Event of Default waived shall be deemed to be cured and not continuing; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default, or impair any right consequent thereon.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary, the consent of the Borrower and the other Credit Parties shall not be required for any amendment, modification or waiver of the provisions of Article VIII (other than the provisions of Section 8.9).

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary, the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent, without the consent of any Lender, may enter into any amendment, modification or waiver of any Credit Document, or enter into any new agreement or instrument, to (i) effect the granting, perfection, protection, expansion or enhancement of any security interest in any Collateral or additional property to become Collateral for the benefit of the Secured Parties, or as required by local law to give effect to, or protect any security interest for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in any property or so that the security interests therein comply with applicable law or (ii) correct any obvious error or omission of a technical nature, in each case that is immaterial (as determined by the Administrative Agent), in any provision of any Credit Document, if the same is not objected to in writing by the Required Lenders within five (5) Business Days following receipt of notice thereof.

Notwithstanding the fact that the consent of all the Lenders is required in certain circumstances as set forth above, (a) each Lender is entitled to vote as such Lender sees fit on any bankruptcy reorganization plan that affects the Revolving Loans, and each Lender acknowledges that the provisions of Section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code supersedes the unanimous consent provisions set forth herein, (b) the Required Lenders may consent to allow a Credit Party to use cash collateral in the context of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding and (c) no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except (i) that the Commitment of such Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender and (ii) to the extent such amendment, waiver or consent impacts such Defaulting Lender more than the other Lenders.

For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Section 9.1, this Agreement may be amended (or amended and restated) with the written consent of the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 2.22.

### Section 9.2 Notices.

- (a) <u>Notices Generally</u>. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in paragraph (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopier as follows:
  - (i) If to the Borrower or any other Credit Party:

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

968 James Street

Syracuse, New York 13203
Attention: General Counsel
Telephone: (315) 424-0513
Fax: (315) 475-9606
Email: jzirkman@carrols.com

(ii) If to the Administrative Agent:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

1525 West W.T. Harris Blvd.

Charlotte, NC 28262 Mail Code: D1109-019

Attention: Carey Ritenour, Syndication Agency Services

Telephone: (704) 590-2784 Fax: (704) 590-2782

E-mail: carey.ritenour@wachovia.com

## with a copy to:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

1808 Aston Avenue

Suite 250

Carlsbad, CA, CA 92008 Attention: Tim Loyd Telephone: (760) 918-2715 Fax: (760) 918-2727

Email: tim.loyd@wellsfargo.com

(iii) if to a Lender, to it at its address (or telecopier number) set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire.

Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient). Notices delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in paragraph (b) below, shall be effective as provided in said paragraph (b).

(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the Issuing Lender hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or the Issuing Lender pursuant to Article II if such Lender or the Issuing Lender, as applicable, has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it, <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), <u>provided</u> that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(c) <u>Change of Address, Etc</u>. Any party hereto may change its address or telecopier number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

## (d) Platform.

- (i) Each Credit Party agrees that the Administrative Agent may make the Communications (as defined below) available to the Lenders by posting the Communications on Intralinks or a substantially similar electronic transmission system (the "Platform").
- (ii) The Platform is provided "as is" and "as available." The Agent Parties (as defined below) do not warrant the adequacy of the Platform and expressly disclaim liability for errors or omissions in the communications effected thereby (the "<u>Communications</u>"). No warranty of any kind, express, implied or statutory, including, without limitation, any warranty of merchantability, fitness

for a particular purpose, non-infringement of third-party rights or freedom from viruses or other code defects, is made by any Agent Party in connection with the Communications or the Platform. In no event shall the Administrative Agent or any of its affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, advisors or representatives (collectively, "Agent Parties") have any liability to the Credit Parties, any Lender or any other Person or entity for damages of any kind, including, without limitation, direct or indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of any Credit Party's or the Administrative Agent's transmission of communications through the Platform.

#### Section 9.3 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies.

No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

## Section 9.4 Survival of Representations and Warranties.

All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any document, certificate or statement delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Revolving Loan Notes and the making of the Revolving Loans; <u>provided</u> that all such representations and warranties shall terminate on the date upon which the Commitments have been terminated and all Credit Party Obligations have been paid in full.

### Section 9.5 Payment of Expenses and Taxes; Indemnity.

(a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. The Credit Parties shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent) in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the Transactions shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Issuing Lender in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender), and shall pay all fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement

and the other Credit Documents, including its rights under this Section, or (B) in connection with the Revolving Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Revolving Loans or Letters of Credit.

- (b) Indemnification by the Credit Parties. The Credit Parties shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Lender and the Issuing Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, penalties, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by the Borrower or any other Credit Party arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the Transactions, (ii) any Revolving Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the Issuing Lender to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Materials of Environmental Concern on or from any property owned or operated by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or any liability under Environmental Law related in any way to any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by the Borrower or any other Credit Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (A) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee or (B) result from a claim brought by the Borrower or any other Credit Party against an Indemnitee for breach in bad faith of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Credit Document, if the Borrower or such Credit Party has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. This section (b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses or damages arising from non-Tax claim.
- (c) <u>Reimbursement by Lenders</u>. To the extent that the Credit Parties for any reason fail to indefeasibly pay any amount required under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by it to the Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), the Issuing Lender or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), the Issuing Lender or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount, <u>provided</u> that the unreimbursed expense or

indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or the Issuing Lender in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or Issuing Lender in connection with such capacity.

- (d) <u>Waiver of Consequential Damages</u>, <u>Etc</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, none of the Credit Parties shall assert, and each of the Credit Parties hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the Transactions, any Revolving Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee referred to in paragraph (b) above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed by it through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or the Transactions.
  - (e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable promptly/not later than five (5) Business Days after demand therefor.
- (f) <u>Survival</u>. The agreements contained in this Section shall survive the resignation of the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Lender, the replacement of any Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of the Credit Party Obligations.

#### Section 9.6 Successors and Assigns; Participations.

(a) <u>Successors and Assigns Generally</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that neither the Borrower nor any other Credit Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section, (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of paragraph (e) of this Section (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void) or (iv) to an SPC in accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this Section. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in paragraph (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Revolving Loans at the time owing to it); <u>provided</u> that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

#### (i) Minimum Amounts.

- (A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and the Revolving Loans at the time owing to it or contemporaneous assignments to related Approved Funds that equal at least the amount specified in paragraph (b)(i)(B) or in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and
- (B) in any case not described in paragraph (b)(i)(A) of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Revolving Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the applicable Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Revolving Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date) shall not be less than \$1,000,000 (provided, however, that simultaneous assignments shall be aggregated in respect of a Lender and its Approved Funds), unless each of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- (ii) <u>Proportionate Amounts</u>. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Revolving Loan or the Commitment assigned, except that this clause (ii) shall not prohibit any Lender from assigning all or a portion of its rights and obligations among separate Tranches on a non-pro rata basis.
- (iii) <u>Required Consents</u>. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by paragraph (b)(i)(B) of this Section and, in addition:
  - (A) the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (x) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment, such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to

any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within five (5) Business Days after having received notice thereof;

- (B) the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments in respect of a Revolving Commitment if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender with a Commitment in respect of such facility, an Affiliate of such Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Lender; and
- (C) the consent of the Issuing Lender (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments in respect of a Revolving Commitment.
- (iv) <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.
- (v) No Assignment to Certain Persons. No such assignment shall be made to (A) Carrols, CRG, any Credit Party or any of the Carrols's, CRG's or any Credit Party's Affiliates or Subsidiaries or (B) any Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this clause (B).
  - (vi) No Assignment to Natural Persons. No such assignment shall be made to a natural person.
- (vii) <u>Certain Additional Payments</u>. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to the Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Revolving Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (A) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon), and (B) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Revolving Loans and participations in

Letters of Credit in accordance with its Applicable Percentage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this paragraph, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.14 and 9.5 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this paragraph shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with paragraph (d) of this Section.

- (c) Register. The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at one of its offices in Charlotte, North Carolina a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Revolving Loans owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice; provided that a Lender shall only be entitled to inspect its own entry in the Register and not that of any other Lender. In addition, the Administrative Agent shall maintain on the Register information regarding the designation and revocation of designation, of any Lender as a Defaulting Lender.
- (d) <u>Participations</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural Person or the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Revolving Loans owing to it); <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to

the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, and (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lenders and Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under Section 9.5(c) with respect to any payments made by such Lender to its Participant(s).

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver requiring the approval of 100% of the Lenders. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.14, 2.15 and 2.16 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Section 2.16(g) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 2.16(g) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section; provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 2.19 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section; and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.14 or Section 2.16, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.7(a) as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 9.7(b) as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Revolving Loans or other obligations under the Credit Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register to any Person (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Credit Document) except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary.

(e) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(f) Special Purpose Funding Vehicles. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Lender (a "Granting Lender") may grant to a special purpose funding vehicle identified as such in writing from time to time by the Granting Lender to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (an "SPC") the option to provide all or any part of any Loan that such Granting Lender would otherwise be obligated to make pursuant to this Agreement; provided that (i) nothing herein shall constitute a commitment by any SPC to fund any Loan, and (ii) if an SPC elects not to exercise such option or otherwise fails to make all or any part of such Loan, the Granting Lender shall be obligated to make such Loan pursuant to the terms hereof. Each party hereto hereby agrees that (i) neither the grant to any SPC nor the exercise by any SPC of such option shall increase the costs or expenses or otherwise increase or change the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement, (ii) no SPC shall be liable for any indemnity or similar payment obligation under this Agreement for which a Lender would be liable, and (iii) the Granting Lender shall for all purposes, including the approval of any amendment, waiver or other modification of any provision of any Loan Document, remain the Lender of record hereunder. The making of a Loan by an SPC hereunder shall utilize the Revolving Commitment of the Granting Lender to the same extent, and as if, such Loan were made by such Granting Lender. In furtherance of the foregoing, each party hereto hereby agrees (which agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement) that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding commercial paper or other senior debt of any SPC, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, such SPC any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, or liquidation proceeding under the laws of the United States or any State thereof. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any SPC may (i) with notice to, but without prior consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and with the payment of a processing fee in the amount of \$3,500 (which processing fee may be waived by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), assign all or any portion of its right to receive payment with respect to any Loan to the Granting Lender and (ii) disclose on a confidential basis any non-public information relating to its funding of Loans to any rating agency, commercial paper dealer or provider of any surety or guarantee or credit or liquidity enhancement to such SPC.

## Section 9.7 Right of Set-off; Sharing of Payments.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, the Issuing Lender and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, the Issuing Lender or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower or any other Credit Party against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower or such Credit Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Credit Document to such Lender or the Issuing Lender, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or the Issuing Lender shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Credit Document and although such

obligations of the Borrower or such Credit Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch, office or affiliate of such Lender or the Issuing Lender different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; provided that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (i) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.21 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the other Lenders, and (ii) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Credit Party Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender, the Issuing Lender and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, the Issuing Lender or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

- (b) If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its Revolving Loans or other obligations hereunder resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of its Revolving Loans and accrued interest thereon or other such obligations greater than its <u>pro rata</u> share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (i) notify the Administrative Agent of such fact, and (ii) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Revolving Loans and such other obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Revolving Loans and other amounts owing them, <u>provided</u> that:
  - (A) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and
  - (B) the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to apply to (x) any payment made by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement (including the application of funds arising from the existence of a Defaulting Lender), (y) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Revolving Loans or participations in Letters of Credit to any assignee or participant, other than to any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply) or (z) any amounts received by the Issuing Lender

to secure the obligations of a Defaulting Lender to fund risk participations hereunder.

(c) Each Credit Party consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against each Credit Party rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of each Credit Party in the amount of such participation.

#### Section 9.8 Table of Contents and Section Headings.

The table of contents and the Section and subsection headings herein are intended for convenience only and shall be ignored in construing this Agreement.

### Section 9.9 Counterparts; Effectiveness; Electronic Execution.

- (a) <u>Counterparts; Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Except as provided in Section 4.1, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and the Administrative Agent shall have received copies hereof (telefaxed or otherwise), and thereafter this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Administrative Agent and each Lender and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by telecopy or email shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Electronic Execution of Assignments</u>. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Assumption shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

## Section 9.10 Severability.

Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

#### Section 9.11 Integration.

This Agreement and the other Credit Documents represent the agreement of the Borrower, the other Credit Parties, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower, the other Credit Parties, or any Lender relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or therein.

#### Section 9.12 Governing Law.

This Agreement and the other Credit Documents any claims, controversy or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Credit Document (except, as to any other Credit Document, as expressly set forth therein) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

### Section 9.13 Consent to Jurisdiction; Service of Process and Venue.

- (a) <u>Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. The Borrower and each other Credit Party irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Credit Document, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York sitting State court or, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, in such Federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement or in any other Credit Document shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Credit Document against the Borrower or any other Credit Party or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.
- (b) <u>Service of Process</u>. Each party hereto irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 9.2. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party hereto to serve process in any other manner permitted by applicable law.
- (c) <u>Venue</u>. The Borrower and each other Credit Party irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Credit Document in any court referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

#### **Section 9.14 Confidentiality.**

Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Lender agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors and other representatives (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder, under any other Credit Document or Bank Product or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement, any other Credit Document or Bank Product or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, (g) (i) any actual or prospective party (or its partners, directors, officers, employees, managers, administrators, trustees, agents, advisors or other representatives) to any swap or derivative or similar transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (ii) an investor or prospective investor in securities issued by an Approved Fund that also agrees that Information shall be used solely for the purpose of evaluating an investment in such securities issued by the Approved Fund, (iii) a trustee, collateral manager, servicer, backup servicer, noteholder or secured party in connection with the administration, servicing and reporting on the assets serving as collateral for securities issued by an Approved Fund, or (iv) a nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information regarding the Credit Parties, the Revolving Loans and Credit Documents in connection with ratings issued in respect of securities issued by an Approved Fund (in each case, it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such information and instructed to keep such information confidential), (h) with the consent of the Borrower or (i) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (y) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, the Issuing Lender or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower.

For purposes of this Section, "Information" shall mean all information received from any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries relating to any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries; provided that, in the case of information received from any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries after the date hereof, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

#### Section 9.15 Acknowledgments.

The Borrower and the other Credit Parties each hereby acknowledges that:

- (a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of each Credit Document;
- (b) neither the Administrative Agent nor any Lender has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to the Borrower or any other Credit Party arising out of or in connection with this Agreement and the relationship between the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, on one hand, and the Borrower and the other Credit Parties, on the other hand, in connection herewith is solely that of creditor and debtor; and
- (c) no joint venture exists among the Lenders and the Administrative Agent or among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the other Credit Parties and the Lenders.

#### Section 9.16 Waivers of Jury Trial; Waiver of Consequential Damages.

EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

#### Section 9.17 Patriot Act Notice.

Each Lender and the Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any other party) hereby notifies the Borrower that, pursuant to the requirements of the Patriot Act, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower and the other Credit Parties, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and the other Credit Parties and other information that will allow such Lender or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify the Borrower and the other Credit Parties in accordance with the Patriot Act.

## Section 9.18 Resolution of Drafting Ambiguities.

Each Credit Party acknowledges and agrees that it was represented by counsel in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party, that it and its counsel reviewed and participated in the preparation and negotiation hereof and thereof and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation hereof or thereof.

### Section 9.19 Subordination of Intercompany Debt.

Each Credit Party agrees that all intercompany Indebtedness among Credit Parties (the "Intercompany Debt") is subordinated in right of payment, to the prior payment in full of all Credit Party Obligations. Notwithstanding any provision of this Credit Agreement to the contrary, provided that no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Credit Parties may make and receive payments with respect to the Intercompany Debt to the extent otherwise permitted by this Credit Agreement; provided that in the event of and during the continuation of any Event of Default, no payment shall be made by or on behalf of any Credit Party on account of any Intercompany Debt. In the event that any Credit Party receives any payment of any Intercompany Debt at a time when such payment is prohibited by this Section, such payment shall be held by such Credit Party, in trust for the benefit of, and shall be paid forthwith over and delivered, upon written request, to, the Administrative Agent.

#### Section 9.20 Continuing Agreement.

This Credit Agreement shall be a continuing agreement and shall remain in full force and effect until all Credit Party Obligations (other than those obligations that expressly survive the termination of this Credit Agreement) have been paid in full and all Commitments and Letters of Credit have been terminated. Upon termination, the Credit Parties shall have no further obligations (other than those obligations that expressly survive the termination of this Credit Agreement) under the Credit Documents and the Administrative Agent shall, at the request and expense of the Borrower, deliver all the Collateral in its possession to the Borrower and release all Liens on the Collateral; <a href="mailto:provided">provided</a> that should any payment, in whole or in part, of the Credit Party Obligations be rescinded or otherwise required to be restored or returned by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, whether as a result of any proceedings in bankruptcy or reorganization or otherwise, then the Credit Documents shall automatically be reinstated and all Liens of the Administrative Agent shall reattach to the Collateral and all amounts required to be restored or returned and all costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection therewith shall be deemed included as part of the Credit Party Obligations.

#### Section 9.21 Reserved.

#### Section 9.22 Press Releases and Related Matters.

Other than with respect to disclosures required by law, Governmental Authorities or other regulatory bodies with appropriate jurisdiction, the Credit Parties and their Affiliates agree that they will not in the future issue any press releases or other public disclosure using the name of Administrative Agent or any Lender or their respective Affiliates or referring to this Agreement

or any of the Credit Documents without the prior written consent of such Person. The Credit Parties consent to the publication by Administrative Agent or any Lender of customary advertising material relating to the Transactions using the name, product photographs, logo or trademark of the Credit Parties

### Section 9.23 Appointment of Borrower.

Each of the Guarantors hereby appoints the Borrower to act as its agent for all purposes under this Agreement and agrees that (a) the Borrower may execute such documents on behalf of such Guarantor as the Borrower deems appropriate in its sole discretion and each Guarantor shall be obligated by all of the terms of any such document executed on its behalf, (b) any notice or communication delivered by the Administrative Agent or the Lender to the Borrower shall be deemed delivered to each Guarantor and (c) the Administrative Agent or the Lenders may accept, and be permitted to rely on, any document, instrument or agreement executed by the Borrower on behalf of each Guarantor.

#### Section 9.24 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.

In connection with all aspects of each Transaction, each of the Credit Parties acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (a) the credit facility provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Credit Parties and their Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent and WFS, on the other hand, and the Credit Parties are capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the Transactions and by the other Credit Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof); (b) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, the Administrative Agent and WFS each is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary, for any Credit Party or any of their Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other Person; (c) neither the Administrative Agent nor WFS has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of any Credit Party with respect to any of the Transactions or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document (irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent or WFS has advised or is currently advising any Credit Party or any of its Affiliates on other matters) and neither the Administrative Agent nor WFS has any obligation to any Credit Party or any of their Affiliates with respect to the Transactions except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents; (d) the Administrative Agent and WFS and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Credit Parties and their Affiliates, and neither the Administrative Agent nor WFS has any obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and (e) the Administrative Agent and WFS have not provided and will not provide any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to any of the Transactions (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document) and the Credit Parties have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate. Each of the

Credit Parties hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that it may have against the Administrative Agent or WFS with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty.

### Section 9.25 Responsible Officers and Authorized Officers.

The Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders are authorized to rely upon the continuing authority of the Responsible Officers and the Authorized Officers with respect to all matters pertaining to the Credit Documents including, but not limited to, the selection of interest rates, the submission of requests for Extensions of Credit and certificates with regard thereto. Such authorization may be changed only upon written notice to Administrative Agent accompanied by (a) an updated Schedule 3.29 and (b) evidence, reasonably satisfactory to Administrative Agent, of the authority of the Person giving such notice and such notice shall be effective not sooner than five (5) Business Days following receipt thereof by Administrative Agent (or such earlier time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent).

#### ARTICLE X

#### **GUARANTY**

### Section 10.1 The Guaranty.

In order to induce the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and any Bank Product Provider to enter into any Bank Product and to extend credit hereunder and thereunder and in recognition of the direct benefits to be received by the Guarantors from the Extensions of Credit hereunder and any Bank Product, each of the Guarantors hereby agrees with the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Bank Product Provider as follows: each Guarantor hereby unconditionally and irrevocably jointly and severally guarantees as primary obligor and not merely as surety the full and prompt payment when due, whether upon maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of any and all Credit Party Obligations. If any or all of the indebtedness becomes due and payable hereunder or under any Bank Product, each Guarantor unconditionally promises to pay such indebtedness to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Bank Product Providers, or their respective order, on demand, together with any and all reasonable expenses which may be incurred by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders in collecting any of the Credit Party Obligations. The Guaranty set forth in this Article X is a guaranty of timely payment and not of collection. The word "indebtedness" is used in this Article X in its most comprehensive sense and includes any and all advances, debts, obligations and liabilities of the Borrower, including specifically all Credit Party Obligations, arising in connection with this Agreement, the other Credit Documents or any Bank Product, in each case, heretofore, now, or hereafter made, incurred or created, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, determined or undetermined, whether or not such indebtedness is from time to time reduced, or extinguished and thereafter increased or incurred, whether the Borrower may be liable individually or jointly with others, whether or not recovery upon such indebtedness may be or hereafter become barred by any statute of limitations, and whether or not such inde

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any other of the Credit Documents, to the extent the obligations of a Guarantor shall be adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason (including, without limitation, because of any applicable state or federal law relating to fraudulent conveyances or transfers) then the obligations of each such Guarantor hereunder shall be limited to the maximum amount that is permissible under applicable law (whether federal or state and including, without limitation, the Bankruptcy Code).

### Section 10.2 Bankruptcy.

Additionally, each of the Guarantors unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees jointly and severally the payment of any and all Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower to the Lenders and any Bank Product Provider whether or not due or payable by the Borrower upon the occurrence of any Bankruptcy Event and unconditionally promises to pay such Credit Party Obligations to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders and to any such Bank Product Provider, or order, on demand, in lawful money of the United States. Each of the Guarantors further agrees that to the extent that the Borrower or a Guarantor shall make a payment or a transfer of an interest in any property to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Bank Product Provider, which payment or transfer or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, or otherwise is avoided, and/or required to be repaid to the Borrower or a Guarantor, the estate of the Borrower or a Guarantor, a trustee, receiver or any other party under any bankruptcy law, state or federal law, common law or equitable cause, then to the extent of such avoidance or repayment, the obligation or part thereof intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if said payment had not been made.

#### Section 10.3 Nature of Liability.

The liability of each Guarantor hereunder is exclusive and independent of any security for or other guaranty of the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower whether executed by any such Guarantor, any other guarantor or by any other party, and no Guarantor's liability hereunder shall be affected or impaired by (a) any direction as to application of payment by the Borrower or by any other party, or (b) any other continuing or other guaranty, undertaking or maximum liability of a guarantor or of any other party as to the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower, or (c) any payment on or in reduction of any such other guaranty or undertaking, or (d) any dissolution, termination or increase, decrease or change in personnel by the Borrower, or (e) any payment made to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or any Bank Product Provider on the Credit Party Obligations which the Administrative Agent, such Lenders or such Bank Product Provider repay the Borrower pursuant to court order in any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, moratorium or other debtor relief proceeding, and each of the Guarantors waives any right to the deferral or modification of its obligations hereunder by reason of any such proceeding.

## Section 10.4 <u>Independent Obligation</u>.

The obligations of each Guarantor hereunder are independent of the obligations of any other Guarantor or the Borrower, and a separate action or actions may be brought and prosecuted against each Guarantor whether or not action is brought against any other Guarantor or the Borrower and whether or not any other Guarantor or the Borrower is joined in any such action or actions.

# Section 10.5 <u>Authorization</u>.

Each of the Guarantors authorizes the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each Bank Product Provider without notice or demand (except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived), and without affecting or impairing its liability hereunder, from time to time to (a) renew, compromise, extend, increase, accelerate or otherwise change the time for payment of, or otherwise change the terms of the Credit Party Obligations or any part thereof in accordance with this Agreement and any Bank Product, as applicable, including any increase or decrease of the rate of interest thereon, (b) take and hold security from any Guarantor or any other party for the payment of this Guaranty or the Credit Party Obligations and exchange, enforce waive and release any such security, (c) apply such security and direct the order or manner of sale thereof as the Administrative Agent and the Lenders in their discretion may determine, (d) release or substitute any one or more endorsers, Guarantors, the Borrower or other obligors and (e) to the extent otherwise permitted herein, release or substitute any Collateral.

#### Section 10.6 Reliance.

It is not necessary for the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or any Bank Product Provider to inquire into the capacity or powers of the Borrower or the officers, directors, members, partners or agents acting or purporting to act on its behalf, and any Credit Party Obligations made or created in reliance upon the professed exercise of such powers shall be guaranteed hereunder.

#### Section 10.7 Waiver.

(a) Each of the Guarantors waives any right (except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived) to require the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Bank Product Provider to (i) proceed against the Borrower, any other guarantor or any other party, (ii) proceed against or exhaust any security held from the Borrower, any other guarantor or any other party, or (iii) pursue any other remedy in the Administrative Agent's, any Lender's or any Bank Product Provider's whatsoever. Each of the Guarantors waives any defense based on or arising out of any defense of the Borrower, any other guarantor or any other party other than payment in full of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations), including, without limitation, any defense based on or arising out of the disability of the Borrower, any other guarantor or any other party, or the unenforceability of the Credit Party Obligations or any part thereof from any cause, or the cessation from any cause of the liability of the Borrower other than payment in full of the Credit Party Obligations. The Administrative Agent may, at its election, foreclose on any security held by the Administrative Agent or a Lender by one or more judicial or nonjudicial sales, whether or not every aspect of any

such sale is commercially reasonable (to the extent such sale is permitted by applicable law), or exercise any other right or remedy the Administrative Agent or any Lender may have against the Borrower or any other party, or any security, without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of any Guarantor hereunder except to the extent the Credit Party Obligations have been paid in full and the Commitments have been terminated. Each of the Guarantors waives any defense arising out of any such election by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders, even though such election operates to impair or extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or other right or remedy of the Guarantors against the Borrower or any other party or any security.

- (b) Each of the Guarantors waives all presentments, demands for performance, protests and notices, including, without limitation, notices of nonperformance, notice of protest, notices of dishonor, notices of acceptance of this Guaranty, and notices of the existence, creation or incurring of new or additional Credit Party Obligations. Each Guarantor assumes all responsibility for being and keeping itself informed of the Borrower's financial condition and assets, and of all other circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Credit Party Obligations and the nature, scope and extent of the risks which such Guarantor assumes and incurs hereunder, and agrees that neither the Administrative Agent nor any Lender shall have any duty to advise such Guarantor of information known to it regarding such circumstances or risks.
- (c) Each of the Guarantors hereby agrees it will not exercise any rights of subrogation which it may at any time otherwise have as a result of this Guaranty (whether contractual, under Section 509 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise) to the claims of the Lenders or any Bank Product Provider against the Borrower or any other guarantor of the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower owing to the Lenders or such Bank Product Provider (collectively, the "Other Parties") and all contractual, statutory or common law rights of reimbursement, contribution or indemnity from any Other Party which it may at any time otherwise have as a result of this Guaranty until such time as the Credit Party Obligations shall have been paid in full and the Commitments have been terminated. Each of the Guarantors hereby further agrees not to exercise any right to enforce any other remedy which the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or any Bank Product Provider now have or may hereafter have against any Other Party, any endorser or any other guarantor of all or any part of the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower and any benefit of, and any right to participate in, any security or collateral given to or for the benefit of the Lenders and/or the Bank Product Providers to secure payment of the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower until such time as the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) shall have been paid in full and the Commitments have been terminated.

#### Section 10.8 Limitation on Enforcement.

The Lenders and the Bank Product Providers agree that this Guaranty may be enforced only by the action of the Administrative Agent acting upon the instructions of the Required Lenders or such Bank Product Provider (only with respect to obligations under the applicable Bank Product) and that no Lender or Bank Product Provider shall have any right individually to

seek to enforce or to enforce this Guaranty, it being understood and agreed that such rights and remedies may be exercised by the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders under the terms of this Agreement and for the benefit of any Bank Product Provider under any Bank Product.

## Section 10.9 Confirmation of Payment.

The Administrative Agent and the Lenders will, upon request after payment of the Credit Party Obligations which are the subject of this Guaranty and termination of the Commitments relating thereto, confirm to the Borrower, the Guarantors or any other Person that such indebtedness and obligations have been paid and the Commitments relating thereto terminated, subject to the provisions of Section 10.2.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by its proper and duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

## **BORROWER:**

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.,

a Delaware corporation

By: <u>/s/ Joseph A</u>. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

## CABANA BEVERAGES, INC.,

a Texas corporation

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: President

## CABANA BEVCO, LLC

a Texas corporation

By: \_/s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

## GET REAL, INC.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

## **GUARANTORS**:

### POLLO FRANCHISE, INC.,

a Florida corporation

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

## POLLO OPERATIONS, INC.,

a Florida corporation

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

## TACO CABANA, INC.,

as Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

## TP ACQUISITION CORP.,

a Texas corporation

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

## TC BEVCO, LLC,

a Texas limited liability company

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

### TC MANAGEMENT, INC.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

# TC LEASE HOLDINGS III, V AND VI, INC.,

a Texas corporation

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

## TEXAS TACO CABANA, L.P.,

a Texas corporation

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman
Name: Joseph A. Zirkman
Title: Vice President

## TPAQ HOLDING CORPORATION,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Julio Murillo Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

# **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,** as a Lender and as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Tim G. Loyd Name: Tim G. Loyd Title: Managing Director

**LENDERS**:

# MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, as a Lender

By: /s/ Timothy McDevitt Name: Timothy McDevitt Title: Vice President

**JEFFERIES FINANCE, LLC**, as a Lender

By: /s/ E. Joseph Hess Name: E. Joseph Hess Title: Managing Director

FIRST LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT

By

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., as Borrower

and

THE GUARANTORS PARTY HERETO

and

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Administrative Agent

Dated as of August 5, 2011

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#### FIRST LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT

This FIRST LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT dated as of August 5, 2011 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof, this "Agreement") made by FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), and the Guarantors from to time to time party hereto (the "Guarantors"), as pledgors, assignors and debtors (the Borrower, together with the Guarantors, in such capacities and together with any successors in such capacities, the "Pledgors," and each, a "Pledgor"), in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in its capacity as administrative agent pursuant to the Credit Agreement (as hereinafter defined) (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent"), for the several banks and other financial institutions as may from time to time become parties to such Credit Agreement (individually a "Lender" and collectively, the "Lenders").

# RECITALS:

- A. The Borrower, the Guarantors, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, entered into that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement") pursuant to which the Administrative Agent and the Lenders have agreed to make Loans and to issue Letters of Credit upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein.
- B. The Borrower and each Guarantor will receive substantial benefits from the extensions of credit under the Credit Agreement and each is, therefore, willing to enter into this Agreement.
  - C. Each Guarantor has, pursuant to the Credit Agreement, among other things, unconditionally guaranteed the Secured Obligations.
- D. This Agreement is given by each Pledgor in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties (as hereinafter defined) to secure the payment and performance of all of the Secured Obligations.
- E. It is a condition to the extension of the Loans and the issuance of the Letters of Credit that each Pledgor execute and deliver the applicable Security Documents, including this Agreement.

#### $\underline{A} \underline{G} \underline{R} \underline{E} \underline{E} \underline{M} \underline{E} \underline{N} \underline{T}$ :

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each Pledgor and the Administrative Agent hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

# **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

### SECTION 1.1. Definitions.

- (a) Unless otherwise defined herein or in the Credit Agreement, capitalized terms used herein that are defined in the UCC shall have the meanings assigned to them in the UCC; provided that in any event, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them in the UCC:
- "Accounts"; "Bank"; "Chattel Paper"; "Commercial Tort Claim"; "Commodity Account"; "Commodity Contract"; "Commodity Intermediary"; "Documents"; "Electronic Chattel Paper"; "Entitlement Order"; "Equipment"; "Financial Asset"; "Fixtures"; "Goods", "Inventory"; "Letter-of-Credit Rights"; "Letters of Credit"; "Money"; "Payment Intangibles"; "Proceeds"; "Promissory Notes"; "Records"; "Securities Account"; "Securities Intermediary"; "Security Entitlement"; "Supporting Obligations"; and "Tangible Chattel Paper."
- (b) Terms used but not otherwise defined herein that are defined in the Credit Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.
  - (c) The following terms shall have the following meanings:
  - "Account Debtor" shall mean each person who is obligated on a Receivable or Supporting Obligation related thereto.
  - "Agreement" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Preamble hereof.
- "<u>Capital Interests</u>" in any person means any and all shares, interests (including preferred interests, restricted stock interests and stock options, warrants and other convertible instruments), participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such person and any rights (other than debt securities convertible into an equity interest), warrants or options to acquire an equity interest in such person
- "Collateral Support" shall mean all property (real or personal) assigned, hypothecated or otherwise securing any Pledged Collateral and shall include any security agreement or other agreement granting a lien or security interest in such real or personal property.
- "Commodity Account Control Agreement" shall mean a control agreement in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent establishing the Administrative Agent's Control with respect to any Commodity Account.
- "Contracts" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all sale, service, performance, equipment or property lease contracts, agreements and grants and all other

contracts, agreements or grants (in each case, whether written or oral, or third party or intercompany), between such Pledgor and any third party, and all assignments, amendments, restatements, supplements, extensions, renewals, replacements or modifications thereof.

"Control" shall mean (i) in the case of each Deposit Account, "control," as such term is defined in Section 9-104 of the UCC, (ii) in the case of any Security Entitlement, "control," as such term is defined in Section 8-106 of the UCC, and (iii) in the case of any Commodity Contract, "control," as such term is defined in Section 9-106 of the UCC.

"Control Agreements" shall mean, collectively, all Deposit Account Control Agreements, Securities Account Control Agreements and the Commodity Account Control Agreements.

"Copyrights" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all copyrights (whether statutory or common law, whether established or registered in the United States or any other country or any political subdivision thereof, whether registered or unregistered and whether published or unpublished) and all copyright registrations and applications made by such Pledgor, in each case, whether now owned or hereafter created or acquired by or assigned to such Pledgor, together with any and all (i) rights and privileges arising under applicable law with respect to such Pledgor's use of such copyrights, (ii) reissues, renewals, continuations and extensions thereof and amendments thereto, (iii) income, fees, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due and/or payable with respect thereto, including damages and payments for past, present or future infringements thereof, (iv) rights corresponding thereto throughout the world and (v) rights to sue for past, present or future infringements thereof.

"Copyright Security Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit 3 hereto.

"Default" or "Event of Default" shall mean a "default" or "event of default" under the Credit Agreement.

"Deposit Account Control Agreement" shall mean an agreement in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent establishing the Administrative Agent's Control with respect to any Deposit Account.

"Deposit Accounts" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, (i) all "deposit accounts" as such term is defined in the UCC and in any event shall include all accounts and sub-accounts relating to any of the foregoing accounts and (ii) all cash, funds, checks, notes and instruments from time to time on deposit in any of the accounts or sub-accounts described in clause (i) of this definition.

"<u>Distributions</u>" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all dividends, cash, options, warrants, rights, instruments, distributions, returns of capital or principal, income, interest, profits and other property, interests (debt or equity) or proceeds, including as a result of a split, revision, reclassification or other like change of the Pledged Securities, from

time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed to such Pledgor in respect of or in exchange for any or all of the Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes.

# "Excluded Property" shall mean

- (a) any rights or interest in any lease, contract, license or license agreement covering personal property or Real Property of any Pledgor, so long as under the terms of such lease, contract, license or license agreement, or applicable law with respect thereto, the grant of a security interest or lien therein to the Administrative Agent is prohibited (or would render such lease, contract, license or license agreement cancelled, invalid or unenforceable) and such prohibition has not been or is not waived or the consent of the other party to such lease, contract, license or license agreement has not been or is not otherwise obtained; *provided* that, this exclusion shall in no way be construed to apply if any such prohibition is unenforceable under the UCC or other applicable law or so as to limit, impair or otherwise affect the Administrative Agent's unconditional continuing security interests in and liens upon any rights or interests of any Pledgor in or to monies due or to become due to and Pledgor under any such lease, contract, license or license agreement (including any Receivables);
- (b) assets owned by any Pledgor on the date hereof or hereafter acquired and any proceeds thereof that are subject to a Lien securing any purchase money Indebtedness or Capital Lease Obligations permitted to be incurred pursuant to the provisions of the Credit Agreement to the extent and for so long as the contract or other agreement in which such Lien is granted (or the documentation providing for such purchase money Indebtedness or Capital Lease Obligation) validly prohibits the creation of any other Lien on such assets and proceeds (other than to the extent that such prohibition would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Section 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction and other than to the extent all necessary consents to creation, attachment and perfection of the Administrative Agent's Liens thereon have been obtained);
- (c) any shares entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.956-2) of any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Issuer that is a "controlled foreign corporation" in excess of sixty-five (65%) percent of all of the issued and outstanding Capital Interests in such Subsidiary;
- (d) any Capital Interests of any Subsidiary of the Borrower to the extent necessary for such Subsidiary not to be subject to any requirement pursuant to Rule 3-16 or Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act, due to the fact that such Subsidiary's Capital Interests secures the Obligations, to file separate financial statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or any other governmental agency);
- (e) any intent to use trademark application to the extent and for so long as creation of a security interest therein would result in the loss of any material rights therein, provided that upon submission and acceptance by the United States Patent and

Trademark Office of an amendment to allege use pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 1060(a) (or any successor provision), such intent to use trademark application shall not be considered Excluded Property; and

(f) any Real Property leased by any Pledgor;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Excluded Property shall not include any Proceeds, products, substitutions or replacements of any Excluded Property referred to in clause (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) (unless such Proceeds, substitutions or replacements would constitute Excluded Property referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f)).

"General Intangibles" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all "general intangibles," as such term is defined in the UCC, of such Pledgor and, in any event, shall include (i) all of such Pledgor's rights, title and interest in, to and under all Contracts and insurance policies (including all rights and remedies relating to monetary damages, including indemnification rights and remedies, and claims for damages or other relief pursuant to or in respect of any Contract), (ii) all know-how and warranties relating to any of the Pledged Collateral or the Mortgaged Property, (iii) any and all other rights, claims, choses-inaction and causes of action of such Pledgor against any other person and the benefits of any and all collateral or other security given by any other person in connection therewith, (iv) all guarantees, endorsements and indemnifications on, or of, any of the Pledged Collateral or any of the Mortgaged Property, (v) all lists, books, records, correspondence, ledgers, printouts, files (whether in printed form or stored electronically), tapes and other papers or materials containing information relating to any of the Pledged Collateral or any of the Mortgaged Property, including all customer or tenant lists, identification of suppliers, data, plans, blueprints, specifications, designs, drawings, appraisals, recorded knowledge, surveys, studies, engineering reports, test reports, manuals, standards, processing standards, performance standards, catalogs, research data, computer and automatic machinery software and programs and the like, field repair data, accounting information pertaining to such Pledgor's operations or any of the Pledged Collateral or any of the Mortgaged Property and all media in which or on which any of the information or knowledge or data or records may be recorded or stored and all computer programs used for the compilation or printout of such information, knowledge, records or data, (vi) all licenses, consents, permits, variances, certifications, authorizations and approvals, however characterized, now or hereafter acquired or held by such Pledgor, including building permits, certificates of occupancy, environmental certificates, industrial permits or licenses and certificates of operation and (vii) all rights to reserves, deferred payments, deposits, refunds, indemnification of claims and claims for tax or other refunds against any Governmental Authority.

"Goodwill" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, the goodwill connected with such Pledgor's business including all goodwill connected with (i) the use of and symbolized by any Trademark or Intellectual Property License with respect to any Trademark in which such Pledgor has any interest, (ii) all know-how, trade secrets, customer and supplier lists, proprietary information, inventions, methods, procedures, formulae, descriptions, compositions, technical data, drawings, specifications, name plates, catalogs, confidential information and the right to limit the use or disclosure thereof by any person, pricing and cost information, business

and marketing plans and proposals, consulting agreements, engineering contracts and such other assets which relate to such goodwill and (iii) all product lines of such Pledgor's business.

"Governmental Authority." means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Guarantors" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Preamble hereof.

"Indenture Agreement" shall mean that certain indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time) among the Borrower as issuer under the Indenture Agreement, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee and as collateral agent.

"Instruments" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all "instruments," as such term is defined in Article 9, rather than Article 3, of the UCC, and shall include all promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange or acceptances.

"Intellectual Property Collateral" shall mean, collectively, the Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, Intellectual Property Licenses and Goodwill.

"Intellectual Property Licenses" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all license and distribution agreements with, and covenants not to sue, any other party with respect to any Patent, Trademark or Copyright or any other patent, trademark or copyright, whether such Pledgor is a licensor or licensee, distributor or distributee under any such license or distribution agreement, together with any and all (i) renewals, extensions, supplements and continuations thereof, (ii) income, fees, royalties, damages, claims and payments now and hereafter due and/or payable thereunder and with respect thereto including damages and payments for past, present or future infringements or violations thereof, (iii) rights to sue for past, present and future infringements or violations thereof and (iv) other rights to use, exploit or practice any or all of the Patents, Trademarks or Copyrights or any other patent, trademark or copyright.

"Intercompany Notes" shall mean, with respect to each Pledgor, all intercompany notes described in Schedule 10 to the Perfection Certificate and intercompany notes hereafter acquired by such Pledgor and all certificates, instruments or agreements evidencing such intercompany notes, and all assignments, amendments, restatements, supplements, extensions, renewals, replacements or modifications thereof to the extent permitted pursuant to the terms hereof.

"Intercreditor Agreement" shall mean that certain intercreditor agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011 between the Administrative Agent, as First-Lien Agent and The Bank of

New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Second Lien Agent, as it may be amended, restated, supplemented or modified from time to time.

"Investment Property" shall mean a security, whether certificated or uncertificated, Security Entitlement, Securities Account, Commodity Contract or Commodity Account, excluding, however, the Securities Collateral.

"Leases" shall mean any and all leases, subleases, tenancies, options, concession agreements, rental agreements, occupancy agreements, franchise agreements, access agreements and any other agreements (including all amendments, extensions, replacements, renewals, modifications and/or guarantees thereof), whether or not of record and whether now in existence or hereafter entered into, affecting the use or occupancy of all or any portion of any Real Property.

"<u>Lien</u>" means, with respect to any property or other asset, any mortgage, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, security interest, lien (statutory or otherwise), charge, easement, encumbrance or other security agreement on or with respect to such property or other asset (including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

"Mortgage" has the meaning specified in Section 4.10.

"Mortgage Policy" has the meaning specified in Section 4.10.

"Mortgaged Property." means, collectively, (i) each Real Property listed on Schedule 7(a) of the Perfection Certificate, (ii) each Real Property, if any, encumbered by a Mortgage delivered after the Closing Date pursuant to Section 3.4 and 4.10 and (iii) any other interest in Real Property that secures the Credit Agreement.

"Patents" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all patents issued or assigned to, and all patent applications and registrations made by, such Pledgor (whether established or registered or recorded in the United States or any other country or any political subdivision thereof), together with any and all (i) rights and privileges arising under applicable law with respect to such Pledgor's use of any patents, (ii) inventions and improvements described and claimed therein, (iii) reissues, divisions, continuations, renewals, extensions and continuations-in-part thereof and amendments thereto, (iv) income, fees, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due and/or payable thereunder and with respect thereto including damages and payments for past, present or future infringements thereof, (v) rights corresponding thereto throughout the world and (vi) rights to sue for past, present or future infringements thereof.

"Patent Security Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit 4 hereto.

"Perfection Certificate" means that certain perfection certificate to be executed and delivered by the Borrower in connection with the execution and delivery of the Credit

Agreement and the Indenture Agreement, to be dated on or about the Closing Date and substantially identical to the form attached hereto as Exhibit 6.

"Pledge Amendment" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.1 hereof.

"Pledged Collateral" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.1 hereof.

"Pledged Securities" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, in each case other than Excluded Property, (i) all issued and outstanding Equity Interests of each issuer set forth on Schedules 9(a) and 9(b) to the Perfection Certificate as being owned by such Pledgor (other than Equity Interests of the Excluded Subsidiaries) and all options, warrants, rights, agreements and additional Equity Interests of whatever class of any such issuer acquired by such Pledgor (including by issuance), together with all rights, privileges, authority and powers of such Pledgor relating to such Equity Interests in each such issuer or under any organization document of each such issuer, and the certificates, instruments and agreements representing such Equity Interests and any and all interest of such Pledgor in the entries on the books of any financial intermediary pertaining to such Equity Interests, (ii) all Equity Interests of any issuer (other than Equity Interests of the Excluded Subsidiaries), which Equity Interests are hereafter acquired by such Pledgor (including by issuance) and all options, warrants, rights, agreements and additional Equity Interests of whatever class of any such issuer acquired by such Pledgor (including by issuance), together with all rights, privileges, authority and powers of such Pledgor relating to such Equity Interests or under any organization document of any such issuer, and the certificates, instruments and agreements representing such Equity Interests and any and all interest of such Pledgor in the entries on the books of any financial intermediary pertaining to such Equity Interests, from time to time acquired by such Pledgor in any manner, and (iii) all Equity Interests issued in respect of the Equity Interests referred to in clause (i) or (ii) upon any consolidation or merger of any issuer of such Equity Interests.

"Pledgor" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Preamble hereof.

"Real Property" shall mean, collectively, all right, title and interest (including any leasehold, mineral or other estate) in and to any and all parcels of or interests in real property owned, leased or operated by any Person, whether by lease, license or other means, together with, in each case, all easements, hereditaments and appurtenances relating thereto, all improvements and appurtenant fixtures and equipment, all general intangibles and contract rights and other property and rights incidental to the ownership, lease or operation thereof.

"Receivables" shall mean all (i) Accounts, (ii) Chattel Paper, (iii) Payment Intangibles, (iv) General Intangibles, (v) Instruments and (vi) all other rights to payment, whether or not earned by performance, for goods or other property sold, leased, licensed, assigned or otherwise disposed of, or services rendered or to be rendered, regardless of how classified under the UCC together with all of Pledgors' rights, if any, in any goods or other property giving rise to

such right to payment and all Collateral Support and Supporting Obligations related thereto and all Records relating thereto.

- "Second Lien Agent" shall mean The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in its capacity as collateral agent under the Indenture Agreement, and its permitted successors and assigns.
- "Second Lien Security Agreement" shall mean that certain security agreement dated as of August 5, 2011 among the Borrower as issuer under the Indenture Agreement, the guarantors party thereto and the Second Lien Agent in its capacity as trustee (the "Trustee").
- "Secured Obligations" means any principal, premium, interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition in bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable state, federal or foreign law), penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements (including reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit and banker's acceptances), damages and other liabilities, and guarantees of payment of such principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities, payable under any of the Credit Agreement, the Security Documents or any other Credit Document.
  - "Secured Parties" shall mean, collectively, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Bank Product Providers and the Issuing Bank.
- "Securities Account Control Agreement" shall mean an agreement in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent establishing the Administrative Agent's Control with respect to any Securities Account.
  - "Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
  - "Securities Collateral" shall mean, collectively, the Pledged Securities, the Intercompany Notes and the Distributions.
- "Subsidiary" means, with respect to any person, any corporation, limited or general partnership, trust, association or other business entity of which an aggregate of at least a majority of the outstanding Voting Interests therein is, at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such Person and/or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.
  - "Title Company" shall mean any title insurance company as shall be retained by any Pledgor and reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.
- "<u>Trademarks</u>" shall mean, collectively, with respect to each Pledgor, all trademarks (including service marks), slogans, logos, certification marks, trade dress, uniform resource locations (URL's), domain names, corporate names and trade names, whether registered or unregistered, owned by or assigned to such Pledgor and all registrations and applications for the foregoing (whether statutory or common law and whether established or registered in the

United States or any other country or any political subdivision thereof), together with any and all (i) rights and privileges arising under applicable law with respect to such Pledgor's use of any trademarks, (ii) reissues, continuations, extensions and renewals thereof and amendments thereto, (iii) income, fees, royalties, damages and payments now and hereafter due and/or payable thereunder and with respect thereto, including damages, claims and payments for past, present or future infringements thereof, (iv) rights corresponding thereto throughout the world and (v) rights to sue for past, present and future infringements thereof.

"Trademark Security Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit 5 hereto.

"UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York; provided, however, that, at any time, if by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any or all of the perfection or priority of the Administrative Agent's and the Secured Parties' security interest in any item or portion of the Pledged Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect, at such time, in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions relating to such provisions.

"Voting Interests" means, with respect to any person, securities of any class or classes of Capital Interests in such person entitling the holders thereof generally to vote on the election of members of the board of directors or comparable body of such person.

SECTION 1.2. <u>Interpretation</u>. The rules of interpretation specified in the Credit Agreement (including <u>Section 1.2</u> thereof) shall be applicable to this Agreement.

SECTION 1.3. <u>Resolution of Drafting Ambiguities</u>. Each Pledgor acknowledges and agrees that it was represented by counsel in connection with the execution and delivery hereof, that it and its counsel reviewed and participated in the preparation and negotiation hereof and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party (<u>i.e.</u>, the Administrative Agent) shall not be employed in the interpretation hereof.

SECTION 1.4. <u>Perfection Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent, each Secured Party and each Pledgor agree that the Perfection Certificate and all descriptions of Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property, schedules, amendments and supplements thereto are and shall at all times remain a part of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE II

# GRANT OF SECURITY AND SECURED OBLIGATIONS

SECTION 2.1. <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. As collateral security for the payment and performance in full of all the Secured Obligations, each Pledgor hereby pledges and grants to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a lien on and security interest in all of the right, title and interest of such Pledgor in, to and under the following property, wherever located, and whether now existing or hereafter arising or acquired from time to time (collectively, the "<u>Pledged Collateral</u>"):

- (i) all Accounts;
- (ii) all Equipment, Goods, Inventory and Fixtures;
- (iii) all Documents, Instruments, Promissory Notes and Chattel Paper;
- (iv) all Letters of Credit and Letter-of-Credit Rights;
- (v) all Securities Collateral;
- (vi) all Investment Property;
- (vii) all Intellectual Property Collateral;
- (viii) the Commercial Tort Claims described on Schedule 12 to the Perfection Certificate;
- (ix) all General Intangibles;
- (x) all Money and all Deposit Accounts, Securities Accounts and Commodities Accounts;
- (xi) all Supporting Obligations;
- (xii) all Bank Products;
- (xiii) any assets of Pledgor that now or hereafter come into the possession, custody, or control of Administrative Agent (or its agent or designee);
- (xiv) all books and records relating to the Pledged Collateral; and
- (xv) to the extent not covered by clauses (i) through (xiv) of this sentence, all other personal property of such Pledgor, whether tangible or intangible, and all Proceeds and products of each of the foregoing and all accessions to, substitutions and replacements for, and rents, profits and products of,

each of the foregoing, any and all Proceeds of any insurance, indemnity, warranty or guaranty payable to such Pledgor from time to time with respect to any of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in clauses (i) through (xv) above, the security interest created by this Agreement shall not extend to, and the term "Pledged Collateral" shall not include, any Excluded Property from and after the Closing Date, no Pledgor shall permit to become effective in any document creating, governing or providing for any permit, license or agreement a provision that would prohibit the creation of a Lien on such permit, license or agreement in favor of the Administrative Agent unless such Pledgor believes, in its reasonable judgment, that such prohibition is usual and customary in transactions of such type.

SECTION 2.2. Filings. (i) Each Pledgor hereby irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent at any time and from time to time to file in any relevant jurisdiction any financing statements (including fixture filings) and amendments thereto that contain the information required by Article 9 of the UCC of each applicable jurisdiction for the filing of any financing statement or amendment relating to the Pledged Collateral, including (i) whether such Pledgor is an organization, the type of organization and any organizational identification number issued to such Pledgor, (ii) any financing or continuation statements or other documents without the signature of such Pledgor where permitted by law, including the filing of a financing statement describing the Pledged Collateral as "all assets now owned or hereafter acquired by the Pledgor or in which Pledgor otherwise has rights" and (iii) in the case of a financing statement filed as a fixture filing or covering Pledged Collateral constituting minerals or the like to be extracted or timber to be cut, a sufficient description of the real property to which such Pledged Collateral relates. Each Pledgor agrees to provide all information described in the immediately preceding sentence to the Administrative Agent promptly upon request by the Administrative Agent.

- (a) Each Pledgor hereby ratifies its authorization for the Administrative Agent to file in any relevant jurisdiction any financing statements relating to the Pledged Collateral if filed prior to the date hereof.
- (b) Each Pledgor hereby further authorizes the Administrative Agent to file filings with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or United States Copyright Office (or any successor office or any similar office in any other country), including, the Copyright Security Agreement, the Patent Security Agreement and the Trademark Security Agreement, or other documents for the purpose of perfecting, confirming, continuing, enforcing or protecting the security interest granted by such Pledgor hereunder, without the signature of such Pledgor, and naming such Pledgor, as debtor, and the Administrative Agent, as secured party.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing authorizations, in no event shall the Administrative Agent be obligated to prepare or file any financing statements whatsoever, or to maintain the perfection of the security interest granted hereunder. Each Pledgor agrees to prepare, record and file, at its own expense, financing statements (and continuation statements when applicable) with respect to the Collateral now existing or hereafter created meeting the requirements

of applicable state law in such manner and in such jurisdictions as are necessary to perfect and maintain perfected the Collateral, and to deliver a file stamped copy of each such financing statement or other evidence of filing to the Administrative Agent. Neither the Trustee nor the Administrative Agent shall be under any obligation whatsoever to file any such financing or continuation statements or to make any other filing under the UCC in connection with this Agreement.

SECTION 2.3. <u>First Priority Nature of Liens</u>. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the lien and security interest granted to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Agreement shall be a first priority lien on and security interest in the Pledged Collateral. The exercise of any right or remedy by the Administrative Agent hereunder is subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and this Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control.

#### ARTICLE III

# PERFECTION; SUPPLEMENTS; FURTHER ASSURANCES; USE OF PLEDGED COLLATERAL

SECTION 3.1. Delivery of Certificated Securities Collateral. Each Pledgor represents and warrants that all certificates, agreements or instruments representing or evidencing the Securities Collateral in existence on the date hereof, have been delivered to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Administrative Agent in suitable form for transfer by delivery or accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, and that the Administrative Agent has a perfected first priority security interest therein. Each Pledgor hereby agrees that all certificates, agreements or instruments representing or evidencing Securities Collateral acquired by such Pledgor after the date hereof shall promptly (but in any event within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof by such Pledgor) be delivered to and held by or on behalf of the Administrative Agent pursuant hereto. The requirements in the preceding two sentences shall not apply to the extent that the face value of the Securities Collateral (other than any Subsidiary Equity Interests) does not exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors. All certificated Securities Collateral shall be in suitable form for transfer by delivery or shall be accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, all in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall have the right, at any time upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, to endorse, assign or otherwise transfer to or to register in the name of the Administrative Agent or any of its nominees or endorse for negotiation any or all of the Securities Collateral, without any indication that such Securities Collateral is subject to the security interest hereunder. In addition, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall have the right at any time to exchange certificates representing or evidencing Securities Collateral for certificates of smaller or la

SECTION 3.2. <u>Perfection of Uncertificated Securities Collateral</u>. Each Pledgor represents and warrants that the Administrative Agent has a perfected first priority security interest in all uncertificated Pledged Securities pledged by it hereunder that are in existence on the date hereof. Each Pledgor hereby agrees that if any of the Pledged Securities are at any time not evidenced by certificates of ownership, then each applicable Pledgor shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, (i) cause the issuer to execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an acknowledgment of the pledge of such Pledged Securities substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 1</u> hereto, (ii) if necessary or desirable to perfect a security interest in such Pledged Securities, cause such pledge to be recorded on the equityholder register or the books of the Borrower, execute any customary pledge forms or other documents necessary or appropriate to complete the pledge and give the Administrative Agent the right to transfer such Pledged Securities under the terms hereof, and (iii) after the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, upon request by the Administrative Agent, (A) cause the organization documents of each such Borrower that is a Subsidiary of the Borrower to be amended to provide that such Pledged Securities shall be treated as "securities" for purposes of the UCC and (B) cause such Pledged Securities to become certificated and delivered to the Administrative Agent in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 3.1</u>.

SECTION 3.3. <u>Financing Statements and Other Filings; Maintenance of Perfected Security Interest.</u> Each Pledgor represents and warrants that all financing statements, agreements, instruments and other documents necessary to perfect the security interest granted by it to the Administrative Agent in respect of the Pledged Collateral have been delivered to the Administrative Agent in completed and, to the extent necessary, duly executed form for filing in each governmental, municipal or other office specified in <u>Schedule 6</u> to the Perfection Certificate. Each Pledgor agrees that at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors, such Pledgor will maintain the security interest created by this Agreement in the Pledged Collateral as a perfected first priority security interest subject only to Permitted Liens and file all UCC-3 continuation statements necessary to continue the perfection of the security interest created by this Agreement.

SECTION 3.4. Other Actions. In order to further ensure the attachment, perfection and priority of, and the ability of the Administrative Agent to enforce, the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Pledged Collateral, each Pledgor represents and warrants (as to itself) as follows and agrees, in each case at such Pledgor's own expense, to take the following actions with respect to the following Pledged Collateral:

(a) <u>Instruments and Tangible Chattel Paper</u>. As of the date hereof, no amounts payable under or in connection with any of the Pledged Collateral are evidenced by any Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper other than such Instruments and Tangible Chattel Paper listed in <u>Schedule 10</u> to the Perfection Certificate. Each Instrument and each item of Tangible Chattel Paper listed in <u>Schedule 10</u> to the Perfection Certificate has been properly endorsed, assigned and delivered to the Administrative Agent, accompanied by instruments of transfer or assignment duly executed in blank. At any time such requirements apply, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement and the Administrative

Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirements are applicable unless such notice has been given. If any amount then payable under or in connection with any of the Pledged Collateral shall be evidenced by any Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper, and such amount, together with all amounts payable evidenced by any Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper not previously delivered to the Administrative Agent exceeds \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors, the Pledgor acquiring such Instrument or Tangible Chattel Paper shall promptly (but in any event within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof) endorse, assign and deliver the same to the Administrative Agent, accompanied by such instruments of transfer or assignment duly executed in blank as the Administrative Agent may from time to time specify.

- (b) <u>Deposit Accounts</u>. As of the date hereof, no Pledgor has any Deposit Accounts other than the accounts listed in <u>Schedule 13</u> to the Perfection Certificate. Within forty-five (45) days after the Closing Date (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), the Administrative Agent will have a first priority security interest in each such Deposit Account, which security interest will be, upon the execution and delivery of a Deposit Account Control Agreement with respect thereto perfected by Control. No Pledgor shall hereafter establish and maintain any Deposit Account with any Bank unless such Bank and such Pledgor shall have duly executed and delivered to the Administrative Agent a Deposit Account Control Agreement with respect to such Deposit Account. At any time such requirements apply, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement and the Administrative Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirements are applicable unless such notice has been given. The Administrative Agent agrees with each Pledgor that the Administrative Agent shall not give any instructions directing the disposition of funds from time to time credited to any Deposit Account or withhold any withdrawal rights from such Pledgor with respect to funds from time to time credited to any Deposit Account unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Each Pledgor agrees that once the Administrative Agent sends an instruction or notice to a Bank exercising its Control over any Deposit Account such Pledgor shall not give any instructions or orders with respect to such Deposit Account including, without limitation, instructions for distribution or transfer of any funds in such Deposit Account. No Pledgor shall grant Control of any Deposit Account to any person other than the Administrative Agent.
- (c) <u>Securities Accounts and Commodity Accounts</u>. (a) As of the date hereof, no Pledgor has any Securities Accounts or Commodity Accounts other than those listed in <u>Schedule 13</u> to the Perfection Certificate. Within forty-five (45) days after the Closing Date (or such longer period of time as agreed by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), the Administrative Agent will have a first priority security interest in each such Securities Account and Commodity Account, which security interest will be, in the case of Securities Accounts, upon the execution and delivery of a Securities Account Control Agreement with respect thereto, perfected by Control. No Pledgor shall hereafter establish and maintain any Securities Account or Commodity Account with any Securities Intermediary or Commodity Intermediary unless such Securities Intermediary or Commodity

Intermediary, as the case may be, and such Pledgor shall have duly executed and delivered a Control Agreement with respect to such Securities Account or Commodity Account, as the case may be. At any time such requirements apply, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement and the Administrative Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirements are applicable unless such notice has been given. Each Pledgor shall accept any cash and Investment Property in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and within five (5) Business Days of actual receipt thereof, deposit any and all cash and Investment Property received by it into a Deposit Account or Securities Account subject to Administrative Agent's Control. The Administrative Agent agrees with each Pledgor that the Administrative Agent shall not give any Entitlement Orders or instructions or directions to any Borrower of uncertificated securities, Securities Intermediary or Commodity Intermediary, and shall not withhold its consent to the exercise of any withdrawal or dealing rights by such Pledgor, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or, after giving effect to any such investment and withdrawal rights, would occur. Each Pledgor agrees that once the Administrative Agent sends an instruction or notice to a Securities Intermediary or Commodity Intermediary exercising its Control over any Securities Account and Commodity Account such Pledgor shall not give any instructions or orders with respect to such Securities Account and Commodity Account including, without limitation, instructions for investment, distribution or transfer of any Investment Property or financial asset maintained in such Securities Account or Commodity Account. No Pledgor shall grant Control over any Investment Property to any person other than the Administrative Agent. As between the Administrative Agent and the Pledgors, the Pledgors shall bear the investment risk with respect to the Investment Property and Pledged Securities, and the risk of loss of, damage to, or the destruction of the Investment Property and Pledged Securities, whether in the possession of, or maintained as a Security Entitlement or deposit by, or subject to the Control of, the Administrative Agent, a Securities Intermediary, a Commodity Intermediary, any Pledgor or any other person.

(d) <u>Electronic Chattel Paper and Transferable Records</u>. As of the date hereof, no amount under or in connection with any of the Pledged Collateral is evidenced by any Electronic Chattel Paper or any "transferable record" (as that term is defined in Section 201 of the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, or in Section 16 of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act as in effect in any relevant jurisdiction) other than such Electronic Chattel Paper and transferable records listed in <u>Schedule 10</u> to the Perfection Certificate. If any amount payable under or in connection with any of the Pledged Collateral shall be evidenced by any Electronic Chattel Paper or any transferable record, the Pledgor acquiring such Electronic Chattel Paper or transferable record shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent thereof and shall take such action as is reasonably necessary to vest in the Administrative Agent control of such Electronic Chattel Paper under Section 9-105 of the UCC or control under Section 201 of the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act or, as the case may be, Section 16 of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, as so in effect in such jurisdiction, of such transferable record. The requirement in the preceding sentence shall not apply

to the extent that such amount, together with all amounts payable evidenced by Electronic Chattel Paper or any transferable record in which the Administrative Agent has not been vested control within the meaning of the statutes described in the immediately preceding sentence, does not exceed \$3,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors. At any time such requirement applies, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement and the Administrative Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirements are applicable unless such notice has been given. The Pledgors may make alterations to the Electronic Chattel Paper or transferable record, provided that such alterations are permitted under Section 9-105 of the UCC or Section 201 of the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act or Section 16 of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, as determined by the Borrower, and unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

- (e) Letter-of-Credit Rights. If any Pledgor is at any time a beneficiary under a Letter of Credit now or hereafter issued, such Pledgor shall promptly (but in any event within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof by such Pledgor) notify the Administrative Agent thereof and such Pledgor shall, either (i) use commercially reasonable efforts to arrange for the Borrower and any confirmer of such Letter of Credit to consent to an assignment to the Administrative Agent of the proceeds of any drawing under the Letter of Credit or (ii) arrange for the Administrative Agent to become the transferee beneficiary of such Letter of Credit, with the Administrative Agent agreeing, in each case, that the proceeds of any drawing under the Letter of Credit are to be applied as provided in the Credit Agreement. The actions in the preceding sentence shall not be required to the extent that the amount of any such Letter of Credit, together with the aggregate amount of (a) all other Letters of Credit for which the actions described above in clause (i) and (ii) have not been taken and (b) all Commercial Tort Claims in which the Administrative Agent does not have a perfected security interest and (c) all motor vehicles (and any such other Equipment covered by certificates of title or ownership) as to which any Pledgor has not delivered a certificate of title or ownership to the Administrative Agent, does not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors. At any time such action is required, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement and the Administrative Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirement is applicable unless such notice has been given.
- (f) <u>Commercial Tort Claims</u>. As of the date hereof, each Pledgor hereby represents and warrants that it holds no Commercial Tort Claims other than those listed in <u>Schedule 12</u> to the Perfection Certificate. If any Pledgor shall at any time hold or acquire a Commercial Tort Claim, such Pledgor shall promptly, and in any event within thirty (30) days, notify the Administrative Agent in writing signed by such Pledgor of the brief details thereof and grant to the Administrative Agent in such writing a security interest therein and in the Proceeds thereof, all upon the terms of this Agreement, with such writing to be in such form and substance as is reasonably necessary to grant a security interest in such Commercial Tort Claim. The requirement in the preceding sentence shall not apply

to the extent that the amount of such Commercial Tort Claim, together with the amount of (a) all other Commercial Tort Claims held by any Pledgor in which the Administrative Agent does not have a perfected security interest, (b) all Letters of Credit (except to the extent constituting Supporting Obligations) in which the Administrative Agent does not have a perfected security interest and (c) all motor vehicles (and any such other Equipment covered by certificates of title or ownership) as to which any Pledgor has not delivered a certificate of title or ownership to the Administrative Agent, does not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors. At any time such requirement applies, the applicable Pledgor shall give notice thereof to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement and the Administrative Agent shall not be charged with any knowledge that such requirement is applicable unless such notice has been given.

- (g) Each Pledgor shall deliver to the Administrative Agent originals of the certificates of title or ownership for the motor vehicles (and any other Equipment covered by certificates of title or ownership) owned by it, with the Administrative Agent listed as lienholder therein. Such requirement shall not apply to the extent the aggregate amount of (a) all motor vehicles (and any such other Equipment covered by certificates of title or ownership) as to which any Pledgor has not delivered a certificate of title or ownership to the Administrative Agent, (b) all Commercial Tort Claims in which the Administrative Agent does not have a perfected security interest and (c) all Letters of Credit (except to the extent constituting Supporting Obligations) in which the Administrative Agent does not have a perfected security, does not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate for all Pledgors.
- (h) After-Acquired Collateral. Unless otherwise provided, upon the acquisition by the Borrower or any Guarantor after the date hereof (1) any after-acquired assets, including, but not limited to, any after-acquired Real Property or any Equipment or Fixtures which constitute accretions, additions or technological upgrades to the Equipment or Fixtures or any working capital assets that, in any such case, form part of the Collateral, or (2) any replacement assets, the Borrower or such Pledgor shall execute and deliver, (i) with regard to any Real Property that is acquired for the purpose of serving as a restaurant, mortgages and related documentation and opinions as specified in Section 4.10 hereof within 365 days of the date of acquisition, (ii) with regard to any other Real Property, mortgages and related documentation and opinions as specified in Section 4.10 within 180 days of the date of acquisition (or such later date as any applicable regulatory approvals have been obtained) and (iii) to the extent required by the Security Documents, any information, documentation, financing statements or other certificates as may be necessary to vest in the Administrative Agent a perfected security interest, subject only to Permitted Liens, in such after-acquired Property (other than Excluded Property and Collateral that the Borrower or such Guarantor is not required to take actions to perfect) and to have such after-acquired Property added to the Collateral, and thereupon all provisions of the Credit Agreement, the Security Documents and the Intercreditor Agreement relating to the Collateral shall be deemed to relate to such after-acquired Property to the same extent and with the same force and effect.

SECTION 3.5. <u>Joinder of Additional Guarantors</u>. The Pledgors shall cause each Subsidiary of the Borrower which, from time to time, after the date hereof shall be required to pledge any assets to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5.10 and 5.12 of the Credit Agreement, to execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent a joinder agreement in the form of Exhibit 1.1(c) to the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 3.6. Supplements; Further Assurances. Each Pledgor shall take such further actions, and execute and/or deliver to the Administrative Agent such additional financing statements, amendments, assignments, agreements, supplements, powers and instruments, as is reasonably necessary in order to create, perfect, preserve and protect the security interest in and lien on the Pledged Collateral and the Mortgaged Property as provided herein and the rights and interests granted to the Administrative Agent hereunder, to carry into effect the purposes hereof or better to assure and confirm the validity, enforceability and priority of the Administrative Agent's security interest in and lien on the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property or permit the Administrative Agent to exercise and enforce its rights, powers and remedies hereunder and the other Security Documents with respect to any Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property, including the filing of financing statements, continuation statements and other documents (including this Agreement) under the UCC (or other similar laws) in effect in any jurisdiction with respect to the security interest created hereby and the execution and delivery of Control Agreements, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and in such offices (including the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office) wherever required by law to perfect, continue and maintain the validity, enforceability and priority of the security interest in and lien on the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property as provided herein and the other Security Documents and to preserve the other rights and interests granted to the Administrative Agent hereunder and the other Security Documents, as against third parties, with respect to the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Pledgor shall make, execute, endorse, acknowledge, file or refile and/or deliver to the Administrative Agent from time to time upon reasonable request by the Administrative Agent such lists, schedules, descriptions and designations of the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property, copies of warehouse receipts, receipts in the nature of warehouse receipts, bills of lading, documents of title, vouchers, invoices, schedules, confirmatory assignments, supplements, additional security agreements, conveyances, financing statements, transfer endorsements, powers of attorney, certificates, reports and other assurances or instruments as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request. If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Administrative Agent may institute and maintain, in its own name or in the name of any Pledgor, such suits and proceedings as the Administrative Agent may be advised by counsel shall be necessary or expedient to prevent any impairment of the security interest in or lien on or the perfection thereof in the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property. All of the foregoing shall be at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors.

#### ARTICLE IV

# REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

Each Pledgor represents, warrants and covenants as follows:

SECTION 4.1. <u>Title</u>. Except for the security interest granted to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Agreement and Permitted Liens, such Pledgor owns and has rights and, as to Pledged Collateral acquired by it from time to time after the date hereof, will own and have rights in each item of Pledged Collateral pledged by it hereunder, free and clear of any and all Liens. In addition, no Liens or claims exist on the Securities Collateral, other than as permitted by Section 6.2 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 4.2. <u>Validity of Security Interest</u>. The security interest in and Lien on the Pledged Collateral granted to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties hereunder constitutes (a) a legal and valid security interest in all the Pledged Collateral securing the payment and performance of the Secured Obligations, and (b) subject to the filings and other actions described in <u>Schedule 6</u> to the Perfection Certificate (to the extent required to be listed on the schedules to the Perfection Certificate as of the date this representation is made or deemed made), a perfected security interest in all the Pledged Collateral. The security interest and Lien granted to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Agreement in and on the Pledged Collateral will at all times constitute a perfected, continuing security interest therein, prior to all other Liens on the Pledged Collateral except for Permitted Liens.

SECTION 4.3. <u>Defense of Claims</u>; <u>Transferability of Pledged Collateral</u>. Each Pledgor shall, at its own cost and expense, defend title to the Pledged Collateral pledged by it hereunder and the security interest therein and Lien thereon granted to the Administrative Agent and the priority thereof against all claims and demands of all persons, at its own cost and expense, at any time claiming any interest therein adverse to the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party other than Permitted Liens. There is no agreement (other than with respect to a Permitted Lien), order, judgment or decree, and no Pledgor shall enter into any agreement (other than with respect to a Permitted Lien) or take any other action, that would restrict the transferability of any of the Pledged Collateral or otherwise impair or conflict with such Pledgor's obligations or the rights of the Administrative Agent hereunder.

SECTION 4.4. Other Financing Statements. It has not filed, nor authorized any third party to file (nor will there be), any valid or effective financing statement (or similar statement, instrument of registration or public notice under the law of any jurisdiction) covering or purporting to cover any interest of any kind in the Pledged Collateral, except such as have been filed in favor of the Administrative Agent or in favor of the Second Lien Agent pursuant to this Agreement or in favor of any holder of a Permitted Lien with respect to such Lien or financing statements or public notices relating to the termination statements listed on Schedule 8 to the Perfection Certificate. No Pledgor shall execute, authorize or permit to be filed in any public

office any financing statement (or similar statement, instrument of registration or public notice under the law of any jurisdiction) relating to any Pledged Collateral, except financing statements and other statements and instruments filed or to be filed in respect of and covering the security interests granted by such Pledgor to the holders of the Permitted Liens.

SECTION 4.5. <u>Location of Inventory and Equipment</u>. It shall not move any Equipment or Inventory with a fair market value in excess of \$3,000,000 in the aggregate to any location, other than any location that is listed in the relevant Schedules to the Perfection Certificate, unless it shall have given the Administrative Agent not less than 30 days' prior written notice of its intention so to do, clearly describing such new location and confirming the attachment of the Lien and security interest created by this Agreement to the Collateral located in the new location, and confirming further that each Pledgor has executed and filed any instruments or statements necessary to create, preserve or perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in such relocated Collateral; provided that in no event shall any Equipment or Inventory be moved to any location outside of the continental United States.

SECTION 4.6. <u>Due Authorization and Issuance</u>. All of the Pledged Securities existing on the date hereof have been, and to the extent any Pledged Securities are hereafter issued, such Pledged Securities will be, upon such issuance, duly authorized, validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable to the extent applicable. To the knowledge of the Pledgeds, there is no amount or other obligation owing by any Pledgor to any Borrower of the Pledged Securities in exchange for or in connection with the issuance of the Pledged Securities or any Pledgor's status as a partner or a member of any Borrower of the Pledged Securities.

SECTION 4.7. <u>Consents, etc.</u> In the event that the Administrative Agent desires to exercise any remedies, voting or consensual rights or attorney-infact powers set forth in this Agreement or the other Security Documents and determines it necessary to obtain any approvals or consents of any Governmental Authority or any other person therefor, then, upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, such Pledgor agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to assist and aid the Administrative Agent to obtain as soon as practicable any necessary approvals or consents for the exercise of any such remedies, rights and powers.

SECTION 4.8. <u>Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property</u>. All information set forth herein, including the schedules hereto, and all information contained in any documents, schedules and lists heretofore delivered to any Secured Party, including the Perfection Certificate and the schedules thereto, in connection with this Agreement, in each case, relating to the Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property, is accurate and complete in all material respects. The Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property described on the schedules to the Perfection Certificate constitutes all of the property of such type of Pledged Collateral and Mortgaged Property owned or held by the Pledgors.

SECTION 4.9. <u>Insurance</u>. In the event that the proceeds of any insurance claim are paid to any Pledgor after the Administrative Agent has exercised its right to foreclose after an Event of Default, such Net Cash Proceeds shall, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, be held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and promptly after receipt thereof shall be

paid to the Administrative Agent for application in accordance with Section 2.7(b)(iv) of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 4.10. <u>Post-Closing Collateral Matters</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received from the Borrower and each applicable Pledgor all post-closing deliverables required to be delivered pursuant to Section 5.13(e) of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 4.11. <u>No Impairment of the Security Interests</u>. No Pledgor shall take any action, or knowingly or negligently omit to take any action, which action or omission might or would have the result of materially impairing the security interest with respect to the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property.

#### ARTICLE V

#### CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING SECURITIES COLLATERAL

SECTION 5.1. <u>Pledge of Additional Securities Collateral</u>. Upon obtaining any Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes of any Person, each Pledgor shall maintain such Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent. For any such Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes having a face value in excess of \$3,000,000 (other than any Equity Interests of a Subsidiary), each Pledgor shall promptly (but in any event within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof) deliver to the Administrative Agent a pledge amendment in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 1</u> hereto (each, a "<u>Pledge Amendment</u>"), and the certificates and other documents required under <u>Section 3.1</u> and <u>Section 3.2</u>. Each Pledgor shall confirm the attachment of the Lien hereby created on and in respect of such additional Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes. Each Pledgor hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to attach each Pledge Amendment to this Agreement and agrees that all Pledged Securities or Intercompany Notes listed on any such Pledge Amendment shall for all purposes hereunder be considered Pledged Collateral.

# SECTION 5.2. Voting Rights; Distributions; etc.

- (a) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing:
- (i) Each Pledgor shall be entitled to exercise any and all voting and other consensual rights pertaining to the Securities Collateral or any part thereof for any purpose not inconsistent with the terms or purposes hereof, the Credit Agreement or any other document evidencing the Secured Obligations.
- (ii) Each Pledgor shall be entitled to receive and retain, and to utilize free and clear of the Lien hereof, any and all Distributions, but only if and to the extent made in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any and all such Distributions consisting of rights or interests in the form of securities shall be forthwith delivered to the Administrative Agent to hold as Pledged Collateral and shall, if

received by any Pledgor, be received in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, be segregated from the other property or funds of such Pledgor and be promptly (but in any event within five days after receipt thereof) delivered to the Administrative Agent as Pledged Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement).

- (b) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Administrative Agent shall be deemed without further action or formality to have granted to each Pledgor all necessary consents relating to voting rights and shall, if necessary, upon written request of any Pledgor and at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors, from time to time execute and deliver (or cause to be executed and delivered) to such Pledgor all such instruments as such Pledgor may reasonably request in order to permit such Pledgor to exercise the voting and other rights which it is entitled to exercise pursuant to Section 5.2(a)(i) hereof and to receive the Distributions which it is authorized to receive and retain pursuant to Section 5.2(a)(ii) hereof.
  - (c) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default and upon notice from the Administrative Agent:
  - (i) All rights of each Pledgor to exercise the voting and other consensual rights it would otherwise be entitled to exercise pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)(i)</u> hereof shall immediately cease, and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Administrative Agent, which shall thereupon have the sole right to exercise such voting and other consensual rights.
  - (ii) All rights of each Pledgor to receive Distributions which it would otherwise be authorized to receive and retain pursuant to Section 5.2(a)(ii) hereof shall immediately cease and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Administrative Agent, which shall thereupon have the sole right to receive and hold as Pledged Collateral such Distributions.
- (d) Each Pledgor shall, at its sole cost and expense, from time to time execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent appropriate instruments as the Administrative Agent may request in order to permit the Administrative Agent to exercise the voting and other rights which it may be entitled to exercise pursuant to Section 5.2(c)(i) hereof and to receive all Distributions which it may be entitled to receive under Section 5.2(c)(ii) hereof.
- (e) All Distributions which are received by any Pledgor contrary to the provisions of <u>Section 5.2(a)(ii)</u> hereof shall be received in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, shall be segregated from other funds of such Pledgor and shall immediately be paid over to the Administrative Agent as Pledged Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement).

SECTION 5.3. <u>Defaults, etc</u>. Each Pledgor hereby represents and warrants that (i) such Pledgor is not in default in the payment of any portion of any mandatory capital contribution, if any, required to be made under any agreement to which such Pledgor is a party relating to the Pledged Securities pledged by it, (ii) no Securities Collateral pledged by such Pledgor is subject to any defense, offset or counterclaim, nor have any of the foregoing been asserted or

alleged against such Pledgor by any person with respect thereto, and (iii) as of the date hereof, there are no certificates, instruments, documents or other writings (other than the organization documents that have been delivered to the Administrative Agent and certificates representing such Pledged Securities that have been delivered to the Administrative Agent) which evidence any Pledged Securities of such Pledgor.

SECTION 5.4. <u>Certain Agreements of Pledgors As Issuers and Holders of Equity Interests</u>. In the case of each Pledgor which is an issuer of Securities Collateral, such Pledgor agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement relating to the Securities Collateral issued by it and will comply with such terms insofar as such terms are applicable to it.

(b) In the case of each Pledgor which is a partner, shareholder or member, as the case may be, in a partnership, limited liability company or other entity, such Pledgor hereby consents to the extent required by the applicable organization document to the pledge by each other Pledgor, pursuant to the terms hereof, of the Pledged Securities in such partnership, limited liability company or other entity and, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, to the transfer of such Pledged Securities to the Administrative Agent or its nominee and to the substitution of the Administrative Agent or its nominee as a substituted partner, shareholder or member in such partnership, limited liability company or other entity with all the rights, powers and duties of a general partner, limited partner, shareholder or member, as the case may be.

# ARTICLE VI

# CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COLLATERAL

SECTION 6.1. <u>Grant of Intellectual Property License</u>. For the purpose of enabling the Administrative Agent, during the continuance of an Event of Default, to exercise rights and remedies under <u>Article IX</u> hereof at such time as the Administrative Agent shall be lawfully entitled to exercise such rights and remedies, and for no other purpose, each Pledgor hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, to the extent assignable, an irrevocable, non-exclusive license to use, assign, license or sublicense any of the Intellectual Property Collateral now owned or hereafter acquired by such Pledgor, wherever the same may be located. Such license shall include access to all media in which any of the licensed items may be recorded or stored and to all computer programs used for the compilation or printout hereof.

SECTION 6.2. <u>Protection of Administrative Agent's Security.</u> On a continuing basis, each Pledgor shall, at its sole cost and expense, (i) promptly following its becoming aware thereof, notify the Administrative Agent of any adverse determination in any proceeding or the institution of any proceeding in any federal, state or local court or administrative body or in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the United States Copyright Office regarding any Intellectual Property Collateral, such Pledgor's right to register such Intellectual Property Collateral or its right to keep and maintain such registration in full force and effect to the extent that

such Intellectual Property Collateral exceeds \$1,000,000 (ii) maintain all Intellectual Property Collateral as presently used and operated, (iii) not permit to lapse or become abandoned any Intellectual Property Collateral, and not settle or compromise any pending or future litigation or administrative proceeding with respect to any such Intellectual Property Collateral, in either case except as shall be consistent with commercially reasonable business judgment, (iv) upon such Pledgor obtaining knowledge thereof, promptly notify the Administrative Agent in writing of any event which may be reasonably expected to materially and adversely affect the value or utility of any Intellectual Property Collateral or the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent in relation thereto including a levy or threat of levy or any legal process against any Intellectual Property Collateral, (v) not license any Intellectual Property Collateral other than licenses entered into by such Pledgor in, or incidental to, the ordinary course of business, or amend or permit the amendment of any of the licenses in a manner that materially and adversely affects the right to receive payments thereunder, or in any manner that would materially impair the value of any Intellectual Property Collateral or the Lien on and security interest in the Intellectual Property Collateral created therein hereby and (vi) diligently keep adequate records respecting all Intellectual Property Collateral.

SECTION 6.3. <u>After-Acquired Property.</u> If any Pledgor shall at any time after the date hereof (i) obtain any rights to any additional Intellectual Property Collateral or (ii) become entitled to the benefit of any additional Intellectual Property Collateral or any renewal or extension thereof, including any reissue, division, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any Intellectual Property Collateral, or any improvement on any Intellectual Property Collateral, or if any intent-to use trademark application is no longer subject to clause (d) of the definition of Excluded Property, the provisions hereof shall automatically apply thereto and any such item enumerated in the preceding clause (i) or (ii) shall automatically constitute Intellectual Property Collateral as if such would have constituted Intellectual Property Collateral at the time of execution hereof and be subject to the Lien and security interest created by this Agreement without further action by any party. Each Pledgor shall promptly (and in any event within 30 days) provide to the Administrative Agent written notice of any of the foregoing and confirm the attachment of the Lien and security interest created by this Agreement to any rights described in clauses (i) and (ii) above by execution of an instrument in form reasonably necessary to grant such a security interest to the Administrative Agent and the filing of any instruments or statements as shall be reasonably necessary to create, preserve, protect or perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in such Intellectual Property Collateral. Further, each Pledgor agrees to modify this Agreement by amending <u>Schedules 11(a)</u> and <u>11(b)</u> to the Perfection Certificate to include any Intellectual Property Collateral of such Pledgor acquired or arising after the date hereof.

SECTION 6.4. <u>Litigation</u>. Unless there shall occur and be continuing any Event of Default, each Pledgor shall have the right to commence and prosecute in its own name, as the party in interest, for its own benefit and at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors, such applications for protection of the Intellectual Property Collateral and suits, proceedings or other actions to prevent the infringement, counterfeiting, unfair competition, dilution, diminution in value or other damage as are necessary to protect the Intellectual Property Collateral. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall have the right but shall in no way be obligated to file applications for protection of the Intellectual Property Collateral and/or bring suit in the name of any Pledgor, the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties to enforce the Intellectual

Property Collateral and any license thereunder. In the event of such suit, each Pledgor shall, at the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, do any and all lawful acts and execute any and all documents requested by the Administrative Agent in aid of such enforcement and the Pledgors shall promptly reimburse and indemnify the Administrative Agent for all costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent in the exercise of its rights under this Section 6.4 in accordance with Section 9.5 of the Credit Agreement. In the event that the Administrative Agent shall elect not to bring suit to enforce the Intellectual Property Collateral, each Pledgor agrees, at the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, to take all commercially reasonable actions necessary, whether by suit, proceeding or other action, to prevent the infringement, counterfeiting, unfair competition, dilution, diminution in value of or other damage to any of the Intellectual Property Collateral by any person.

ARTICLE VII

[RESERVED]

ARTICLE VIII

**TRANSFERS** 

SECTION 8.1. <u>Transfers of Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property</u>. No Pledgor shall sell, convey, assign or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property pledged by it hereunder except as expressly permitted by the Credit Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IX

# REMEDIES

SECTION 9.1. <u>Remedies</u>. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, from time to time exercise in respect of the Pledged Collateral, in addition to the other rights and remedies provided for herein or otherwise available to it, the following remedies:

(i) Personally, or by agents or attorneys, immediately take possession of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof, from any Pledgor or any other person who then has possession of any part thereof with or without notice or process of law, and for that purpose may enter upon any Pledgor's premises where any of the Pledged Collateral is located, remove such Pledged Collateral, remain present at such premises to receive copies of all communications and

remittances relating to the Pledged Collateral and use in connection with such removal and possession any and all services, supplies, aids and other facilities of any Pledgor;

- (ii) Demand, sue for, collect or receive any money or property at any time payable or receivable in respect of the Pledged Collateral including instructing the obligor or obligors on any agreement, instrument or other obligation constituting part of the Pledged Collateral to make any payment required by the terms of such agreement, instrument or other obligation directly to the Administrative Agent, and in connection with any of the foregoing, compromise, settle, extend the time for payment and make other modifications with respect thereto; provided, however, that in the event that any such payments are made directly to any Pledgor, prior to receipt by any such obligor of such instruction, such Pledgor shall segregate all amounts received pursuant thereto in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and shall promptly (but in no event later than three (3) Business Days after receipt thereof) pay such amounts to the Administrative Agent;
- (iii) Sell, assign, grant a license to use or otherwise liquidate, or direct any Pledgor to sell, assign, grant a license to use or otherwise liquidate, any and all investments made in whole or in part with the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof, and take possession of the proceeds of any such sale, assignment, license or liquidation;
- (iv) Take possession of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof, by directing any Pledgor in writing to deliver the same to the Administrative Agent at any place or places so designated by the Administrative Agent, in which event such Pledgor shall at its own expense: (A) forthwith cause the same to be moved to the place or places designated by the Administrative Agent and therewith delivered to the Administrative Agent, (B) store and keep any Pledged Collateral so delivered to the Administrative Agent at such place or places pending further action by the Administrative Agent and (C) while the Pledged Collateral shall be so stored and kept, provide such security and maintenance services as shall be necessary to protect the same and to preserve and maintain them in good condition. Each Pledgor's obligation to deliver the Pledged Collateral as contemplated in this Section 9.1(iv) is of the essence hereof. Upon application to a court of equity having jurisdiction, the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to a decree requiring specific performance by any Pledgor of such obligation;
- (v) Withdraw all moneys, instruments, securities and other property in any bank, financial securities, deposit or other account of any Pledgor constituting Pledged Collateral for application to the Secured Obligations as provided in <u>Article X</u> hereof;
  - (vi) Retain and apply the Distributions to the Secured Obligations as provided in Article X hereof;
- (vii) Exercise any and all rights as beneficial and legal owner of the Pledged Collateral, including perfecting assignment of and exercising any and all voting, consensual and other rights and powers with respect to any Pledged Collateral; and
- (viii) Exercise all the rights and remedies of a secured party on default under the UCC, and the Administrative Agent may also in its sole discretion, without notice except as

specified in Section 9.2 hereof, sell, assign or grant a license to use the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof in one or more parcels at public or private sale, at any exchange, broker's board or at any of the Administrative Agent's offices or elsewhere, for cash, on credit or for future delivery, and at such price or prices and upon such other terms as are commercially reasonable. The Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party or any of their respective Affiliates may be the purchaser, licensee, assignee or recipient of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof at any such sale and shall be entitled, for the purpose of bidding and making settlement or payment of the purchase price for all or any portion of the Pledged Collateral sold, assigned or licensed at such sale, to use and apply any of the Secured Obligations owed to such person as a credit on account of the purchase price of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof payable by such person at such sale. Each purchaser, assignee, licensee or recipient at any such sale shall acquire the property sold, assigned or licensed absolutely free from any claim or right on the part of any Pledgor, and each Pledgor hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all rights of redemption, stay and/or appraisal which it now has or may at any time in the future have under any rule of law or statute now existing or hereafter enacted. The Administrative Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Administrative Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned. Each Pledgor hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims against the Administrative Agent arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof may have been sold, as

SECTION 9.2. Notice of Sale. Each Pledgor acknowledges and agrees that, to the extent notice of sale or other disposition of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof shall be required by law, ten (10) days' prior notice to such Pledgor of the time and place of any public sale or of the time after which any private sale or other intended disposition is to take place shall be commercially reasonable notification of such matters. No notification need be given to any Pledgor if it has signed, after the occurrence of an Event of Default, a statement renouncing or modifying any right to notification of sale or other intended disposition.

SECTION 9.3. Waiver of Notice and Claims. Each Pledgor hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, notice or judicial hearing in connection with the Administrative Agent's taking possession or the Administrative Agent's disposition of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof, including any and all prior notice and hearing for any prejudgment remedy or remedies and any such right which such Pledgor would otherwise have under law, and each Pledgor hereby further waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law: (i) all damages occasioned by such taking of possession, (ii) all other requirements as to the time, place and terms of sale or other requirements with respect to the enforcement of the Administrative Agent's rights hereunder and (iii) all rights of redemption, appraisal, valuation, stay, extension or moratorium now or hereafter in force under any applicable law. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any incorrect or improper payment made pursuant to this <a href="https://example.com/Article IX">Article IX</a> in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Administrative Agent.

Any sale of, or the grant of options to purchase, or any other realization upon, any Pledged Collateral shall operate to divest all right, title, interest, claim and demand, either at law or in equity, of the applicable Pledgor therein and thereto, and shall be a perpetual bar both at law and in equity against such Pledgor and against any and all persons claiming or attempting to claim the Pledged Collateral so sold, optioned or realized upon, or any part thereof, from, through or under such Pledgor.

# SECTION 9.4. Certain Sales of Pledged Collateral.

- (a) Each Pledgor recognizes that, by reason of certain prohibitions contained in law, rules, regulations or orders of any Governmental Authority, the Administrative Agent may be compelled, with respect to any sale of all or any part of the Pledged Collateral, to limit purchasers to those who meet the requirements of such Governmental Authority. Each Pledgor acknowledges that any such sales may be at prices and on terms less favorable to the Administrative Agent than those obtainable through a public sale without such restrictions, and, notwithstanding such circumstances, agrees that any such restricted sale shall be deemed to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner and that, except as may be required by applicable law, the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to engage in public sales.
- (b) Each Pledgor recognizes that, by reason of certain prohibitions contained in the Securities Act, and applicable state securities laws, the Administrative Agent may be compelled, with respect to any sale of all or any part of the Securities Collateral and Investment Property, to limit purchasers to persons who will agree, among other things, to acquire such Securities Collateral or Investment Property for their own account, for investment and not with a view to the distribution or resale thereof. Each Pledgor acknowledges that any such private sales may be at prices and on terms less favorable to the Administrative Agent than those obtainable through a public sale without such restrictions (including a public offering made pursuant to a registration statement under the Securities Act), and, notwithstanding such circumstances, agrees that any such private sale shall be deemed to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner and that the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to engage in public sales and no obligation to delay the sale of any Securities Collateral or Investment Property for the period of time necessary to permit the issuer thereof to register it for a form of public sale requiring registration under the Securities Act or under applicable state securities laws, even if such issuer would agree to do so.
- (c) If the Administrative Agent determines to exercise its right to sell any or all of the Securities Collateral or Investment Property, upon written request, the applicable Pledgor shall determine and inform the Administrative Agent of the number of securities included in the Securities Collateral or Investment Property which may be sold by the Administrative Agent as exempt transactions under the Securities Act and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder, as the same are from time to time in effect.
- (d) Each Pledgor further agrees that a breach of any of the covenants contained in this <u>Section 9.4</u> will cause irreparable injury to the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, that the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties have no adequate

remedy at law in respect of such breach and, as a consequence, that each and every covenant contained in this <u>Section 9.4</u> shall be specifically enforceable against such Pledgor, and such Pledgor hereby waives and agrees not to assert any defenses against an action for specific performance of such covenants except for a defense that no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

# SECTION 9.5. No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies.

- (a) No failure on the part of the Administrative Agent to exercise, no course of dealing with respect to, and no delay on the part of the Administrative Agent in exercising, any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power, privilege or remedy hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, privilege or remedy; nor shall the Administrative Agent be required to look first to, enforce or exhaust any other security, collateral or guaranties. All rights and remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law or otherwise available.
- (b) In the event that the Administrative Agent shall have instituted any proceeding to enforce any right, power, privilege or remedy under this Agreement or any other Security Document by foreclosure, sale, entry or otherwise, and such proceeding shall have been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or shall have been determined adversely to the Administrative Agent, then and in every such case, the Pledgors, the Administrative Agent and each other Secured Party shall be restored to their respective former positions and rights hereunder with respect to the Pledged Collateral, and all rights, remedies, privileges and powers of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties shall continue as if no such proceeding had been instituted.

SECTION 9.6. <u>Certain Additional Actions Regarding Intellectual Property</u>. If any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, upon the written demand of the Administrative Agent, each Pledgor shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an assignment or assignments of the registered Patents, Trademarks and/or Copyrights and Goodwill and such other documents as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent and purposes hereof; *provided* that such assignments shall cease to be valid and shall become void at such time as all Events of Default have been cured or waived in accordance with the Credit Agreement. Within five (5) Business Days of written notice thereafter from the Administrative Agent, each Pledgor shall make available to the Administrative Agent, to the extent within such Pledgor's power and authority, such personnel in such Pledgor's employ on the date of the Event of Default as the Administrative Agent may reasonably designate to permit such Pledgor to continue, directly or indirectly, to produce, advertise and sell the products and services sold by such Pledgor under the registered Patents, Trademarks and/or Copyrights, and such persons shall be available to perform their prior functions on the Administrative Agent's behalf.

SECTION 9.7. [Reserved]

SECTION 9.8. <u>Actions of Administrative Agent</u>. The Applicable Authorized Representative shall direct the Administrative Agent in exercising any right, power, discretionary duty or other remedy available to the Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any Security Document and the other Secured Parties shall not have a right to take any actions with respect to the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property. If the Administrative Agent shall not have received appropriate instruction within 10 days of a request therefor from the Applicable Authorized Representative (or such shorter period as reasonably may be specified in such notice or as may be necessary under the circumstances) it may, but shall be under no duty to, take or refrain from taking such action as it shall deem to be in the best interests of the Secured Parties and the Administrative Agent shall have no liability to any Person for such action or inaction. "Applicable Authorized Representative" shall mean (i) the Administrative Agent so long as the Obligations under the Credit Agreement constitute Secured Obligations hereunder.

#### ARTICLE X

# APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS

SECTION 10.1. <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. The proceeds received by the Administrative Agent in respect of any sale of, collection from or other realization upon all or any part of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property pursuant to the exercise by the Administrative Agent of its remedies shall be applied as set forth in <u>Section 2.11(b)</u> of the Credit Agreement.

#### ARTICLE XI

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### SECTION 11.1. Concerning Administrative Agent and the other Security Documents.

(a) The Administrative Agent has been appointed as administrative agent pursuant to the Credit Agreement. The actions of the Administrative Agent hereunder are subject to the provisions of the Credit Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have the right hereunder to make demands, to give notices, to exercise or refrain from exercising any rights, and to take or refrain from taking action (including the release or substitution of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property), in accordance with this Agreement, the Credit Agreement, the other Security Documents and the other Credit Documents. The Administrative Agent may employ agents and attorneys-in-fact in connection herewith and shall not be liable for the negligence of any such agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it in good faith. The Administrative Agent may resign in the manner provided in the Credit Agreement. A successor Administrative Agent may be appointed in the manner provided in the Credit Agreement. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as the Administrative Agent by a successor Administrative Agent, that successor Administrative Agent shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers,

privileges and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent under this Agreement and the other Security Documents, and the retiring Administrative Agent shall thereupon be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Agreement and the other Security Documents. After any retiring Administrative Agent's resignation, the provisions hereof shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it under this Agreement while it was the Administrative Agent.

- (b) The Administrative Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property in its possession if such Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property is accorded treatment substantially equivalent to that which the Administrative Agent, in its individual capacity, accords its own property consisting of similar instruments or interests, it being understood that neither the Administrative Agent nor any of the Secured Parties shall have responsibility for (i) ascertaining or taking action with respect to calls, conversions, exchanges, maturities, tenders or other matters relating to any Securities Collateral, whether or not the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party has or is deemed to have knowledge of such matters or (ii) taking any necessary steps to preserve rights against any person with respect to any Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property.
- (c) The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon any written notice, statement, certificate, order or other document or any telephone message believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper person, and, with respect to all matters pertaining to this Agreement and the other Security Documents and its duties hereunder and thereunder, upon advice of counsel selected by it.
- (d) If any item of Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property also constitutes collateral granted to the Administrative Agent under any other deed of trust, mortgage, security agreement, pledge or instrument of any type, in the event of any conflict between the provisions hereof and the provisions of such other deed of trust, mortgage, security agreement, pledge or instrument of any type in respect of such collateral, the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, shall select which provision or provisions shall control.
- (e) Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) each Pledgor shall remain liable under this Agreement and under each of the underlying contracts to which such Pledgor a party described herein to perform all of its duties and obligations thereunder to the same extent as if this Agreement had not been executed, (ii) the exercise by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties of any of their rights, remedies or powers hereunder shall not release any Pledgor from any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement or such underlying contracts described herein and (iii) neither the Trustee or the Administrative Agent shall have any obligation or liability under such underlying contracts by reason of or arising out of this Agreement, nor shall the Noteholders, the Trustee or the Administrative Agent be obligated to perform any of the obligations or duties of any of the Pledgors hereunder or any of the contracts described herein.

- (f) The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the existence, genuineness or value of any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or for the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Liens in any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property, whether impaired by operation of law or by reason of any of any action or omission to act on its part hereunder, except to the extent such action or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Administrative Agent. Nor shall the Administrative Agent be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or any agreement or assignment contained therein, for the validity of the title of the Pledgers to the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property, for insuring the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or otherwise as to the maintenance of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property.
- (g) In the event that the Administrative Agent is required to acquire title to an asset for any reason, or take any managerial action of any kind in regard thereto, in order to carry out any duty for the benefit of another, which in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion may cause it to be considered an "owner or operator" under the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §9601, et seq., or otherwise cause it to incur liability under CERCLA or any other federal, state or local law, the Administrative Agent reserves the right, instead of taking such action, to either resign as or arrange for the transfer of the title or control of the asset to a court-appointed receiver. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable to any person for any environmental claims or contribution actions under any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation by reason of the Administrative Agent's actions and conduct as authorized, empowered and directed hereunder or relating to the discharge, release or threatened release of hazardous materials into the environment. If at any time it is necessary or advisable for any real property to be possessed, owned, operated or managed by any person, the Required Lenders shall direct the Administrative Agent to appoint an appropriately qualified person to possess, own, operate or manage, as the case may be, such real property.
- (h) In acting under and by virtue of this Agreement and the other Security Documents, the Administrative Agent shall have all of the rights, protections and immunities granted to the Administrative Agent and the Trustee under the Credit Agreement (including but not limited to the right to be indemnified under Section 7.07), and all such rights, protections and immunities are incorporated by reference herein, *mutatis mutandis*.
- (i) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary and for the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall have no duty to act outside of the United States in respect of any collateral located in another jurisdiction other than the United States.
- SECTION 11.2. <u>Administrative Agent May Perform; Administrative Agent Appointed Attorney-in-Fact</u>. If any Pledgor shall fail to perform any covenants contained in this Agreement (including such Pledgor's covenants to (i) pay the premiums in respect of all required insurance policies hereunder, (ii) pay and discharge any taxes, assessments and special assessments, levies, fees and governmental charges imposed upon or assessed against, and

landlords', carriers', mechanics', workmen's, repairmen's, laborers', materialmen's, suppliers' and warehousemen's Liens and other claims arising by operation of law against, all or any portion of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property, (iii) make repairs, (iv) discharge Liens or (v) pay or perform any obligations of such Pledgor under any Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or if any representation or warranty on the part of any Pledgor contained herein shall be breached, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) do the same or cause it to be done or remedy any such breach, and may expend funds for such purpose; provided, however, that the Administrative Agent shall in no event be bound to inquire into the validity of any tax, Lien, imposition or other obligation which such Pledgor fails to pay or perform as and when required hereby and which such Pledgor does not contest in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement. Any and all amounts so expended by the Administrative Agent shall be paid by the Pledgors in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.7 of the Credit Agreement. Neither the provisions of this Section 11.2 nor any action taken by the Administrative Agent pursuant to the provisions of this Section 11.2 shall prevent any such failure to observe any covenant contained in this Agreement nor any breach of representation or warranty from constituting an Event of Default. Each Pledgor hereby appoints the Administrative Agent its attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority in the place and stead of such Pledgor and in the name of such Pledgor, or otherwise, from time to time in the Administrative Agent's discretion to take any action and to execute any instrument consistent with the terms of the Credit Agreement, this Agreement and the other Security Documents which the Administrative Agent may deem necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes hereof (but the Administrative Agent shall not be obligated to and shall have no liability to such Pledgor or

SECTION 11.3. Continuing Security Interest; Assignment. This Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Pledged Collateral and shall (i) be binding upon the Pledgors, their respective successors and assigns and (ii) inure, together with the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent hereunder, to the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties and each of their respective successors, transferees and assigns. No other persons (including any other creditor of any Pledgor) shall have any interest herein or any right or benefit with respect hereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing clause (ii), any Secured Party may assign or otherwise transfer any indebtedness held by it secured by this Agreement to any other person, and such other person shall thereupon become vested with all the benefits in respect thereof granted to such Secured Party, herein or otherwise, subject however, to the provisions of the Credit Agreement. Each of the Pledgors agrees that its obligations hereunder and the security interest created hereunder shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as applicable, if at any time payment, or any part thereof, of all or any part of the Secured Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by the Secured Party upon the bankruptcy or reorganization of any Pledgor or otherwise.

SECTION 11.4. <u>Termination; Release</u>. When all the Secured Obligations have been paid in full (other than contingent liabilities not then due and payable), this Agreement shall

terminate. Upon termination of this Agreement the Pledged Collateral shall be released from the Lien of this Agreement. Upon such release or any release of Pledged Collateral or any part thereof in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall, upon the request and at the sole cost and expense of the Pledgors, assign, transfer and deliver to Pledgor, against receipt and without recourse to or warranty by the Administrative Agent, such of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof to be released (in the case of a release) as may be in possession of the Administrative Agent and as shall not have been sold or otherwise applied pursuant to the terms hereof, and, with respect to any other Pledged Collateral, proper documents and instruments acknowledging the termination hereof or the release of such Pledged Collateral, as the case may be.

SECTION 11.5. Modification in Writing. No amendment, modification, supplement, termination or waiver of or to any provision hereof, nor consent to any departure by any Pledgor therefrom, shall be effective unless the same shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement and unless in writing and signed each of the parties hereto and in compliance with the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement (including, without limitation, Section 8.3 thereof). The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to receive an Opinion and Officers' Certificate stating that such amendment, modification, supplement or waiver is authorized or permitted by the Credit Agreement, this Security Agreement and any other Credit Document and that all conditions precedent to the execution of such have been satisfied. Any amendment, modification or supplement of or to any provision hereof, any waiver of any provision hereof and any consent to any departure by any Pledgor from the terms of any provision hereof in each case shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which made or given. Except where notice is specifically required by this Agreement or any other document evidencing the Secured Obligations, no notice to or demand on any Pledgor in any case shall entitle any Pledgor to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances.

SECTION 11.6. Notices. Unless otherwise provided herein or in the Credit Agreement, any notice or other communication herein required or permitted to be given shall be given in the manner and become effective as set forth in the Credit Agreement, as to any Pledgor, addressed to it at the address of the Borrower set forth in the Credit Agreement, as to the Administrative Agent, addressed to it at the address set forth in the Credit Agreement, or in each case at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other party complying as to delivery with the terms of this Section 11.6.

SECTION 11.7. <u>Governing Law, Consent to Jurisdiction and Service of Process; Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. Sections 9.12, 9.13 and 9.16 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein, *mutatis mutandis*, as if a part hereof.

SECTION 11.8. <u>Severability of Provisions</u>. Any provision hereof which is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity, legality or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 11.9. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement and any amendments, waivers, consents or supplements hereto may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of any executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

SECTION 11.10. <u>Business Days</u>. In the event any time period or any date provided in this Agreement ends or falls on a day other than a Business Day, then such time period shall be deemed to end and such date shall be deemed to fall on the next succeeding Business Day, and performance herein may be made on such Business Day, with the same force and effect as if made on such other day.

SECTION 11.11. No Credit for Payment of Taxes or Imposition. Such Pledgor shall not be entitled to any credit against the principal, premium, if any, or interest payable under the Credit Agreement, and such Pledgor shall not be entitled to any credit against any other sums which may become payable under the terms thereof or hereof, by reason of the payment of any Taxes on the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or any part thereof.

SECTION 11.12. No Claims Against Administrative Agent. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall constitute any consent or request by the Administrative Agent, express or implied, for the performance of any labor or services or the furnishing of any materials or other property in respect of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or any part thereof, nor as giving any Pledgor any right, power or authority to contract for or permit the performance of any labor or services or the furnishing of any materials or other property in such fashion as would permit the making of any claim against the Administrative Agent in respect thereof or any claim that any Lien based on the performance of such labor or services or the furnishing of any such materials or other property is prior to the Lien hereof.

SECTION 11.13. No Release. Nothing set forth in this Agreement or any other Security Document, nor the exercise by the Administrative Agent of any of the rights or remedies hereunder, shall relieve any Pledgor from the performance of any term, covenant, condition or agreement on such Pledgor's part to be performed or observed under or in respect of any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or from any liability to any person under or in respect of any of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or shall impose any obligation on the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party to perform or observe any such term, covenant, condition or agreement on such Pledgor's part to be so performed or observed or shall impose any liability on the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party for any act or omission on the part of such Pledgor relating thereto or for any breach of any representation or warranty on the part of such Pledgor contained in this Agreement, the Credit Agreement, the other Security Documents and any other Credit Documents or under or in respect of the Pledged Collateral or Mortgaged Property or made in connection herewith or therewith. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any obligation or liability under any contracts, agreements and other documents included in the

Pledged Collateral by reason of this Agreement, nor shall the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party be obligated to perform any of the obligations or duties of any Pledgor thereunder or to take any action to collect or enforce any such contract, agreement or other document included in the Pledged Collateral hereunder. The obligations of each Pledgor contained in this Section 11.13 shall survive the termination hereof and the discharge of such Pledgor's other obligations under this Agreement, the Credit Agreement and the other Security Documents.

SECTION 11.14. Obligations Absolute. All obligations of each Pledgor hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of:

- (i) any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment, composition, liquidation or the like of any other Pledgor;
- (ii) any lack of validity or enforceability of the Credit Agreement, any Security Document or any other Credit Document, or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;
- (iii) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or in any other term of, all or any of the Secured Obligations, or any other amendment or waiver of or any consent to any departure from the Credit Agreement, any Security Document, any other Credit Document, or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto;
- (iv) any pledge, exchange, release or non-perfection of any other collateral, or any release or amendment or waiver of or consent to any departure from any guarantee, for all or any of the Secured Obligations;
- (v) any exercise, non-exercise or waiver of any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect hereof, the Credit Agreement, any Security Document, any other Credit Document, or any other agreement or instrument relating thereto except as specifically set forth in a waiver granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.5 hereof; or
  - (vi) any other circumstances which might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, any Pledgor.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Pledgor and the Administrative Agent have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., as Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

CABANA BEVERAGES, INC.

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: President

CABANA BEVCO LLC.

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

GET REAL, INC.

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

POLLO FRANCHISE, INC. as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

POLLO OPERATIONS, INC.

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman
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TACO CABANA, INC. as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TP ACQUISITION CORP. as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TC BEVCO LLC.

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Shanna M. Ramirez

Name: Shanna M. Ramirez

Title: Manager

T.C. MANAGEMENT, INC.

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TC LEASE HOLDINGS III, V AND VI, INC.

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TEXAS TACO CABANA, L.P.

as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: T.C. Management, Inc., its General Partner

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman Title: Vice President

TPAQ HOLDING CORPORATION as Guarantor and Pledgor

By: /s/ Julio Murillo

Name: Julio Murillo Title: Vice President

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Tim G. Loyd

Name: Tim G. Loyd Title: Managing Director \$85,000,000

# CREDIT AGREEMENT

among

CARROLS LLC, as Borrower,

# CERTAIN DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES OF THE BORROWER FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY HERETO, as Guarantors,

THE LENDERS PARTY HERETO,

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Administrative Agent

M&T BANK, as Syndication Agent

and

REGIONS BANK, as Documentation Agent

Dated as of August 5, 2011

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC, as Sole Lead Arranger and Sole Bookrunner



Prepared by:

King & Spalding

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Exhibit 4.1(p) Form of Financial Condition Certificate Exhibit 5.2(b) Form of Officer's Compliance Certificate THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of August 5, 2011, is by and among CARROLS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), the Guarantors (as hereinafter defined), the Lenders (as hereinafter defined) and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Credit Parties (as hereinafter defined) have requested that the Lenders make loans and other financial accommodations to the Credit Parties in an aggregate amount of up to \$85,000,000, as more particularly described herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lenders have agreed to make such loans and other financial accommodations to the Credit Parties on the terms and conditions contained herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, such parties hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

## Section 1.1 Defined Terms.

As used in this Agreement, terms defined in the preamble to this Agreement have the meanings therein indicated, and the following terms have the following meanings:

"Account Designation Notice" shall mean the Account Designation Notice dated as of the Closing Date from the Borrower to the Administrative Agent in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1(a).

"Additional Credit Party" shall mean each Person that becomes a Guarantor by execution of a Joinder Agreement in accordance with Section 5.10.

"<u>Adjusted Leverage Ratio</u>" shall mean, as of any date of determination, for the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis, the ratio of (a) the sum of (i) Consolidated Funded Debt on such date <u>plus</u> (ii) the product of eight (8) multiplied by Consolidated Rent Expense for the four (4) consecutive quarters ending on such date to (b) Consolidated EBITDAR for the four (4) consecutive quarters ending on such date.

"Administrative Agent" or "Agent" shall have the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement and shall include any successors in such capacity.

- "Administrative Questionnaire" shall mean an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.
- "Affiliate" shall mean, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by, or is under common Control with, the Person specified.
- "Agreement" or "Credit Agreement" shall mean this Agreement, as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.

"Alternate Base Rate" shall mean, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 1/2 of 1% and (c) the sum of (i) LIBOR (as determined pursuant to the definition of LIBOR), for an Interest Period of one (1) month commencing on such day <u>plus</u> (ii) 1.00%, in each instance as of such date of determination. For purposes hereof: "Prime Rate" shall mean, at any time, the rate of interest per annum publicly announced or otherwise identified from time to time by Wells Fargo at its principal office in San Francisco, California as its prime rate. Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective as of the opening of business on the day such change in the Prime Rate occurs. The parties hereto acknowledge that the rate announced publicly by Wells Fargo as its Prime Rate is an index or base rate and shall not necessarily be its lowest or best rate charged to its customers or other banks; and "Federal Funds Effective Rate" shall mean, for any day, the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published on the next succeeding Business Day, the average of the quotations for the day of such transactions received by the Administrative Agent from three federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it. If for any reason the Administrative Agent shall have determined (which determination shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error) (A) that it is unable to ascertain the Federal Funds Effective Rate, for any reason, including the inability or failure of the Administrative Agent to obtain sufficient quotations in accordance with the terms above or (B) that the Prime Rate or LIBOR no longer accurately reflects an accurate determination of the prevailing Prime Rate or LIBOR, the Administrative Agent may select a reasonably comparable index or source to use as the basis for the Alternate Base Rate, until the circumstances giving rise to such inability no longer exist. Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in any of the foregoing will become effective on the effective date of such change in the Federal Funds Rate, the Prime Rate or LIBOR for an Interest Period of one (1) month. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, to the extent that the provisions of Section 2.13 shall be in effect in determining LIBOR pursuant to clause (c) hereof, the Alternate Base Rate shall be the greater of (i) the Prime Rate in effect on such day and (ii) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 1/2 of 1%.

"Alternate Base Rate Loans" shall mean Loans that bear interest at an interest rate based on the Alternate Base Rate.

"Anti-Terrorism Order" shall mean that certain Executive Order 13224 signed into law on September 23, 2001.

"Applicable Margin" shall mean, for any day, the rate per annum set forth below opposite the applicable level then in effect (based on the Adjusted Leverage Ratio), it being understood that the Applicable Margin for (a) Revolving Loans and Term Loans that are Alternate Base Rate Loans shall be the percentage set forth under the column "Base Rate Margin", (b) Revolving Loans and Term Loans that are LIBOR Rate Loans shall be the percentage set forth under the column "LIBOR Margin & L/C Fee", (c) the Letter of Credit Fee shall be the percentage set forth under the column "LIBOR Margin & L/C Fee", and (d) the Commitment Fee shall be the percentage set forth under the column "Commitment Fee":

#### **Applicable Margin**

		LIBOR Margin & L/C	Base Rate	Commitment
Level	Adjusted Leverage Ratio	Fee	Margin	Fee
I	Greater than 5.50 to 1.00	4.00%	3.00%	0.50%
II	Greater than 5.00 to 1.00	3.75%	2.75%	0.50%
	but less than or equal to 5.50 to 1.00			
III	Greater than 4.50 to 1.00	3.50%	2.50%	0.375%
	but less than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00			
IV	Less than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00	3.25%	2.25%	0.375%

The Applicable Margin shall, in each case, be determined and adjusted quarterly on the date five (5) Business Days after the date on which the Administrative Agent has received from the Borrower the quarterly financial information (in the case of the first three fiscal quarters of the Borrower's fiscal year), the annual financial information (in the case of the Fourth Quarter) and the certifications required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.1(a), 5.1(b) and 5.2(b) (each an "Interest Determination Date"). Such Applicable Margin shall be effective from such Interest Determination Date until the next such Interest Determination Date, if the Credit Parties shall fail to provide the financial information or certifications in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.1(b) and 5.2(b), the Applicable Margin shall, on the date five (5) Business Days after the date by which the Credit Parties were so required to provide such financial information or certifications to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, be based on Level I until such time as such information or certifications or corrected information or corrected certificates are provided, whereupon the Level shall be determined by the then current Adjusted Leverage Ratio. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the initial Applicable Margins shall be set with pricing set forth in Level II until the financial information and certificates required to be delivered pursuant to Section 5.1 and 5.2 for the Fourth Quarter of 2011 have been delivered to the Administrative Agent, for distribution to the Lenders. In the event that any financial statement or certification delivered pursuant to Sections 5.1 or 5.2 is shown to be inaccurate (regardless of whether this Agreement or the Commitments are in effect when such inaccuracy is

discovered), and such inaccuracy, if corrected, would have led to the application of a higher Applicable Margin for any period (an "Applicable Period") than the Applicable Margin applied for such Applicable Period, the Borrower shall immediately (a) deliver to the Administrative Agent a corrected compliance certificate for such Applicable Period, (b) determine the Applicable Margin for such Applicable Period based upon the corrected compliance certificate, and (c) immediately pay to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders the accrued additional interest and other fees owing as a result of such increased Applicable Margin for such Applicable Period, which payment shall be promptly distributed by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders entitled thereto. It is acknowledged and agreed that nothing contained herein shall limit the rights of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders under the Credit Documents, including their rights under Sections 2.8 and Article VII.

- "Applicable Percentage" shall mean, with respect to any Revolving Lender, the percentage of the total Revolving Commitments represented by such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment. If the Revolving Commitments have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentage shall be determined based on the Revolving Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments.
  - "Approved Bank" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Cash Equivalents."
- "Approved Fund" shall mean any Fund that is administered, managed or underwritten by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.
  - "Arranger" shall mean WFS.
- "ASC Section 840-40" shall mean Accounting Standards Codification Section 840-40 (Leases-Sale-Leaseback Transactions) issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, as now or hereafter in effect or any successor pronouncements.
- "Asset Disposition" shall mean the disposition of any or all of the assets (including, without limitation, the Equity Interests of a Subsidiary or any ownership interest in a joint venture) of any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party whether by sale, lease, transfer or otherwise, in a single transaction or in a series of transactions. The term "Asset Disposition" shall not include (a) the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of assets permitted by Subsections 6.4(a) (i) through (vi), or (b) any issuance by the Borrower of its Equity Interests.
- "<u>Assignment and Assumption</u>" shall mean an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 9.6), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 1.1(b)</u> or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.
  - "Authorized Officers" shall mean the Responsible Officers set forth on Schedule 3.29.

"Bank Product" shall mean any of the following products, services or facilities extended to any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party by any Bank Product Provider: (a) Cash Management Services; (b) products under any Hedging Agreement; and (c) commercial credit card, purchase card and merchant card services; provided, however, that for any of the foregoing to be included as "Credit Party Obligations" for purposes of a distribution under Section 2.11(b), the applicable Bank Product Provider must have previously provided a Bank Product Provider Notice to the Administrative Agent which shall provide the following information: (i) the existence of such Bank Product and (ii) the maximum dollar amount (if reasonably capable of being determined) of obligations arising thereunder (the "Bank Product Amount"). The Bank Product Amount may be changed from time to time upon written notice to the Administrative Agent by the Bank Product Provider. Any Bank Product established from and after the time that the Lenders have received written notice from the Company or the Administrative Agent that an Event of Default exists, until such Event of Default has been waived in accordance with Section 9.1, shall not be included as "Credit Party Obligations" for purposes of a distribution under Section 2.11(b).

"Bank Product Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of Bank Product.

"Bank Product Debt" shall mean the Indebtedness and other obligations of any Credit Party or Subsidiary relating to Bank Products.

"Bank Product Provider" shall mean any Person that provides Bank Products to a Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party to the extent that (a) such Person is a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or any other Person that was a Lender (or an Affiliate of a Lender) at the time it entered into the Bank Product but has ceased to be a Lender (or whose Affiliate has ceased to be a Lender) under the Credit Agreement or (b) such Person is a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender on the Closing Date and the Bank Product was entered into on or prior to the Closing Date (even if such Person ceases to be a Lender or such Person's Affiliate ceased to be a Lender).

"Bank Product Provider Notice" shall mean a notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 1.1(g).

"Bankruptcy Code" shall mean the Bankruptcy Code in Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended, modified, succeeded or replaced from time to time.

"Bankruptcy Event" shall mean any of the events described in Section 7.1(f).

"Borrower" shall have the meaning set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

"Borrowing Date" shall mean, in respect of any Loan, the date such Loan is made.

"Burger King Corporation" shall mean Burger King Corporation, a Florida corporation.

"Burger King Rights" shall mean the collective reference to Burger King Corporation's rights (if any) under each Franchise Agreement pursuant to which Burger King Corporation shall

be entitled to: (a) prior written notice of any sale of all or substantially all of the Voting Stock of the Borrower; (b) a right of first refusal to purchase all or substantially all of the Voting Stock of the Borrower or of all or substantially all of the assets of a Restaurant subject to a Franchise Agreement in connection with a sale thereof; (c) prior approval of any sale of all or substantially all of the Voting Stock of the Borrower; and (d) prior written consent to the sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or give-away of substantially all of the assets of any Restaurant subject to a Franchise Agreement; in each case to the extent set forth in a legally binding Franchise Agreement.

"Business" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.10.

"Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in Boston, Massachusetts, San Francisco, California or New York, New York are authorized or required by law to close; provided, however, that when used in connection with a rate determination, borrowing or payment in respect of a LIBOR Rate Loan, the term "Business Day" shall also exclude any day on which banks in London, England are not open for dealings in Dollar deposits in the London interbank market.

"<u>Capital Lease</u>" shall mean any lease of property, real or personal, the obligations with respect to which are required to be capitalized on a balance sheet of the lessee in accordance with GAAP.

"Capital Lease Obligations" shall mean the capitalized lease obligations relating to a Capital Lease determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Cash Collateralize" shall mean to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Lender (as applicable) and the Lenders, as collateral for LOC Obligations or obligations of Lenders to fund participations in respect thereof, cash or deposit account balances or, if the Issuing Lender shall agree in its sole discretion, other credit support, in each case pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to (a) the Administrative Agent and (b) the Issuing Lender. "Cash Collateral" shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such cash collateral and other credit support.

"Cash Equivalents" shall mean (a) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than twelve months from the date of acquisition ("Government Obligations"), (b) Dollar denominated time deposits, certificates of deposit, Eurodollar time deposits and Eurodollar certificates of deposit of (i) any domestic commercial bank of recognized standing having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 or (ii) any bank whose short-term commercial paper rating at the time of the acquisition thereof is at least A-1 or the equivalent thereof from S&P or from Moody's is at least P-1 or the equivalent thereof from Moody's (any such bank being an "Approved Bank"), in each case with maturities of not more than 364 days from the date of acquisition, (c) commercial paper and variable or fixed rate notes issued by any Approved Bank (or by the parent company thereof) or any variable rate notes

issued by, or guaranteed by any domestic corporation rated A-1 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by S&P or P-1 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by Moody's and maturing within six months of the date of acquisition, (d) repurchase agreements with a term of not more than thirty (30) days with a bank or trust company (including a Lender) or a recognized securities dealer having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 for direct obligations issued by or fully guaranteed by the United States of America, (e) obligations of any state of the United States or any political subdivision thereof for the payment of the principal and redemption price of and interest on which there shall have been irrevocably deposited Government Obligations maturing as to principal and interest at times and in amounts sufficient to provide such payment, (f) money market accounts subject to Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Rule 2a-7") which consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents set forth in clauses (a) through (e) above and of which 95% shall at all times be comprised of First Tier Securities (as defined in Rule 2a-7) and any remaining amount shall at all times be comprised of Second Tier Securities (as defined in Rule 2a-7) and (g) shares of any so-called "money market fund"; provided that such fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has net assets of at least \$500,000,000 and has an investment portfolio with an average maturity of 365 days or less.

"Cash Management Services" shall mean any services provided from time to time to any Credit Party or Subsidiary of a Credit Party in connection with operating, collections, payroll, trust, or other depository or disbursement accounts, including automatic clearinghouse, controlled disbursement, depository, electronic funds transfer, information reporting, lockbox, stop payment, overdraft and/or wire transfer services and all other treasury and cash management services.

"Change in Law" shall mean the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

"Change of Control" shall mean at any time the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Section 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than the Permitted Holders (individually or in any combination as a group), is or becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that a person shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, in excess of forty percent (40%) of the then outstanding Voting Stock of the Parent; or (b) the replacement of a majority of the Board of Directors of the Parent or Holdings over a two-year period from the directors who constituted the

Board of Directors at the beginning of such period, and such replacement shall not have been approved by a vote of at least a majority of the Board of Directors of the Parent or Holdings then still in office who either were members of such Board of Directors at the beginning of such period or whose election as a member of such Board of Directors was previously so approved; or (c) the Parent shall fail, directly or indirectly, to legally and beneficially own 100% of the Equity Interests of Holdings; or (d) Holdings shall fail, directly or indirectly, to legally and beneficially own 100% of the Equity Interests of the Borrower.

"Closing Date" shall mean the date of this Agreement.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Collateral" shall mean a collective reference to the collateral which is identified in, and at any time will be covered by, the Security Documents and any other property or assets of a Credit Party or Holdings, whether tangible or intangible and whether real or personal, that may from time to time secure the Credit Party Obligations; provided that there shall be excluded from the Collateral (a) any account, instrument, chattel paper or other obligation or property of any kind due from, owed by, or belonging to, a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity, (b) any lease in which the lessee is a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity, (c) all Franchise Agreements, (d) all leased real property interests of the Credit Parties, (e) subject to Section 5.12(c), the Identified Sale Leaseback Property, (f) the Excluded Real Property and (g) any other property specifically excluded pursuant to the Security Documents.

"Commitment" shall mean the Revolving Commitments, the LOC Commitment and the Term Loan Commitments, individually or collectively, as appropriate.

"Commitment Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(a).

"Commitment Percentage" shall mean the Revolving Commitment Percentage and/or the Term Loan Commitment Percentage, as appropriate.

"Commitment Period" shall mean (a) with respect to Revolving Loans, the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the Maturity Date and (b) with respect to Letters of Credit, the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the date that is thirty (30) days prior to the Maturity Date.

"Committed Funded Exposure" shall mean, as to any Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Loans, LOC Obligations and Participation Interests at such time.

"Commonly Controlled Entity" shall mean an entity, whether or not incorporated, which is under common control with the Borrower within the meaning of Section 4001(b)(1) of ERISA or is part of a group which includes the Borrower and which is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or 414(c) of the Code or, solely for purposes of Section 412 of the Code to the extent required by such Section, Section 414(m) or 414(o) of the Code.

"Consolidated" shall mean, when used with reference to financial statements or financial statement items of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or any other Person, such statements or items on a consolidated basis in accordance with the consolidation principles of GAAP.

"Consolidated Capital Expenditures" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, all expenditures of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis for such period that in accordance with GAAP would be classified as capital expenditures, including, without limitation, Capital Lease Obligations.

"Consolidated EBITDAR" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, without duplication, (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period <u>plus</u> (b) the sum of the following to the extent deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income for such period: (i) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period, (ii) tax expense (including, without limitation, any federal, state, local and foreign income and similar taxes) of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries for such period, (ii) depreciation and amortization expense of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries for such period, (iv) Consolidated Rent Expense for such period, (v) Other Designated Expenses, and (vi) other non-cash charges (excluding reserves for future cash charges) of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries for such period (including, without limitation, non-cash expense related to stock option or other equity compensation plans or grants) minus (c) non-cash charges previously added back to Consolidated Net Income in determining Consolidated EBITDAR to the extent such non-cash charges have become cash charges during such period minus (d) to the extent not deducted in the calculation of Consolidated Net Income, all amounts paid by the Credit Parties pursuant to Sections 6.10(e), (f), (g)(ii), (h) and (j) (other than any payments or reimbursements for capital expenditures made for the benefit of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries).

"Consolidated Funded Debt" shall mean, as of any date of determination, Funded Debt of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, all interest expense (excluding amortization of debt discount and premium, but including the interest component under Capital Leases and synthetic leases, tax retention operating leases, off-balance sheet loans and similar off-balance sheet financing products) for such period of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis.

"Consolidated Net Income" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, the net income (excluding (a) extraordinary losses and gains, (b) gains from Dispositions not in the ordinary course of business, (c) gains from the early extinguishment of Indebtedness, (d) all non-cash income (other than amortization of deferred gains from Sale Leaseback transactions), (e) interest income, (f) tax credits, rebates and other benefits and (g) income received from joint venture investments to the extent not received in cash) of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis for such period, all as determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Rent Expense" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, all rent expense for such period of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis.

"Contractual Obligation" shall mean, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any contract, agreement, instrument or undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

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

"Copyright Licenses" shall mean any agreement, whether written or oral, providing for the grant by or to a Person of any right under any Copyright.

"Copyrights" shall mean all copyrights in all Works, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications in connection therewith, including, without limitation, registrations, recordings and applications in the United States Copyright Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any state thereof or any other country or any political subdivision thereof, or otherwise and all renewals thereof.

"Credit Documents" shall mean this Agreement, each of the Notes, any Joinder Agreement, the Letters of Credit, LOC Documents and the Security Documents and all other agreements, documents, certificates and instruments delivered to the Administrative Agent or any Lender by any Credit Party in connection therewith (other than any agreement, document, certificate or instrument related to a Bank Product).

"Credit Party" shall mean any of the Borrower or the Guarantors.

"Credit Party Obligations" shall mean, without duplication, (a) the Obligations and (b) for purposes of the Guaranty, the Security Documents and all provisions under the other Credit Documents relating to the Collateral, the sharing thereof and/or payments from proceeds of the Collateral, all Bank Product Debt.

"<u>Debt Issuance</u>" shall mean the issuance of any Indebtedness by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries (excluding any issuance by the Borrower of its Equity Interests or any Indebtedness of any Credit Party and its Subsidiaries permitted to be incurred pursuant to Sections 6.1 (a)-(j) hereof).

"<u>Debtor Relief Laws</u>" shall mean the Bankruptcy Code and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.

"<u>Default</u>" shall mean any of the events specified in Section 7.1, whether or not any requirement for the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, or any other condition, has been satisfied.

"<u>Default Rate</u>" shall mean (a) when used with respect to the Obligations, other than Letter of Credit Fees, an interest rate equal to (i) for Alternate Base Rate Loans (A) the Alternate Base Rate <u>plus</u> (B) the Applicable Margin applicable to Alternate Base Rate Loans <u>plus</u> (C) 2.00% per annum and (ii) for LIBOR Rate Loans, (A) the LIBOR Rate <u>plus</u> (B) the Applicable Margin applicable to LIBOR Rate Loans <u>plus</u> (C) 2.00% per annum, (b) when used with respect to Letter of Credit Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Margin applicable to Letter of Credit Fees <u>plus</u> 2.00% per annum and (c) when used with respect to any other fee or amount due hereunder, a rate equal to the Applicable Margin applicable to Alternate Base Rate Loans <u>plus</u> 2.00% per annum.

"Defaulting Lender" shall mean, subject to Section 2.21(b) any Lender that, (a) has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Loans within two Business Days of the date such Loans were required to be funded hereunder unless such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Lender or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Letters of Credit) within two Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any Issuing Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender's obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) has failed, within three Business Days after written request by the Administrative Agent or the Borrower, to confirm in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), or (d) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or (ii) had appointed for it a receiver, custodian, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or assets, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other state or federal regulatory authority acting in such a capacity; provided that a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any equity interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disayow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender. Any determination by the Administrative Agent that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender under clauses (a) through (d) above shall be conclusive and binding absent

manifest error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to Section 2.21(b)) upon delivery of written notice of such determination to the Borrower, each Issuing Lender and each Lender.

"Deposit Account Control Agreement" shall mean an agreement, among a Credit Party, a depository institution, and the Administrative Agent, which agreement is in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent and which provides the Administrative Agent with "control" (as such term is used in Article 9 of the UCC) over the deposit account(s) described therein, as the same may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Disposition" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.4.

"Dollars" and "\$" shall mean dollars in lawful currency of the United States of America.

"<u>Domestic Lending Office</u>" shall mean, initially, the office of each Lender designated as such Lender's Domestic Lending Office shown in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire; and thereafter, such other office of such Lender as such Lender may from time to time specify to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the office of such Lender at which Alternate Base Rate Loans of such Lender are to be made.

"<u>Domestic Subsidiary</u>" shall mean any Subsidiary that is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state or commonwealth thereof or under the laws of the District of Columbia, other than an Excluded Holding Subsidiary.

"Eligible Assignee" shall mean (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender, (c) an Approved Fund and (d) any other Person (other than a natural person) approved by (i) the Administrative Agent (which approval shall not unreasonable be withheld or delayed in the case of an assignment pursuant to Section 2.19), (ii) in the case of any assignment of a Revolving Commitment, the Issuing Lender and (iii) unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and so long as the primary syndication of the Loans has been completed as determined by Wells Fargo, the Borrower (each such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, "Eligible Assignee" shall not include (A) the Parent, Holdings, any Credit Party or any of the Parent's, Holdings or the Credit Party's Affiliates or Subsidiaries or (B) any Person holding Subordinated Debt of the Credit Parties or any of such Person's Affiliates or (C) any Defaulting Lender (or any of their Affiliates).

"Environmental Laws" shall mean any and all applicable foreign, federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees, requirements of any Governmental Authority or other Requirement of Law (including common law) regulating, relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning protection of human health or the environment, as now or may at any time be in effect during the term of this Agreement.

"Equity Interests" shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, capital stock, (b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of capital stock, (c) in the case of a partnership, partnership interests (whether general, preferred or limited), (d) in the case of a limited liability company,

membership interests and (e) any other interest or participation that confers or could confer on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, without limitation, options, warrants and any other "equity security" as defined in Rule 3a11-1 of the Exchange Act.

"ERISA" shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

"Event of Default" shall mean any of the events specified in Section 7.1; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any requirement for the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, or any other condition, has been satisfied.

"Excess Cash Flow" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, for the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis, an amount equal to (a) Consolidated EBITDAR for such period minus (b) Consolidated Capital Expenditures for such period to the extent permitted hereunder and not financed with Funded Debt minus (c) Scheduled Funded Debt Payments made during such period minus (d) Consolidated Interest Expense (excluding any Consolidated Interest Expense associated with intercompany indebtedness) for such period to the extent actually paid in cash minus (e) Consolidated Rent Expense for such period to the extent actually paid in cash minus (f) amounts paid in cash in respect of federal, state, local and foreign Income Taxes of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries with respect to such period minus (g) optional prepayments of the Term Loan and of the Revolving Loans (to the extent simultaneously accompanied by a corresponding reduction of the Revolving Commitments).

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Existing Carrols Notes" shall mean the 9% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 of Holdings.

"Existing Letter of Credit" shall mean each of the letters of credit described by applicant, date of issuance, letter of credit number, amount, beneficiary and the date of expiry on Schedule 1.1(e) hereto.

"Excluded Holding Subsidiary" shall mean a Subsidiary that has no material assets other than the Equity Interests in one or more Foreign Subsidiaries.

"Excluded Real Property" shall mean the owned real property set forth on Schedule 1.1(f) hereto.

"Excluded Taxes" shall mean any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by the Recipient's net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes imposed on the Recipient, and branch profits Taxes imposed on the Recipient, in each case, (i) by the jurisdiction (or any political subdivision thereof) under the laws of which such Recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable lending office is located or (ii) as the result of any

other present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising solely from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Credit Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Credit Document), (b) in the case of a Lender (other than an assignee pursuant to a request by the Borrower under Section 2.19(b)), Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender becomes a party hereto or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 2.16, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with Section 2.16(g) and (d) any Taxes imposed under FATCA (or any amended or successor version of FATCA that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with).

"Extension of Credit" shall mean, as to any Lender, the making of a Loan by such Lender, any conversion of a Loan from one Type to another Type, any extension of any Loan or the issuance, extension or renewal of, or participation in, a Letter of Credit by such Lender.

"Extraordinary Receipt" shall mean any cash received by or paid to or for the account of any Person not in the ordinary course of business for Recovery Events.

"FATCA" shall mean Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement, and any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof.

"Federal Funds Effective Rate" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Alternate Base Rate".

"Fee Letter" shall mean the letter agreement dated June 9, 2011, addressed to the Borrower from Wells Fargo and WFS, as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Fiesta" shall mean Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation.

"<u>First Quarter</u>" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, the thirteen (13) week period ending on the Sunday closest to March 31 of such fiscal year.

"Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio" shall mean, as of any date of determination, for the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis, the ratio of (a) Consolidated EBITDAR for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such date to (b) the sum of (i) Consolidated Interest Expense paid or payable in cash during the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, (ii) all cash Income Taxes paid during the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, (iii) Scheduled Funded Debt Payments made during the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date (including the principal component of payments due on Capital Leases), (iv) Consolidated Rent Expense during the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date and (v) to the extent not

already included in this clause (b), any Restricted Payments (other than Restricted Payments made pursuant to Section 6.10(d), (e), (f) and (g)) made during such period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Third Quarter of 2011, the Fourth Quarter of 2011 and the First Quarter of 2012, the components of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio attributable to (1) Consolidated Interest Expense and (2) Scheduled Funded Debt Payments ((1) and (2) collectively, the "Annualized Fixed Charges") shall be annualized during such fiscal quarters such that (I) for the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the end of the Third Quarter of 2011, Annualized Fixed Charges for the fiscal quarter then ending will be multiplied by four (4), (II) for the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the end of the First Quarter period then ending will be multiplied by two (2) and (III) for the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the end of the First Quarter of 2012, Annualized Fixed Charges for the three fiscal quarter period then ending will be multiplied by one and one-third (1 1/3). For purposes of the computations in clauses (I), (II) and (III) above and for purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the four quarter period ended as of the end of the Third Quarter of 2012, the Consolidated Interest Expense and Scheduled Funded Debt Payments for the Third Quarter of 2011 shall be computed by measuring actual Consolidated Interest Expense and Scheduled Funded Debt Payments from the Closing Date through the end of the Third Quarter of 2011 (the "Stub Period"), dividing such amount by the number of days in the Stub Period and then multiplying such daily amount by ninety-two (92).

"Flood Hazard Property." shall mean any Mortgaged Property that is in an area designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as having special flood or mudslide hazards.

"<u>Foreign Lender</u>" shall mean (a) if the Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if the Borrower is not a U.S. Person, any Lender that is resident or organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes.

"Foreign Subsidiary" shall mean any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

"Fourth Quarter" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, the thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) week period ending on the Sunday closest to December 31 of such fiscal year.

"<u>Franchise Agreements</u>" shall mean all of the franchise agreements to which Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries is a party as franchisee, as any of the same may from time to time be amended, modified, supplemented or restated.

"Fronting Exposure" shall mean, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding LOC Obligations with respect to Letters of Credit issued by the Issuing Lender other than LOC Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Fund" shall mean any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business.

"Funded Debt" shall mean, with respect to any Person, without duplication, all Indebtedness of such Person (other than Indebtedness set forth in clauses (e), (i), and (n) of such definition); provided, that Funded Debt shall only include Indebtedness set forth in clause (j) of the definition thereof to the extent of unreimbursed drawings under such letters of credit or bankers' acceptances facilities.

"GAAP" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles in effect in the United States of America (or, in the case of Foreign Subsidiaries with significant operations outside the United States of America, generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time in their respective jurisdictions of organization or formation) applied on a consistent basis, <u>subject</u>, <u>however</u>, in the case of determination of compliance with the financial covenants set out in Section 5.9 to the provisions of Section 1.3.

"Government Acts" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.17.

"Government Obligations" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Cash Equivalents."

"Governmental Authority" shall mean the government of the United States of America or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Guarantor" shall mean the Domestic Subsidiaries of the Borrower (other than any Domestic Subsidiary owned by a Foreign Subsidiary) as are, or may from time to time become parties to this Agreement.

"Guaranty" shall mean the guaranty of the Guarantors set forth in Article X.

"Guaranty Obligations" shall mean, with respect to any Person, without duplication, any obligations of such Person (other than endorsements in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) guaranteeing or intended to guarantee any Indebtedness of any other Person in any manner, whether direct or indirect, and including, without limitation, any obligation, whether or not contingent, (a) to purchase any such Indebtedness or any property constituting security therefor, (b) to advance or provide funds or other support for the payment or purchase of any such Indebtedness or to maintain working capital, solvency or other balance sheet condition of such other Person (including, without limitation, keep well agreements, maintenance agreements, comfort letters or similar agreements or arrangements) for the benefit of any holder of Indebtedness of such other Person, (c) to lease or purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the holder of such Indebtedness, or (d) to otherwise assure or hold

harmless the holder of such Indebtedness against loss in respect thereof. The amount of any Guaranty Obligation hereunder shall (subject to any limitations set forth therein) be deemed to be an amount equal to the outstanding principal amount (or maximum principal amount, if larger) of the Indebtedness in respect of which such Guaranty Obligation is made.

"<u>Hedging Agreements</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any agreement entered into to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest rates, or currency or raw materials values, including, without limitation, any interest rate swap, cap or collar agreement or similar arrangement between such Person and one or more counterparties, any foreign currency exchange agreement, currency protection agreements, commodity purchase or option agreements or other interest or exchange rate hedging agreements.

"Holdings" shall mean Carrols Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

"<u>Holdings Pledge Agreement</u>" shall mean the Pledge Agreement dated as of the Closing Date executed by Holdings in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as the same may from time to time be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof.

"Identified Sale Leaseback Property" shall mean the owned real property identified on Schedule 1.1(d).

"Income Taxes" shall mean federal, state, local and foreign income and similar taxes (including franchise taxes, to the extent such franchise taxes are based on the income or revenues of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries).

"Incremental Term Facility" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.22(e).

"Indebtedness" shall mean, with respect to any Person, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, or upon which interest payments are customarily made, (c) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property purchased by such Person (other than customary reservations or retentions of title under agreements with suppliers entered into in the ordinary course of business), (d) all obligations (including, without limitation, earnout obligations) of such Person incurred, issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services purchased by such Person (other than trade debt and accrued expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business and due within six months of the incurrence thereof) which would appear as liabilities on a balance sheet of such Person, (e) all obligations of such Person under take-or-pay or similar arrangements or under commodities agreements, (f) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on, or payable out of the proceeds of production from, property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the obligations secured thereby have been assumed, (g) all Guaranty Obligations of such Person with respect to Indebtedness of another Person, (h) the principal portion of all Capital Lease Obligations <u>plus</u> any accrued interest thereon, (i) all net obligations of such Person under Hedging Agreements, (j) the maximum amount of all letters of credit issued or bankers' acceptances

facilities created for the account of such Person and, without duplication, all drafts drawn thereunder (to the extent unreimbursed), (k) all preferred Equity Interests issued by such Person and which by the terms thereof could be (at the request of the holders thereof or otherwise) subject to mandatory sinking fund payments, redemption or other acceleration on or prior to the Maturity Date, (l) the principal balance outstanding under any synthetic lease, tax retention operating lease, off-balance sheet loan or similar off-balance sheet financing product <u>plus</u> any accrued interest thereon, (m) all obligations of any partnership or unincorporated joint venture in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, (n) obligations of such Person under non-compete agreements to the extent such obligations are quantifiable contingent obligations of such Person under GAAP principles and (o) all ASC Section 840-40 lease financing obligations.

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

"Indemnitee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.5(b).

"Insolvency" shall mean, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such Plan is insolvent within the meaning of such term as used in Section 4245 of ERISA.

"Intellectual Property." shall mean, collectively, all Copyrights, Copyright Licenses, Patents, Patent Licenses, Trademarks and Trademark Licenses of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, all goodwill associated therewith and all rights to sue for infringement thereof.

"Intercompany Debt" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.19.

"Interest Determination Date" shall have the meaning specified in the definition of "Applicable Margin".

"Interest Payment Date" shall mean (a) as to any Alternate Base Rate Loan, the last Business Day of each of the First Quarter, Second Quarter, Third Quarter and Fourth Quarter and on the applicable Maturity Date, (b) as to any LIBOR Rate Loan having an Interest Period of three months or less, the last day of such Interest Period, (c) as to any LIBOR Rate Loan having an Interest Period longer than three months, (i) each three (3) month anniversary following the first day of such Interest Period and (ii) the last day of such Interest Period and (d) as to any Loan which is the subject of a mandatory prepayment required pursuant to Section 2.7(b), the date on which such mandatory prepayment is due.

"Interest Period" shall mean, with respect to any LIBOR Rate Loan,

(a) initially, the period commencing on the Borrowing Date or conversion date, as the case may be, with respect to such LIBOR Rate Loan and ending one, two, three, six, nine or twelve months thereafter, subject to availability to all applicable Lenders, as selected by the Borrower in the Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion given with respect thereto; and

- (b) thereafter, each period commencing on the last day of the immediately preceding Interest Period applicable to such LIBOR Rate Loan and ending one, two, three, six, nine or twelve months thereafter, subject to availability to all applicable Lenders, as selected by the Borrower by irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent not less than three Business Days prior to the last day of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto; <u>provided</u> that the foregoing provisions are subject to the following:
  - (i) if any Interest Period pertaining to a LIBOR Rate Loan would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to carry such Interest Period into another calendar month in which event such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day;
  - (ii) any Interest Period pertaining to a LIBOR Rate Loan that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the relevant calendar month;
  - (iii) if the Borrower shall fail to give notice as provided above, the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Alternate Base Rate Loan to replace the affected LIBOR Rate Loan;
  - (iv) no Interest Period in respect of any Loan shall extend beyond the applicable Maturity Date and, further with regard to the Term Loan, no Interest Period shall extend beyond any principal amortization payment date with respect to such Term Loan unless the portion of such Term Loan consisting of Alternate Base Rate Loans together with the portion of such Term Loan consisting of LIBOR Rate Loans with Interest Periods expiring prior to or concurrently with the date such principal amortization payment date is due, is at least equal to the amount of such principal amortization payment due on such date; and
  - (v) no more than ten (10) LIBOR Rate Loans may be in effect at any time. For purposes hereof, LIBOR Rate Loans with different Interest Periods shall be considered as separate LIBOR Rate Loans, even if they shall begin on the same date and have the same duration, although borrowings, extensions and conversions may, in accordance with the provisions hereof, be combined at the end of existing Interest Periods to constitute a new LIBOR Rate Loan with a single Interest Period.

"Investment" shall mean (a) the acquisition (whether for cash, property, services, assumption of Indebtedness, securities or otherwise) of Equity Interests, other ownership interests or other securities of any Person or bonds, notes, debentures or all or substantially all of the assets of any Person, (b) any deposit with, or advance, loan or other extension of credit to, any Person (other than deposits made in the ordinary course of business), (c) the construction or development of, or the entering into of a binding commitment to construct or develop, a new Restaurant, or (d) any other capital contribution to or investment in any Person, including,

without limitation, any Guaranty Obligation (including any support for a letter of credit issued on behalf of such Person) incurred for the benefit of such Person.

- "IRS" shall mean the United States Internal Revenue Service.
- "Issuing Lender" shall mean Wells Fargo together with any successor.
- "Issuing Lender Fees" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(c).
- "Joinder Agreement" shall mean a Joinder Agreement in substantially the form of Exhibit 1.1(c), executed and delivered by an Additional Credit Party in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.10.
- "Lender" shall mean any of the several banks and other financial institutions as are, or may from time to time become parties to this Agreement; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, "Lender" shall not include any Credit Party or any of the Credit Party's Affiliates or Subsidiaries.
- "Lender Commitment Letter" shall mean, with respect to any Lender, the letter (or other correspondence) to such Lender from the Administrative Agent notifying such Lender of its LOC Commitment, Revolving Commitment Percentage and/or Term Loan Commitment Percentage.
- "Letter of Credit" shall mean (a) any letter of credit issued by the Issuing Lender pursuant to the terms hereof, as such letter of credit may be amended, modified, restated, extended, renewed, increased, replaced or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and (b) any Existing Letter of Credit, in each case as such letter of credit may be amended, modified, extended, renewed or replaced from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
  - "Letter of Credit Facing Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(c).
  - "Letter of Credit Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.5(b).
- "LIBOR" shall mean, for any LIBOR Rate Loan for any Interest Period therefor, the rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest 1/100 of 1%) appearing on Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page (or any successor page) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in Dollars at approximately 11:00 A.M. (London time) two (2) Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period for a term comparable to such Interest Period. If for any reason such rate is not available, then "LIBOR" shall mean the rate per annum at which, as determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with its customary practices, Dollars in an amount comparable to the Loans then requested are being offered to leading banks at approximately 11:00 A.M. London time, two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of the applicable Interest Period for settlement in immediately available funds by leading banks in the London interbank market for a period equal to the Interest Period selected.

- "LIBOR Lending Office" shall mean, initially, the office(s) of each Lender designated as such Lender's LIBOR Lending Office in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire; and thereafter, such other office of such Lender as such Lender may from time to time specify to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the office of such Lender at which the LIBOR Rate Loans of such Lender are to be made.
- "LIBOR Rate" shall mean a LIBOR rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next higher 1/100th of 1%) determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the definition of "LIBOR".
  - "LIBOR Rate Loan" shall mean Loans the rate of interest applicable to which is based on the LIBOR Rate.
  - "LIBOR Tranche" shall mean the collective reference to LIBOR Rate Loans whose Interest Periods begin and end on the same day.
- "<u>Lien</u>" shall mean any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge or other security interest or any preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, (a) any conditional sale or other title retention agreement and any Capital Lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing, (b) the filing of, or the agreement to give, any UCC financing statement and (c) the Burger King Rights).
  - "Loan" shall mean a Revolving Loan and/or the Term Loan, as appropriate.
- "LOC Commitment" shall mean the commitment of the Issuing Lender to issue Letters of Credit and with respect to each Revolving Lender, the commitment of such Revolving Lender to purchase Participation Interests in the Letters of Credit up to such Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the LOC Committed Amount.
  - "LOC Committed Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(a).
- "LOC Documents" shall mean, with respect to each Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit, any amendments thereto, any documents delivered in connection therewith, any application therefor, and any agreements, instruments, guarantees or other documents (whether general in application or applicable only to such Letter of Credit) governing or providing for (a) the rights and obligations of the parties concerned or (b) any collateral for such obligations.
- "LOC Obligations" shall mean, at any time, the sum of (a) the maximum amount which is, or at any time thereafter may become, available to be drawn under Letters of Credit then outstanding, assuming compliance with all requirements for drawings referred to in such Letters of Credit <u>plus</u> (b) the aggregate amount of all drawings under Letters of Credit honored by the Issuing Lender but not theretofore reimbursed.

"Management Agreement" shall mean that certain Management Services Agreement dated as of the Closing Date by and between the Borrower and Holdings.

"Mandatory LOC Borrowing" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(e).

"Material Adverse Effect" shall mean a material adverse effect on (a) the business, operations, property, assets or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Borrower or any Guarantor to perform its obligations, when such obligations are required to be performed, under this Agreement, any of the Notes or any other Credit Document or (c) the validity or enforceability of this Agreement, any of the Notes or any of the other Credit Documents, the Administrative Agent's Liens (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) on the Collateral or the priority of such Liens or the rights or remedies of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders hereunder.

"Material Contract" shall mean (a) the Management Agreement, (b) the Transition Services Agreement and (c) any contract or agreement of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries as to which the breach, nonperformance, cancellation or failure to renew by any party thereto, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The parties acknowledge that no individual Restaurant real property lease or individual Franchise Agreement is a Material Contract for purposes of this Agreement; provided, however, depending on the materiality of the obligations subject thereto, an individual Franchise Agreement may be deemed to be a Material Contract to the extent a default thereunder shall result in a cross default under one or more other Franchise Agreements.

"<u>Materials of Environmental Concern</u>" shall mean any gasoline or petroleum (including crude oil or any extraction thereof) or petroleum products or any hazardous or toxic substances, materials or wastes, defined or regulated as such in or under any Environmental Law, including, without limitation, asbestos, perchlorate, polychlorinated biphenyls and urea-formaldehyde insulation.

"Maturity Date" shall mean the date that is five years following the Closing Date; provided, however, if such date is not a Business Day, the Maturity Date shall be the next preceding Business Day.

"Moody's" shall mean Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"Mortgage Instrument" shall mean any mortgage, deed of trust or deed to secure debt executed by a Credit Party in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as the same may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Mortgaged Property" shall mean any owned real property of a Credit Party or Holdings listed on Schedule 3.16(f)(i) and any other owned real property of a Credit Party or Holdings that is or will become encumbered by a Mortgage Instrument in favor of the Administrative Agent in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Mortgaged Properties shall not include any Excluded Real Property.

"Multiemployer Plan" shall mean a Plan that is a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

"Net Cash Proceeds" shall mean the aggregate cash proceeds received by any Credit Party or any Subsidiary in respect of any Asset Disposition, Debt Issuance or Extraordinary Receipts, net of (a) reasonable direct costs and expenses (including, without limitation, legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions) associated therewith and paid to Persons who are not Credit Parties or their Affiliates, (b) amounts held in escrow to be applied as part of the purchase price of any Asset Disposition or the amount of any reserves established to fund contingent liabilities reasonably estimated to be payable, (c) the amount of such proceeds required to be used to permanently repay any Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) and (d) taxes paid or reasonably estimated to be payable as a result thereof; it being understood that "Net Cash Proceeds" shall include, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received by any Credit Party or any Subsidiary in any Asset Disposition, Debt Issuance or Extraordinary Receipt and any cash released from escrow as part of the purchase price in connection with any Asset Disposition.

"Non-Consenting Lender" means any Lender that does not approve any consent, waiver or amendment that (a) requires the approval of all affected Lenders in accordance with the terms of Section 9.1 and (b) has been approved by the Required Lenders.

"Non-Defaulting Lender' shall mean, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

"Note" or "Notes" shall mean the Revolving Loan Notes and/or the Term Loan Notes, collectively, separately or individually, as appropriate.

"Notice of Borrowing" shall mean a request for a Revolving Loan borrowing pursuant to Section 2.1(b)(i). A Form of Notice of Borrowing is attached as Exhibit 1.1(d).

"Notice of Conversion/Extension" shall mean the written notice of conversion of a LIBOR Rate Loan to an Alternate Base Rate Loan or an Alternate Base Rate Loan, or extension of a LIBOR Rate Loan, in each case substantially in the form of Exhibit 1.1(e).

"Obligations" shall mean, collectively, all of the obligations, Indebtedness and liabilities of the Credit Parties to the Lenders (including the Issuing Lender) and the Administrative Agent, whenever arising, under this Agreement, the Notes or any of the other Credit Documents, including principal, interest, fees, costs, charges, expenses, professional fees, reimbursements, all sums chargeable to the Credit Parties or for which any Credit Party is liable as an indemnitor and whether or not evidenced by a note or other instrument and indemnification obligations and other amounts (including, but not limited to, any interest accruing after the occurrence of a filing of a petition of bankruptcy under the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Credit Party, regardless of whether such interest is an allowed claim under the Bankruptcy Code).

"OFAC" shall mean the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

"Operating Lease" shall mean, as applied to any Person, any lease (including, without limitation, leases which may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (whether real, personal or mixed) which is not a Capital Lease or a lease in connection with an ASC 840-40 lease financing obligation other than any such lease in which that Person is the lessor.

"Other Designated Expenses" shall mean, for any period, (a) consolidated impairment charges recorded in connection with the application of Financial Accounting Standard No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangibles" and Financial Accounting Standard No. 144 "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long Lived Assets," or any successor pronouncements, (b) amortization associated with the excess of purchase price over the value allocated to tangible property or assets acquired by the Borrower or its consolidated Subsidiaries, (c) any non-recurring cash fees, charges or other expenses made or incurred in connection with the Credit facilities under this Agreement and (d) cash fees, charges or other expenses made or incurred in connection with the Spin-Off.

"Other Spin-Off Documents" shall mean the separation and distribution agreement, tax matters agreement and employee matters agreement (and any ancillary agreements executed in connection therewith) to be entered into in connection with the Spin-Off, as generally described in the Offering Memorandum, dated July \_\_\_, 2011, relating to the issuance by Fiesta of Senior Secured Second Lien Notes, with any changes, additions, modifications and amendments that vary from such description which would not be materially more disadvantageous to the Lenders.

"Other Taxes" shall mean all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Credit Document, except any such taxes that are imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.19).

"Parent" shall mean Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

"Participant" has the meaning assigned to such term in clause (d) of Section 9.6.

"Participation Interest" shall mean a participation interest purchased by a Revolving Lender in LOC Obligations as provided in Section 2.3(c).

"Participant Register" has the meaning specified in clause (d) of Section 9.6.

"Patent Licenses" shall mean any agreement, whether written or oral, providing for the grant by or to a Person of any right to manufacture, use or sell any invention covered by a Patent.

"<u>Patents</u>" shall mean (a) all letters patent of the United States or any other country, now existing or hereafter arising, and all improvement patents, reissues, reexaminations, patents of additions, renewals and extensions thereof and (b) all applications for letters patent of the United

States or any other country and all provisionals, divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part and substitutes thereof.

"Patriot Act" shall mean the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001 (Title III of Pub. L. No. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), as amended or modified from time to time.

"Payment Event of Default" shall mean an Event of Default specified in Section 7.1(a).

"PBGC" shall mean the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation established pursuant to Subtitle A of Title IV of ERISA.

"Permitted Acquisition" shall mean an acquisition or any series of related acquisitions by a Credit Party of (a) all or substantially all of the assets or a majority of the outstanding Voting Stock or economic interests of a Person that is incorporated, formed or organized in the United States, (b) a Person that is incorporated, formed or organized in the United States by a merger, amalgamation or consolidation or any other combination with such Person, (c) any division, line of business or other business unit of a Person that is incorporated, formed or organized in the United States (such Person or such division, line of business or other business unit of such Person shall be referred to herein as the "Target"), in each case that is a type of business (or assets used in a type of business) permitted to be engaged in by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries pursuant to Section 6.3 or (d) one or more Restaurants not part of a transaction described in clause (a), (b) or (c) above, in each case so long as:

- (i) no Default or Event of Default shall then exist or would exist after giving effect thereto;
- (ii) the Credit Parties shall demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Administrative Agent that, after giving effect to the acquisition on a Pro Forma Basis, (A) the Credit Parties are in compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 and (B) for acquisitions consummated at any time the Adjusted Leverage Ratio covenant level set forth in Section 5.9(a) is greater than 5.50 to 1.0, the Adjusted Leverage Ratio shall be 0.25 to 1.0 less than the then applicable level set forth in Section 5.9;
- (iii) the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, shall have received (or shall receive in connection with the closing of such acquisition) a first priority perfected security interest in all property (including, without limitation, Equity Interests) acquired with respect to the Target in accordance with the terms of Sections 5.10 and 5.12 and the Target, if a Person, shall have executed a Joinder Agreement in accordance with the terms of Section 5.10;
- (iv) in connection with any Permitted Acquisition with a purchase price in excess of \$5,000,000, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received (A) a description of the material terms of such acquisition, (B) with

respect to Permitted Acquisitions referred to in clause (a) above, audited financial statements (or, if unavailable, unaudited financial statements prepared by management of the Target for the periods available to the Borrower (which shall not exceed its two most recent fiscal years) and for any fiscal quarters ended within the fiscal year to date (which quarters financial statements shall be unaudited), (C) with respect to Permitted Acquisitions referred to in clauses (b) or (c) above, financial statements of the Target that are made available to the Borrower (or such other financial information reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent) for its most recent fiscal year, (D) with respect to Permitted Acquisitions referred to in clause (d) above, profit and loss statements with respect to each Restaurant acquired and (E) not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the consummation of any such Permitted Acquisition, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 1.1(f), executed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower certifying that such Permitted Acquisition complies with the requirements of this Agreement; and

(v) such acquisition shall not be a "hostile" acquisition and shall have been approved by the Board of Directors (or equivalent) and/or shareholders (or equivalent) of the applicable Credit Party and the Target.

"Permitted Construction Transaction" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.5(h).

"Permitted Holders" shall mean (i) Jefferies Capital Partners IV LP, Jefferies Employee Partners IV LLC, JCP Partners IV LLC and/or any of their respective Affiliates and (ii) Alan Vituli and any member of executive management (vice president or more senior) of Parent, Holdings or the Borrower as of the Closing Date and/or any of their respective Affiliates.

"Permitted Investments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.5.

"Permitted Liens" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.2.

"Permitted Tax Distributions" shall mean payments, dividends, or distributions by the Borrower (a "Tax Distribution") made to Holdings to permit Holdings or the Parent to pay Income Taxes required to be paid by Holdings or the Parent resulting from the direct or indirect ownership of the Equity Interests of the Borrower.

"Person" shall mean any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

"<u>Plan</u>" shall mean, as of any date of determination, any employee benefit plan which is covered by Title IV of ERISA and in respect of which any Credit Party or a Commonly Controlled Entity is (or, if such plan were terminated at such time, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

"Pledge Agreement" shall mean the Pledge Agreement dated as of the Closing Date executed by the Credit Parties in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the

Secured Parties, as the same may from time to time be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof.

- "Prime Rate" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of Alternate Base Rate.
- "Pro Forma Basis" shall mean, with respect to any transaction, that such transaction shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the four-quarter period (or twelve month period, as applicable) ending as of the most recent quarter end (or month end, as applicable) preceding the date of such transaction for which financial statement information is available.
  - "Properties" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.10(a).
  - "Recipient" shall mean (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) any Lender and (c) any Issuing Lender, as applicable.
- "Recovery Event" shall mean the receipt by any Credit Party or its Subsidiaries of any cash insurance proceeds or condemnation award payable by reason of theft, loss, physical destruction or damage, taking or similar event with respect to any of their respective property or assets.
  - "Register" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9.6(c).
- "Reimbursement Obligation" shall mean the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the Issuing Lender pursuant to Section 2.3(d) for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit.
- "Related Parties" shall mean, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.
- "Reorganization" shall mean, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such Plan is in reorganization within the meaning of such term as used in Section 4241 of ERISA.
- "Reportable Event" shall mean any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than those events as to which the thirty-day notice period is waived under PBGC Reg. §4043.
- "Required Lenders" shall mean, as of any date of determination, Lenders holding at least a majority of (a) the outstanding Revolving Commitments and Term Loan or (b) if the Revolving Commitments have been terminated, the outstanding Loans and Participation Interests; provided, however, that if any Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender at such time, then there shall be excluded from the determination of Required Lenders, Obligations (including Participation Interests) owing to such Defaulting Lender and such Defaulting Lender's Commitments.
- "Requirement of Law" shall mean, as to any Person, (a) the articles or certificate of incorporation, by-laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and

(b) all international, foreign, Federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes, executive orders, and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority (in each case whether or not having the force of law); in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.

"Responsible Officer" shall mean, for any Credit Party, the chief executive officer, the president, chief financial officer, general counsel, secretary, treasurer or any vice president of such Credit Party and any additional responsible officer that is designated as such to the Administrative Agent.

"Restaurant" means any Burger King restaurant owned or leased by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Restricted Payment" shall mean (a) any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Equity Interests of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, now or hereafter outstanding, (b) any redemption, retirement, sinking fund or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Equity Interests of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, now or hereafter outstanding, (c) any payment made to retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire shares of any class of Equity Interests of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, now or hereafter outstanding, (d) any payment or prepayment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, redemption, purchase, retirement, defeasance, sinking fund or similar payment with respect to, any Subordinated Debt of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, (e) the payment by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries of any management, advisory or consulting fee to any Person that is an Affiliate of a Credit Party, (f) the payment by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries of any amounts under the Other Spin-Off Documents or (h) the payment by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries of paying the operating expenses of the Parent.

"Revolving Commitment" shall mean, with respect to each Revolving Lender, the commitment of such Revolving Lender to make Revolving Loans in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding up to an amount equal to such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the Revolving Committed Amount.

"Revolving Commitment Percentage" shall mean, for each Lender, the percentage identified as its Revolving Commitment Percentage in its Lender Commitment Letter or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender became a Lender hereunder, as such percentage may be modified in connection with any assignment made in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.6(b).

- "Revolving Committed Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).
- "Revolving Credit Exposure" shall mean, as to any Revolving Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Revolving Loans and such Revolving Lender's participation in LOC Obligations at such time.
  - "Revolving Facility" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).
- "Revolving Lender" shall mean, as of any date of determination, a Lender holding a Revolving Commitment, a Revolving Loan or a Participation Interest on such date.
  - "Revolving Loan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.
- "Revolving Loan Note" or "Revolving Loan Notes" shall mean the promissory notes of the Borrower provided pursuant to Section 2.1(e) in favor of any of the Revolving Lenders evidencing the Revolving Loan provided by any such Revolving Lender pursuant to Section 2.1(a), individually or collectively, as appropriate, as such promissory notes may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.
  - "S&P" shall mean Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc.
  - "Sale Leaseback" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.12.
- "Sanctioned Entity" shall mean (a) a country or a government of a country, (b) an agency of the government of a country, (c) an organization directly or indirectly controlled by a country or its government, or (d) a person or entity resident in or determined to be resident in a country, that is subject to a country sanctions program administered and enforced by OFAC.
  - "Sanctioned Person" shall mean a person named on the list of Specially Designated Nationals maintained by OFAC.
  - "Sarbanes-Oxley" shall mean the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- "Scheduled Funded Debt Payments" shall mean, as of any date of determination for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarter period ending on such date, the sum of all regularly scheduled payments of principal on Funded Debt of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis for the applicable period ending on the date of determination (including the principal component of payments due on Capital Leases during the applicable period ending on the date of determination) to the extent actually paid in cash.
  - $\hbox{``$\underline{\sf SEC''}$ shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor Governmental Authority.}$
- "Second Quarter" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, the thirteen (13) week period ending on the Sunday closest to June 30 of such fiscal year.

"Secured Parties" shall mean the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Bank Product Providers.

"Securities Account Control Agreement" shall mean an agreement, among a Credit Party, a securities intermediary, and the Administrative Agent, which agreement is in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent and which provides the Administrative Agent with "control" (as such term is used in Articles 8 and 9 of the UCC) over the securities account(s) described therein, as the same may be as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, together with any amendment thereto or replacement thereof and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Securities Laws" shall mean the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, Sarbanes-Oxley and the applicable accounting and auditing principles, rules, standards and practices promulgated, approved or incorporated by the SEC or the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, as each of the foregoing may be amended and in effect on any applicable date hereunder.

"Security Agreement" shall mean the Security Agreement dated as of the Closing Date executed by the Credit Parties in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.

"Security Documents" shall mean the Security Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, the Holdings Pledge Agreement, any Deposit Account Control Agreement, any Securities Account Control Agreement, the Mortgage Instruments and all other agreements, documents and instruments relating to, arising out of, or in any way connected with any of the foregoing documents or granting to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, Liens or security interests to secure, inter alia, the Credit Party Obligations whether now or hereafter executed and/or filed, each as may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, executed and delivered in connection with the granting, attachment and perfection of the Administrative Agent's security interests and liens arising thereunder, including, without limitation, UCC financing statements.

"Single Employer Plan" shall mean any Plan that is not a Multiemployer Plan.

"Spin-Off" shall mean Holdings' distribution of its ownership interest in Fiesta to Parent and Parent's distribution of such ownership interest to the holders of the Equity Interests of Parent.

"Spin-Off Date" shall mean the date on which Holdings distributes its ownership interest in Fiesta to Parent and Parent distributes such ownership interest to the holders of the Equity Interests of the Parent.

"Spin-Off Parties" shall mean Fiesta, Pollo Operations, Inc., Pollo Franchise, Inc. and Taco Cabana, Inc. and its Subsidiaries.

"Subordinated Debt" shall mean any Indebtedness incurred by any Credit Party which by its terms is specifically subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment of the Credit Party Obligations and contains subordination and other terms acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

"Subsidiary" shall mean, as to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors or other managers of such corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity are at the time owned, by such Person. Unless otherwise qualified, all references to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" in this Agreement shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

"Target" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Permitted Acquisition".

"Tax Distributions" shall have the meaning set forth in the definition of "Permitted Tax Distribution".

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

"Tender Offer" shall mean the tender offer for any and all Existing Carrols Notes commenced on July 22, 2011.

"Term Loan" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(a).

"<u>Term Loan Commitment</u>" shall mean, with respect to each Term Loan Lender, the commitment of such Term Loan Lender to make its portion of the Term Loan in a principal amount equal to such Term Loan Lender's Term Loan Commitment Percentage of the Term Loan Committed Amount.

"<u>Term Loan Commitment Percentage</u>" shall mean, for any Term Loan Lender, the percentage identified as its Term Loan Commitment Percentage in its Lender Commitment Letter, or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender became a Lender hereunder, as such percentage may be modified in connection with any assignment made in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.6(b).

"Term Loan Committed Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(a).

"Term Loan Facility" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(a).

"Term Loan Lender" shall mean a Lender holding a Term Loan Commitment or a portion of the outstanding Term Loan.

"<u>Term Loan Note</u>" or "<u>Term Loan Notes</u>" shall mean the promissory notes of the Borrower (if any) in favor of any of the Term Loan Lenders evidencing the portion of the Term Loan provided by any such Term Loan Lender pursuant to Section 2.2(a), individually or collectively, as appropriate, as such promissory notes may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time.

"Third Quarter" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year of the Borrower, the thirteen (13) week period ending on the Sunday closest to September 30 of such fiscal year.

"<u>Total Credit Exposure</u>" means, as to any Lender at any time, the unused Commitments, Revolving Credit Exposure and outstanding Term Loans of such Lender at such time.

"Trademark License" shall mean any agreement, whether written or oral, providing for the grant by or to a Person of any right to use any Trademark.

"Trademarks" shall mean (a) all trademarks, trade names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, service marks, elements of package or trade dress of goods or services, logos and other source or business identifiers, together with the goodwill associated therewith, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications in connection therewith, whether in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or in any similar office or agency of the United States, any State thereof or any other country or any political subdivision thereof and (b) all renewals thereof.

"Tranche" shall mean the collective reference to (a) LIBOR Rate Loans whose Interest Periods begin and end on the same day and (b) Alternate Base Rate Loans made on the same day.

"<u>Transactions</u>" shall mean the closing of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and the other transactions contemplated hereby and pursuant to the other Credit Documents (including, without limitation, the initial borrowings under the Credit Documents and the payment of fees and expenses in connection with all of the foregoing).

"Transfer Effective Date" shall have the meaning set forth in each Assignment and Assumption.

"<u>Transition Services Agreement</u>" shall mean that certain transition services agreement setting forth the terms and conditions by which the Spin-Off Parties will provide certain general and administrative services to the Credit Parties, Holdings and Parent after the Spin-Off Date; <u>provided</u>, that such Transition Services Agreement shall be consistent in all material respects with the description of such agreement provided to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the Closing Date such that any such changes will not materially adversely affect the Lenders.

"Type" shall mean, as to any Loan, its nature as an Alternate Base Rate Loan or LIBOR Rate Loan, as the case may be.

- "UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code from time to time in effect in any applicable jurisdiction.
- "U.S. Borrower" shall mean any Borrower that is a U.S. Person.
- "U.S. Person" shall mean any Person that is a "United States Person" as defined in section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.
- "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate" has the meaning assigned to such term in paragraph (g) of Section 2.16.
- "<u>Voting Stock</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, Equity Interests issued by such Person the holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person, even though the right so to vote may be or have been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.
  - "Wells Fargo" shall mean Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, together with its successors and/or assigns.
  - "WFS" shall mean Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, together with its successors and assigns.
  - "Withholding Agent" means any Credit Party and the Administrative Agent.
  - "Works" shall mean all works which are subject to copyright protection pursuant to Title 17 of the United States Code.

# Section 1.2 Other Definitional Provisions.

The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, restated, supplemented, amended and restated or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein), (b) 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 Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement, (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, (f) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights and

(g) all terms defined in this Agreement shall have the defined meanings when used in any other Credit Document or any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless the context otherwise requires or such term is otherwise defined in any such other Credit Document or any certificate or other document.

# Section 1.3 Accounting Terms.

- (a) <u>Generally</u>. All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the most recently delivered audited Consolidated financial statements of the Borrower, <u>except</u> as otherwise specifically prescribed herein.
- (b) <u>Changes in GAAP</u>. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Credit Document, and either the Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); <u>provided that</u>, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.
- (c) Financial Covenant Calculations. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that, for purposes of all calculations made in determining compliance for any applicable period with the covenants set forth in Section 5.9 and for purposes of determining the Applicable Margin, (i) after consummation of any Permitted Acquisition, (A) Consolidated EBITDAR shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), (B) Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), (ii) after the consummation of any Permitted Construction Transaction, (A) Consolidated EBITDAR shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), (B) Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto (including the effect of any related incurrence of Indebtedness) on a Pro Forma Basis and (C) Consolidated Rent Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto (including the effect of any related incurrence of Indebtedness) on a Pro Forma Basis and (C) Consolidated Rent Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative

Agent) and (iii) after any Disposition permitted by Section 6.4(a)(vii) and (viii) in an amount in excess of \$2,500,000, (A) Consolidated EBITDAR shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (to the extent the property or assets subject to such Disposition were owned during the applicable period of calculation) (subject to adjustments mutually and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), (B) Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto (including the effect of any related incurrence of Indebtedness) on a Pro Forma Basis and (C) Consolidated Rent Expense shall be calculated after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis (subject to adjustments mutually acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent).

# Section 1.4 <u>Time References</u>.

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

#### Section 1.5 Execution of Documents.

Unless otherwise specified, all Credit Documents and all other certificates executed in connection therewith must be signed by an Authorized Officer.

#### ARTICLE II

# THE LOANS; AMOUNT AND TERMS

### Section 2.1 Revolving Loans.

(a) Revolving Commitment. During the Commitment Period, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each Revolving Lender severally, but not jointly, agrees to make revolving credit loans in Dollars ("Revolving Loans") to the Borrower from time to time in an aggregate principal amount of up to TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000) (as increased from time to time as provided in Section 2.22 and as such aggregate maximum amount may be reduced from time to time as provided in Section 2.6, the "Revolving Committed Amount") for the purposes hereinafter set forth (such facility, the "Revolving Facility"); provided, however, that (i) with regard to each Revolving Lender individually, the sum of such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans plus such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment and (ii) with regard to the Revolving Lenders collectively, the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans plus outstanding LOC Obligations shall not exceed the Revolving Committed Amount then in effect. Revolving Loans may consist of Alternate Base Rate Loans or LIBOR Rate Loans, or a combination thereof, as the Borrower may request, and may be repaid and reborrowed in accordance with the provisions hereof; provided, however, the Revolving Loans made on the Closing Date or

any of the three (3) Business Days following the Closing Date, may only consist of Alternate Base Rate Loans unless the Borrower delivers a funding indemnity letter, substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.1(a), reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent not less than three (3) Business Days prior to the Closing Date. LIBOR Rate Loans shall be made by each Revolving Lender at its LIBOR Lending Office and Alternate Base Rate Loans at its Domestic Lending Office.

## (b) Revolving Loan Borrowings.

- (i) Notice of Borrowing. The Borrower shall request a Revolving Loan borrowing by delivering a written Notice of Borrowing (or telephone notice promptly confirmed in writing by delivery of a written Notice of Borrowing, which delivery may be by fax) to the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 A.M. on the date of the requested borrowing in the case of Alternate Base Rate Loans, and on the third Business Day prior to the date of the requested borrowing in the case of LIBOR Rate Loans. Each such Notice of Borrowing shall be irrevocable and shall specify (A) that a Revolving Loan is requested, (B) the date of the requested borrowing (which shall be a Business Day), (C) the aggregate principal amount to be borrowed and (D) whether the borrowing shall be comprised of Alternate Base Rate Loans, LIBOR Rate Loans or a combination thereof, and if LIBOR Rate Loans are requested, the Interest Period(s) therefor. If the Borrower shall fail to specify in any such Notice of Borrowing (1) an applicable Interest Period in the case of a LIBOR Rate Loan, then such notice shall be deemed to be a request for an Interest Period of one month, or (2) the Type of Revolving Loan requested, then such notice shall be deemed to be a request for an Alternate Base Rate Loan hereunder. The Administrative Agent shall give notice to each Revolving Lender promptly upon receipt of each Notice of Borrowing, the contents thereof and each such Revolving Lender's share thereof.
- (ii) <u>Minimum Amounts</u>. Each Revolving Loan that is made as an Alternate Base Rate Loan shall be in a minimum aggregate amount of \$500,000 and in integral multiples of \$250,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining amount of the Revolving Committed Amount, if less). Each Revolving Loan that is made as a LIBOR Rate Loan shall be in a minimum aggregate amount of \$500,000 and in integral multiples of \$250,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining amount of the Revolving Committed Amount, if less).
- (iii) <u>Advances</u>. Each Revolving Lender will make its Revolving Commitment Percentage of each Revolving Loan borrowing available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Borrower at the office of the Administrative Agent specified in Section 9.2, or at such other office as the Administrative Agent may designate in writing, by 1:00 P.M. on the date specified in the applicable Notice of Borrowing, in Dollars and in funds immediately available to the Administrative Agent. Such borrowing will then be made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent by crediting the

account of the Borrower on the books of such office (or such other account that the Borrower may designate in writing to the Administrative Agent) with the aggregate of the amounts made available to the Administrative Agent by the Revolving Lenders and in like funds as received by the Administrative Agent.

- (c) <u>Repayment</u>. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Revolving Loans may be borrowed, repaid and reborrowed during the Commitment Period, subject to Section 2.7(a). The principal amount of all Revolving Loans shall be due and payable in full on the Maturity Date, unless accelerated sooner pursuant to Section 7.2.
  - (d) Interest. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.8, Revolving Loans shall bear interest as follows:
  - (i) <u>Alternate Base Rate Loans</u>. During such periods as any Revolving Loans shall be comprised of Alternate Base Rate Loans, each such Alternate Base Rate Loan shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the sum of the Alternate Base Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin; and
  - (ii) <u>LIBOR Rate Loans</u>. During such periods as Revolving Loans shall be comprised of LIBOR Rate Loans, each such LIBOR Rate Loan shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the sum of the LIBOR Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin.

Interest on Revolving Loans shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date.

(e) <u>Revolving Loan Notes; Covenant to Pay.</u> The Borrower's obligation to pay each Revolving Lender shall be evidenced by this Agreement and, upon such Revolving Lender's request, by a duly executed promissory note of the Borrower to such Revolving Lender in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 2.1(e)</u>. The Borrower covenants and agrees to pay the Revolving Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

#### Section 2.2 Term Loan.

(a) <u>Term Loan</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof and in reliance upon the representations and warranties set forth herein, each Term Loan Lender severally, but not jointly, agrees to make available to the Borrower (through the Administrative Agent) on the Closing Date such Term Loan Lender's Term Loan Commitment Percentage of a term loan in Dollars (the "<u>Term Loan</u>") in the aggregate principal amount of **SIXTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$65,000,000)** (the "<u>Term Loan Committed Amount</u>") for the purposes hereinafter set forth (such facility, the "<u>Term Loan Facility</u>"). Upon receipt by the Administrative Agent of the proceeds of the Term Loan, such proceeds will then be made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent by crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of the office of the Administrative Agent specified in Section 9.2, or at such other office as the Administrative Agent may designate in writing, with the aggregate of such proceeds made available to the Administrative Agent by the Term Loan Lenders and in like funds

as received by the Administrative Agent (or by crediting such other account(s) as directed by the Borrower). The Term Loan may consist of Alternate Base Rate Loans or LIBOR Rate Loans, or a combination thereof, as the Borrower may request in the Notice of Borrowing delivered to the Administrative Agent prior to the Closing Date; provided, however, that the Term Loan made on the Closing Date may only consist of Alternate Base Rate Loans unless the Borrower delivers a funding indemnity letter, substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.1(a), reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent not less than three (3) Business Days prior to the Closing Date. LIBOR Rate Loans shall be made by each Term Loan Lender at its LIBOR Lending Office and Alternate Base Rate Loans at its Domestic Lending Office. Amounts repaid or prepaid on the Term Loan may not be reborrowed.

(b) <u>Repayment of Term Loan</u>. The principal amount of the Term Loan shall be repaid in consecutive quarterly installments on the last day of the fiscal quarters set forth below (and on the Maturity Date), starting with the first full fiscal quarter following the Closing Date, based on the quarterly percentages of the original principal amount of the Term Loan set forth on the table below (<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, if such payment date is not a Business Day, such payment shall be due on the preceding Business Day), unless accelerated sooner pursuant to Section 7.2:

Quarterly Amortization Payment Dates	Amortization
Fourth Quarter of 2011	2.5%
First Quarter of 2012	2.5%
Second Quarter of 2012	2.5%
Third Quarter of 2012	2.5%
Fourth Quarter of 2012	2.5%
First Quarter of 2013	2.5%
Second Quarter of 2013	2.5%
Third Quarter of 2013	2.5%
Fourth Quarter of 2013	2.5%
First Quarter of 2014	2.5%
Second Quarter of 2014	2.5%
Third Quarter of 2014	2.5%
Fourth Quarter of 2014	2.5%
First Quarter of 2015	2.5%
Second Quarter of 2015	2.5%
Third Quarter of 2015	2.5%
Fourth Quarter of 2015	2.5%
First Quarter of 2016	2.5%
Maturity Date	The remaining outstanding principal amount of the Term Loan

The outstanding principal amount of the Term Loan and all accrued but unpaid interest and other amounts payable with respect to the Term Loan shall be repaid on the Maturity Date.

- (c) Interest on the Term Loan. Subject to the provisions of Section 2.8, the Term Loan shall bear interest as follows:
- (i) <u>Alternate Base Rate Loans</u>. During such periods as the Term Loan shall be comprised of Alternate Base Rate Loans, each such Alternate Base Rate Loan shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the sum of the Alternate Base Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin; and
- (ii) <u>LIBOR Rate Loans</u>. During such periods as the Term Loan shall be comprised of LIBOR Rate Loans, each such LIBOR Rate Loan shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the sum of the LIBOR Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin.

Interest on the Term Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date.

(d) <u>Term Loan Notes; Covenant to Pay</u>. The Borrower's obligation to pay each Term Loan Lender shall be evidenced by this Agreement and, upon such Term Loan Lender's request, by a duly executed promissory note of the Borrower to such Term Loan Lender in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 2.2(d)</u>. The Borrower covenants and agrees to pay the Term Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

# Section 2.3 Letter of Credit Subfacility.

(a) <u>Issuance</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof and of the LOC Documents, if any, and any other terms and conditions which the Issuing Lender may reasonably require, during the Commitment Period the Issuing Lender shall issue, and the Revolving Lenders shall participate in, standby Letters of Credit for the account of the Borrower from time to time upon request in a form acceptable to the Issuing Lender; <u>provided, however</u>, that (i) the aggregate amount of LOC Obligations shall not at any time exceed **TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000)** (the "<u>LOC Committed Amount</u>"), (ii) the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans <u>plus</u> outstanding LOC Obligations shall not at any time exceed the Revolving Committed Amount then in effect, (iii) all Letters of Credit shall be denominated in Dollars and (iv) Letters of Credit shall be issued for any lawful corporate purposes and shall be issued as standby letters of credit, including in connection with workers' compensation and other insurance programs. Except as otherwise expressly agreed in writing upon by all the Revolving Lenders, no Letter of Credit shall have an original expiry date more than twenty-four (24) months from the date of issuance; <u>provided, however</u>, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and subject to the other terms and conditions to the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder, the expiry dates of Letters of Credit may be extended annually or periodically from time to time on the request of the Borrower or by operation of the terms of the applicable Letter of Credit to a date not more than twelve (12) months from the date of extension; <u>provided, further</u>, that, subject to Section 2.3(k), Letters of Credit may, as originally

issued or as extended, have an expiry date extending beyond the Maturity Date. Each Letter of Credit shall comply with the related LOC Documents. The Existing Letters of Credit shall, as of the Closing Date, be deemed to have been issued as Letters of Credit hereunder and subject to and governed by the terms of this Agreement. The issuance and expiry date of each Letter of Credit shall be a Business Day. Each Letter of Credit issued hereunder shall be in a minimum original face amount of \$100,000 or such lesser amount as approved by the Issuing Lender. The Borrower's Reimbursement Obligations in respect of each Existing Letter of Credit, and each Revolving Lender's participation obligations in connection therewith, shall be governed by the terms of this Credit Agreement. Wells Fargo shall be the Issuing Lender on all Letters of Credit issued after the Closing Date

- (b) Notice and Reports. The request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit shall be submitted to the Issuing Lender at least five (5) Business Days prior to the requested date of issuance. The Issuing Lender will promptly upon request provide to the Administrative Agent for dissemination to the Revolving Lenders a detailed report specifying the Letters of Credit which are then issued and outstanding and any activity with respect thereto which may have occurred since the date of any prior report, and including therein, among other things, the account party, the beneficiary, the face amount, expiry date as well as any payments or expirations which may have occurred. The Issuing Lender will further provide to the Administrative Agent promptly upon request copies of the Letters of Credit. The Issuing Lender will provide to the Administrative Agent promptly upon request a summary report of the nature and extent of LOC Obligations then outstanding.
- (c) <u>Participations</u>. Each Revolving Lender, (i) on the Closing Date with respect to each Existing Letter of Credit and (ii) upon issuance of a Letter of Credit, shall be deemed to have purchased without recourse a risk participation from the Issuing Lender in such Letter of Credit and the obligations arising thereunder and any Collateral relating thereto, in each case in an amount equal to its Revolving Commitment Percentage of the obligations under such Letter of Credit and shall absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably assume, as primary obligor and not as surety, and be obligated to pay to the Issuing Lender therefor and discharge when due, its Revolving Commitment Percentage of the obligations arising under such Letter of Credit; <u>provided</u> that any Person that becomes a Revolving Lender after the Closing Date shall be deemed to have purchased a Participation Interest in all outstanding Letters of Credit on the date it becomes a Lender hereunder and any Letter of Credit issued on or after such date, in each case in accordance with the foregoing terms. Without limiting the scope and nature of each Revolving Lender's participation in any Letter of Credit, to the extent that the Issuing Lender has not been reimbursed as required hereunder or under any LOC Document, each such Revolving Lender shall pay to the Issuing Lender its Revolving Commitment Percentage of such unreimbursed drawing in same day funds pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) hereof. The obligation of each Revolving Lender to so reimburse the Issuing Lender shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by the occurrence of a Default, an Event of Default or any other occurrence or event. Any such reimbursement shall not relieve or otherwise impair the

obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the Issuing Lender under any Letter of Credit, together with interest as hereinafter provided.

(d) Reimbursement. In the event of any drawing under any Letter of Credit, the Issuing Lender will promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent. The Borrower shall reimburse the Issuing Lender on the day of drawing under any Letter of Credit if notified prior to 1:00 P.M. on a Business Day or, if after 1:00 P.M., on the following Business Day (either with the proceeds of a Revolving Loan obtained hereunder or otherwise) in same day funds as provided herein or in the LOC Documents. If the Borrower shall fail to reimburse the Issuing Lender as provided herein, the unreimbursed amount of such drawing shall automatically bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the Default Rate. Unless the Borrower shall immediately notify the Issuing Lender and the Administrative Agent of its intent to otherwise reimburse the Issuing Lender, the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Mandatory LOC Borrowing in the amount of the drawing as provided in subsection (e) hereof, the proceeds of which will be used to satisfy the Reimbursement Obligations. The Borrower's Reimbursement Obligations hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under all circumstances irrespective of any rights of set-off, counterclaim or defense to payment the Borrower may claim or have against the Issuing Lender, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the beneficiary of the Letter of Credit drawn upon or any other Person, including, without limitation, any defense based on any failure of the Borrower to receive consideration or the legality, validity, regularity or unenforceability of the Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the other Revolving Lenders of the amount of any unreimbursed drawing and each Revolving Lender shall promptly pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender, in Dollars and in immediately available funds, the amount of such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of such unreimbursed drawing. Such payment shall be made on the Business Day such notice is received by such Revolving Lender from the Administrative Agent if such notice is received at or before 2:00 P.M., otherwise such payment shall be made at or before 12:00 P.M. on the Business Day next succeeding the Business Day such notice is received. If such Revolving Lender does not pay such amount to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender in full upon such request, such Revolving Lender shall, on demand, pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender interest on the unpaid amount during the period from the date of such drawing until such Revolving Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender in full at a rate per annum equal to, if paid within two (2) Business Days of the date of drawing, the Federal Funds Effective Rate and thereafter at a rate equal to the Alternate Base Rate. Each Revolving Lender's obligation to make such payment to the Issuing Lender, and the right of the Issuing Lender to receive the same, shall be absolute and unconditional, shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever and without regard to the termination of this Agreement or the Commitments hereunder, the existence of a Default or Event of Default or the acceleration of the Obligations hereunder and shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction

- (e) Repayment with Revolving Loans. On any day on which the Borrower shall have requested, or been deemed to have requested, a Revolving Loan to reimburse a drawing under a Letter of Credit, the Administrative Agent shall give notice to the Revolving Lenders that a Revolving Loan has been requested or deemed requested in connection with a drawing under a Letter of Credit, in which case a Revolving Loan borrowing comprised entirely of Alternate Base Rate Loans (each such borrowing, a "Mandatory LOC Borrowing") shall be made (without giving effect to any termination of the Commitments pursuant to Section 7.2) pro rata based on each Revolving Lender's respective Revolving Commitment Percentage (determined before giving effect to any termination of the Commitments pursuant to Section 7.2) and the proceeds thereof shall be paid directly to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender for application to the respective LOC Obligations. Each Revolving Lender hereby irrevocably agrees to make such Revolving Loans on the day such notice is received by the Revolving Lenders from the Administrative Agent if such notice is received at or before 2:00 P.M., otherwise such payment shall be made at or before 12:00 P.M. on the Business Day next succeeding the day such notice is received, in each case notwithstanding (i) the amount of Mandatory LOC Borrowing may not comply with the minimum amount for borrowings of Revolving Loans otherwise required hereunder, (ii) whether any conditions specified in Section 4.2 are then satisfied, (iii) whether a Default or an Event of Default then exists, (iv) failure for any such request or deemed request for Revolving Loan to be made by the time otherwise required in Section 2.1(b), (v) the date of such Mandatory LOC Borrowing, or (vi) any reduction in the Revolving Committed Amount after any such Letter of Credit may have been drawn upon. In the event that any Mandatory LOC Borrowing cannot for any reason be made on the date otherwise required above (including, without limitation, as a result of the occurrence of a Bankruptcy Event), then each such Revolving Lender hereby agrees that it shall forthwith fund its Participation Interests in the outstanding LOC Obligations on the Business Day such notice to fund is received by such Revolving Lender from the Administrative Agent if such notice is received at or before 2:00 P.M., otherwise such payment shall be made at or before 12:00 Noon on the Business Day next succeeding the Business Day such notice is received; provided, further, that in the event any Lender shall fail to fund its Participation Interest as required herein, then the amount of such Revolving Lender's unfunded Participation Interest therein shall automatically bear interest payable by such Revolving Lender to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Issuing Lender upon demand, at the rate equal to, if paid within two (2) Business Days of such date, the Federal Funds Effective Rate, and thereafter at a rate equal to the Alternate Base Rate.
- (f) <u>Modification, Extension</u>. The issuance of any supplement, modification, amendment, renewal, or extension to any Letter of Credit shall, for purposes hereof, be treated in all respects the same as the issuance of a new Letter of Credit hereunder.
- (g) <u>ISP98</u>. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the Issuing Lender and the Borrower, when a Letter of Credit is issued, the rules of the "International Standby Practices 1998," published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance) shall apply to each standby Letter of Credit.

- (h) <u>Conflict with LOC Documents</u>. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and any LOC Document (including any letter of credit application and any LOC Documents relating to the Existing Letters of Credit), this Agreement shall control.
- (i) <u>Designation of Subsidiaries as Account Parties</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, including, without limitation, Section 2.3(a), a Letter of Credit issued hereunder may contain a statement to the effect that such Letter of Credit is issued for the account of a Subsidiary of the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that, notwithstanding such statement, the Borrower shall be the actual account party for all purposes of this Agreement for such Letter of Credit and such statement shall not affect the Borrower's Reimbursement Obligations hereunder with respect to such Letter of Credit.
- (j) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. At any point in time in which there is a Defaulting Lender, the Issuing Lender may require the Borrower to Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations pursuant to Section 2.20.
- (k) Letters of Credit Expiring After Maturity Date. With respect to any Letter of Credit with an expiry date after the Maturity Date (a "Cash Collateralized LC"), the Borrower shall deliver Cash Collateral to the Issuing Lender no later than the date that is thirty (30) days prior to the Maturity Date (the "LC Expiration Date") in an amount equal to 105% of the face amount of any such Letter of Credit (the "LC Cash Collateral"). To the extent the Borrower fails to provide the LC Cash Collateral on the LC Expiration Date, the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Mandatory LOC Borrowing in an amount equal to 100% of the face amount of the Cash Collateralized LC as provided in Section 2.3(e) hereof, the proceeds of which will be delivered to the Issuing Lender as Cash Collateral. In the event that any Mandatory LOC Borrowing cannot for any reason be made on the LC Expiration Date, then each such Revolving Lender hereby agrees that it shall promptly fund its Participation Interests in such Cash Collateralized LC (which shall be delivered to the Issuing Lender as Cash Collateral). Upon the Cash Collateralization of any Letter of Credit pursuant to this Section 2.3(j), such Cash Collateralized LC shall be deemed to be issued outside of this Agreement; provided, that, the fees associated with such Letter of Credit shall continue to accrue, but shall thereafter be solely for the benefit of the Issuing Lender.

# Section 2.4 [Reserved].

#### Section 2.5 Fees.

(a) <u>Commitment Fee</u>. Subject to Section 2.21, in consideration of the Revolving Commitments, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Revolving Lenders, a commitment fee (the "<u>Commitment Fee</u>") in an amount equal to the Applicable Margin per annum on the average daily unused amount of the Revolving Committed Amount. The Commitment Fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears. For purposes of computation of the Commitment Fee, LOC

Obligations shall be considered usage of the Revolving Committed Amount. The Commitment Fee shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter.

- (b) <u>Letter of Credit Fees</u>. Subject to Section 2.21, in consideration of the LOC Commitments, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Revolving Lenders, a fee (the "<u>Letter of Credit Fee</u>") equal to the Applicable Margin for Revolving Loans that are LIBOR Rate Loans per annum on the average daily maximum amount available to be drawn under each Letter of Credit from the date of issuance to the date of expiration. The Letter of Credit Fee shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter.
- (c) <u>Issuing Lender Fees</u>. In addition to the Letter of Credit Fees payable pursuant to subsection (b) hereof, the Borrower shall pay to the Issuing Lender for its own account without sharing by the other Lenders the reasonable and customary charges from time to time of the Issuing Lender with respect to the amendment, transfer, administration, cancellation and conversion of, and drawings under, such Letters of Credit (collectively, the "<u>Issuing Lender Fees</u>"). The Issuing Lender may charge, and retain for its own account without sharing by the other Lenders, an additional facing fee (the "<u>Letter of Credit Facing Fee</u>") of 0.125% per annum on the average daily maximum amount available to be drawn under each such Letter of Credit issued by it. The Issuing Lender Fees and the Letter of Credit Facing Fee shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter.
  - (d) Administrative Fee. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent the annual administrative fee as described in the Fee Letter.

# Section 2.6 Commitment Reductions.

- (a) <u>Voluntary Reductions</u>. The Borrower shall have the right to terminate or permanently reduce the unused portion of the Revolving Committed Amount at any time or from time to time upon not less than five (5) Business Days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent (which shall notify the Lenders thereof as soon as practicable) of each such termination or reduction, which notice shall specify the effective date thereof and the amount of any such reduction which shall be in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and shall be irrevocable and effective upon receipt by the Administrative Agent; <u>provided</u> that no such reduction or termination shall be permitted if after giving effect thereto, and to any prepayments of the Revolving Loans made on the effective date thereof, the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans <u>plus</u> outstanding LOC Obligations would exceed the Revolving Committed Amount then in effect. Any reduction in the Revolving Committed Amount shall be applied to the Commitment of each Revolving Lender in accordance with its Revolving Commitment Percentage.
- (b) <u>LOC Committed Amount</u>. If the Revolving Committed Amount is reduced below the then current LOC Committed Amount, the LOC Committed Amount

shall automatically be reduced by an amount such that the LOC Committed Amount equals the Revolving Committed Amount.

(c) Maturity Date. The Revolving Commitments and the LOC Commitment shall automatically terminate on the Maturity Date.

### Section 2.7 Prepayments.

(a) Optional Prepayments and Repayments. The Borrower shall have the right to prepay the Term Loans and repay the Revolving Loans in whole or in part from time to time; provided, however, that each partial prepayment or repayment of (i) Revolving Loans or Term Loans that are Alternate Base Rate Loans shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$500,000 and integral multiples of \$250,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining outstanding principal amount) and (ii) Revolving Loans or Term Loans that LIBOR Rate Loans shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$500,000 and integral multiples of \$250,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining outstanding principal amount). The Borrower shall give three Business Days' irrevocable notice of prepayment in the case of LIBOR Rate Loans and same-day irrevocable notice on any Business Day in the case of Alternate Base Rate Loans, to the Administrative Agent (which shall notify the Lenders thereof as soon as practicable). To the extent that the Borrower elects to prepay the Term Loans, amounts prepaid under this Section shall be (i) applied ratably to the remaining principal installments thereof and (ii) applied to the Term Loans of the Term Loan Lenders in accordance with their respective Term Loan Commitment Percentages. To the extent the Borrower elects to repay the Revolving Loans, amounts prepaid under this Section shall be applied to the Revolving Loans of the Revolving Lenders in accordance with their respective Revolving Commitment Percentages. Within the foregoing parameters, prepayments under this Section shall be applied first to Alternate Base Rate Loans and then to LIBOR Rate Loans in direct order of Interest Period maturities. All prepayments under this Section shall be subject to Section 2.15, but otherwise without premium or penalty. Interest on the principal amount prepaid shall be payable on the next occurring Interest Payment Date that would have occurred had such loan not been prepaid.

# (b) Mandatory Prepayments.

- (i) <u>Revolving Committed Amount</u>. If at any time after the Closing Date, the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans <u>plus</u> outstanding LOC Obligations shall exceed the Revolving Committed Amount, the Borrower shall immediately prepay the Revolving Loans and (after all Revolving Loans have been repaid) Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations in an amount sufficient to eliminate such excess (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (vi) below).
- (ii) <u>Asset Dispositions</u>. Promptly following any Asset Disposition (or related series of Asset Dispositions), the Borrower shall prepay the Loans and (after all Revolving Loans have been repaid) Cash Collateralize the LOC

Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Net Cash Proceeds derived from such Asset Disposition (or related series of Asset Dispositions) (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (vi) below); provided, however, that, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, such Net Cash Proceeds shall not be required to be so applied (A) until the aggregate amount of the Net Cash Proceeds derived from any Asset Dispositions in any fiscal year of the Borrower is equal to or greater than \$2,500,000 and (B) to the extent the Borrower delivers to the Administrative Agent a certificate stating that the Credit Parties intend to use such Net Cash Proceeds to acquire capital assets useful to the business of the Credit Parties within 360 days of the receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds, it being expressly agreed that Net Cash Proceeds not so reinvested shall be applied to prepay the Loans and (after all Revolving Loans have been repaid) Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations immediately thereafter (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (vi) below).

- (iii) <u>Debt Issuances</u>. Immediately upon receipt by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries of proceeds from any Debt Issuance, the Borrower shall prepay the Loans and (after all Revolving Loans have been repaid) Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Debt Issuance (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (vi) below).
- (iv) Excess Cash Flow. Within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year (commencing with fiscal year 2011), if the Borrower's Adjusted Leverage Ratio as of the end of such fiscal year is (A) equal to or greater than 5.25 to 1.0, the Borrower shall prepay the Loans and (after all Revolving Loans have been repaid) Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to 100% of the Excess Cash Flow for such fiscal year (such prepayments to be applied as set forth in clause (vi) below) and (B) less than 5.25 to 1.0, the Borrower shall prepay the Loans and Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to 50% of the Excess Cash Flow for such fiscal year (such prepayments to be applied as set forth in clause (vi) below).
- (v) Extraordinary Receipts. Promptly upon receipt by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries (other than Foreign Subsidiaries) of proceeds from any Extraordinary Receipt, the Borrower shall prepay the Loans and (after all Revolving Loans have been repaid) Cash Collateralize LOC Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Extraordinary Receipt (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (vi) below); provided, however, that, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Net Cash Proceeds from Recovery Events shall not be required to be so applied to the extent the Borrower delivers to the Administrative Agent a certificate stating that Credit Parties intend to use such Net Cash Proceeds to acquire capital assets useful to the business of the Credit Parties within 360 days of the receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds, it being

expressly agreed that any Net Cash Proceeds not so reinvested shall be applied to prepay the Loans and (after all Revolving Loans have been repaid) Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations immediately thereafter (such prepayment to be applied as set forth in clause (vi) below).

- (vi) Application of Mandatory Prepayments. All amounts required to be paid pursuant to this Section shall be applied as follows:
- (A) with respect to all amounts prepaid pursuant to Section 2.7(b)(i), (1) <u>first</u> to the outstanding Revolving Loans and (2) <u>second</u> to Cash Collateralize the LOC Obligations; and
- (B) with respect to all amounts prepaid pursuant to Sections 2.7(b)(ii) through (v), (1) first ratably to the Term Loan or Incremental Term Loan (to be applied to installments in inverse order of maturity), (2) second to the Revolving Loans (without a simultaneous corresponding reduction of the Revolving Committed Amount) and (3) third to a cash collateral account in respect of LOC Obligations (without a simultaneous corresponding reduction of the LOC Committed Amount). Within the parameters of the applications set forth above, prepayments shall be applied first to Alternate Base Rate Loans and then to LIBOR Rate Loans in direct order of Interest Period maturities. All prepayments under this Section shall be subject to Section 2.15 and be accompanied by interest on the principal amount prepaid through the date of prepayment, but otherwise without premium or penalty.
- (c) <u>Bank Product Obligations Unaffected</u>. Any repayment or prepayment made pursuant to this Section shall not affect the Borrower's obligation to continue to make payments under any Bank Product, which shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such repayment or prepayment, subject to the terms of such Bank Product.

## Section 2.8 Default Rate and Payment Dates.

- (a) If all or a portion of the principal amount of any Loan which is a LIBOR Rate Loan shall not be paid when due or continued as a LIBOR Rate Loan in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.9 (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue principal amount of such Loan shall be converted to an Alternate Base Rate Loan at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto.
- (b) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of a (i) Bankruptcy Event or a Payment Event of Default, the principal of and, to the extent permitted by law, interest on the Loans and any other amounts owing hereunder or under the other Credit Documents shall automatically bear interest at a rate per annum which is equal to the Default Rate and (ii) any other Event of Default hereunder, at the option of the Required Lenders, the principal of and, to the extent permitted by law, interest on the Loans and

any other amounts owing hereunder or under the other Credit Documents shall automatically bear interest, at a per annum rate which is equal to the Default Rate, in each case from the date of such Event of Default until such Event of Default is waived in accordance with Section 9.1. Any default interest owing under this Section 2.8(b) shall be due and payable on the earlier to occur of (x) demand by the Administrative Agent (which demand the Administrative Agent shall make if directed by the Required Lenders) and (y) the Maturity Date.

(c) Interest on each Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date; <u>provided</u> that interest accruing pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section shall be payable from time to time on demand.

## Section 2.9 Conversion Options.

(a) The Borrower may, in the case of Revolving Loans and the Term Loan, elect from time to convert Alternate Base Rate Loans to LIBOR Rate Loans or to continue LIBOR Rate Loans, by delivering a Notice of Conversion/Extension to the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days prior to the proposed date of conversion or continuation. In addition, the Borrower may elect from time to time to convert all or any portion of a LIBOR Rate Loan to an Alternate Base Rate Loan by giving the Administrative Agent irrevocable written notice thereof by 11:00 A.M. one (1) Business Day prior to the proposed date of conversion. If the date upon which an Alternate Base Rate Loan is to be converted to a LIBOR Rate Loan is not a Business Day, then such conversion shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and during the period from such last day of an Interest Period to such succeeding Business Day such Loan shall bear interest as if it were an Alternate Base Rate Loan. LIBOR Rate Loans may only be converted to Alternate Base Rate Loans on the last day of the applicable Interest Period. If the date upon which a LIBOR Rate Loan is to be converted to an Alternate Base Rate Loan is not a Business Day, then such conversion shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and during the period from such last day of an Interest Period to such succeeding Business Day such Loan shall bear interest as if it were an Alternate Base Rate Loan. All or any part of outstanding Alternate Base Rate Loans may be converted as provided herein; provided that (i) no Loan may be converted into a LIBOR Rate Loan when any Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) partial conversions shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$250,000 in excess thereof.

(b) Any LIBOR Rate Loans may be continued as such upon the expiration of an Interest Period with respect thereto by compliance by the Borrower with the notice provisions contained in Section 2.9(a); <u>provided</u>, that no LIBOR Rate Loan may be continued as such when any Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which case such Loan shall be automatically converted to an Alternate Base Rate Loan at the end of the applicable Interest Period with respect thereto. If the Borrower shall fail

to give timely notice of an election to continue a LIBOR Rate Loan, or the continuation of LIBOR Rate Loans is not permitted hereunder, such LIBOR Rate Loans shall be automatically converted to Alternate Base Rate Loans at the end of the applicable Interest Period with respect thereto.

### Section 2.10 Computation of Interest and Fees; Usury.

- (a) Interest payable hereunder with respect to any Alternate Base Rate Loan based on the Prime Rate shall be calculated on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days, as applicable) for the actual days elapsed. All other fees, interest and all other amounts payable hereunder shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower and the Lenders of each determination of a LIBOR Rate on the Business Day of the determination thereof. Any change in the interest rate on a Loan resulting from a change in the Alternate Base Rate shall become effective as of the opening of business on the day on which such change in the Alternate Base Rate shall become effective. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the effective date and the amount of each such change.
- (b) Each determination of an interest rate by the Administrative Agent pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be conclusive and binding on the Borrower and the Lenders in the absence of manifest error. The Administrative Agent shall, at the request of the Borrower, deliver to the Borrower a statement showing the computations used by the Administrative Agent in determining any interest rate.
- (c) It is the intent of the Lenders and the Credit Parties to conform to and contract in strict compliance with applicable usury law from time to time in effect. All agreements between the Lenders and the Credit Parties are hereby limited by the provisions of this subsection which shall override and control all such agreements, whether now existing or hereafter arising and whether written or oral. In no way, nor in any event or contingency (including, but not limited to, prepayment or acceleration of the maturity of any Obligation), shall the interest taken, reserved, contracted for, charged, or received under this Agreement, under the Notes or otherwise, exceed the maximum nonusurious amount permissible under applicable law. If, from any possible construction of any of the Credit Documents or any other document, interest would otherwise be payable in excess of the maximum nonusurious amount, any such construction shall be subject to the provisions of this paragraph and such interest shall be automatically reduced to the maximum nonusurious amount permitted under applicable law, without the necessity of execution of any amendment or new document. If any Lender shall ever receive anything of value which is characterized as interest on the Loans under applicable law and which would, apart from this provision, be in excess of the maximum nonusurious amount, an amount equal to the amount which would have been excessive interest shall, without penalty, be applied to the reduction of the principal amount owing on the Loans and not to the payment of interest, or refunded to the Borrower or the other payor thereof if and to the extent such amount which would have been excessive exceeds such unpaid principal amount of the Loans. The right to demand payment of the Loans

or any other Indebtedness evidenced by any of the Credit Documents does not include the right to receive any interest which has not otherwise accrued on the date of such demand, and the Lenders do not intend to charge or receive any unearned interest in the event of such demand. All interest paid or agreed to be paid to the Lenders with respect to the Loans shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be amortized, prorated, allocated, and spread throughout the full stated term (including any renewal or extension) of the Loans so that the amount of interest on account of such Indebtedness does not exceed the maximum nonusurious amount permitted by applicable law.

# Section 2.11 Pro Rata Treatment and Payments.

(a) Allocation of Payments Prior to Exercise of Remedies. Each borrowing of Revolving Loans and any reduction of the Revolving Commitments shall be made pro rata according to the respective Revolving Commitment Percentages of the Revolving Lenders. Unless otherwise required by the terms of this Agreement, each payment under this Agreement shall be applied, first, to any fees then due and owing by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.5, second, to interest then due and owing hereunder of the Borrower and, third, to principal then due and owing hereunder and under this Agreement of the Borrower. Each payment on account of any fees pursuant to Section 2.5 shall be made pro rata in accordance with the respective amounts due and owing (except as to the Letter of Credit Facing Fees and the Issuing Lender Fees which shall be paid to the Issuing Lender). Each optional repayment and prepayment by the Borrower on account of principal of and interest on the Revolving Loans and on the Term Loan, as applicable, shall be applied to such Loans, as applicable, on a pro rata basis and, to the extent applicable, in accordance with the terms of Section 2.7(a) hereof. Each mandatory prepayment on account of principal of the Loans shall be applied to such Loans, as applicable, on a pro rata basis and, to the extent applicable, in accordance with Section 2.7(b). All payments (including prepayments) to be made by the Borrower on account of principal, interest and fees shall be made without defense, set-off or counterclaim and shall be made to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders at the Administrative Agent's office specified on Section 9.2 in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 1:00 P.M. on the date when due. The Administrative Agent shall distribute such payments to the Lenders entitled thereto promptly upon receipt in like funds as received. If any payment hereunder (other than payments on the LIBOR Rate Loans) becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day, and, with respect to payments of principal, interest thereon shall be payable at the then applicable rate during such extension. If any payment on a LIBOR Rate Loan becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, such payment date shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to extend such payment into another calendar month, in which event such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day.

(b) <u>Allocation of Payments After Exercise of Remedies</u>. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, after the exercise of remedies (other than the application of default interest pursuant to Section 2.8) by the Administrative

Agent or the Lenders pursuant to Section 7.2 (or after the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts under the Credit Documents (including, without limitation, the maximum amount of all contingent liabilities under Letters of Credit) shall automatically become due and payable in accordance with the terms of such Section), all amounts collected or received by the Administrative Agent or any Lender on account of the Credit Party Obligations or any other amounts outstanding under any of the Credit Documents or in respect of the Collateral shall be paid over or delivered as follows (irrespective of whether the following costs, expenses, fees, interest, premiums, scheduled periodic payments or Credit Party Obligations are allowed, permitted or recognized as a claim in any proceeding resulting from the occurrence of a Bankruptcy Event):

FIRST, to the payment of all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) of the Administrative Agent in connection with enforcing the rights of the Lenders under the Credit Documents and any protective advances made by the Administrative Agent with respect to the Collateral under or pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents;

SECOND, to the payment of any fees owed to the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Lender;

THIRD, to the payment of all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) of each of the Lenders in connection with enforcing its rights under the Credit Documents or otherwise with respect to the Credit Party Obligations owing to such Lender;

FOURTH, to the payment of all of the Credit Party Obligations consisting of accrued fees and interest, and including, with respect to any Bank Product, any fees, premiums and scheduled periodic payments due under such Bank Product and any interest accrued thereon;

FIFTH, to the payment of the outstanding principal amount of the Credit Party Obligations and the payment or cash collateralization of the outstanding LOC Obligations, and including with respect to any Bank Product, any breakage, termination or other payments due under such Bank Product and any interest accrued thereon;

SIXTH, to all other Credit Party Obligations and other obligations which shall have become due and payable under the Credit Documents or otherwise and not repaid pursuant to clauses "FIRST" through "FIFTH" above; and

SEVENTH, to the payment of the surplus, if any, to whoever may be lawfully entitled to receive such surplus.

In carrying out the foregoing, (a) amounts received shall be applied in the numerical order provided until exhausted prior to application to the next succeeding category; (b) each of the Lenders and any Bank Product Provider shall receive an amount equal to its pro rata share (based on the proportion that the then outstanding Loans and LOC Obligations held by such Lender or the outstanding obligations payable to such Bank Product Provider bears to the aggregate then outstanding Loans and LOC Obligations and obligations payable under all Bank Products) of amounts available to be applied pursuant to clauses "THIRD", "FOURTH", "FIFTH" and "SIXTH" above; and (c) to the extent that any amounts available for distribution pursuant to clause "FIFTH" above are attributable to the issued but undrawn amount of outstanding Letters of Credit, such amounts shall be held by the Administrative Agent in a cash collateral account and applied (i) first, to reimburse the Issuing Lender from time to time for any drawings under such Letters of Credit and (ii) then, following the expiration of all Letters of Credit, to all other obligations of the types described in clauses "FIFTH" and "SIXTH" above in the manner provided in this Section. Notwithstanding the foregoing terms of this Section, only Collateral proceeds and payments under the Guaranty (as opposed to ordinary course principal, interest and fee payments hereunder) shall be applied to obligations under any Bank Product. Amounts distributed with respect to any Bank Product Debt shall be the last Bank Product Amount reported to the Administrative Agent; provided that any such Bank Product Provider may provide an updated Bank Product Amount to the Administrative Agent prior to payments made pursuant to this Section. The Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to calculate the amount to be distributed with respect to any Bank Product Debt, but may rely upon written notice of the amount (setting forth a reasonably detailed calculation) from the applicable Bank Product Provi

# Section 2.12 Non-Receipt of Funds by the Administrative Agent.

(a) <u>Funding by Lenders</u>; <u>Presumption by Administrative Agent</u>. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received written notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Extension of Credit that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Extension of Credit, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with this Agreement and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Extension of Credit available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (ii) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Alternate Base Rate Loans. If the

Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Administrative Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrower the amount of such interest paid by the Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Extension of Credit to the Administrative Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Extension of Credit. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent.

(b) <u>Payments by Borrower</u>; <u>Presumptions by Administrative Agent</u>. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or the Issuing Lender hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or the Issuing Lender, with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender or the Borrower with respect to any amount owing under subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

- (c) <u>Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent</u>. If any Lender makes available to the Administrative Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Article II, and such funds are not made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent because the conditions to the applicable Extension of Credit set forth in Article IV are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms thereof, the Administrative Agent shall return such funds (in like funds as received from such Lender) to such Lender, without interest.
- (d) <u>Obligations of Lenders Several</u>. The obligations of the Lenders hereunder to make Term Loans and Revolving Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and to make payments pursuant to Section 9.5(c) are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any such payment under Section 9.5(c) on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Loan, to purchase its participation or to make its payment under Section 9.5(c).

(e) <u>Funding Source</u>. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner.

### Section 2.13 <u>Inability to Determine Interest Rate</u>.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if (a) the Administrative Agent shall reasonably determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that, by reason of circumstances affecting the relevant market, reasonable and adequate means do not exist for ascertaining the LIBOR Rate for such Interest Period, or (b) the Required Lenders shall reasonably determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that the LIBOR Rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding LIBOR Rate Loans that the Borrower has requested be outstanding as a LIBOR Tranche during such Interest Period, the Administrative Agent shall forthwith give telephone notice of such determination, confirmed in writing, to the Borrower, and the Lenders at least two (2) Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period. Unless the Borrower shall have notified the Administrative Agent upon receipt of such telephone notice that it wishes to rescind or modify its request regarding such LIBOR Rate Loans, any Loans that were requested to be made as LIBOR Rate Loans shall be made as Alternate Base Rate Loans and any Loans that were requested to be converted into or continued as LIBOR Rate Loans shall remain as or be converted into Alternate Base Rate Loans. Until any such notice has been withdrawn by the Administrative Agent, no further Loans shall be made as, continued as, or converted into, LIBOR Rate Loans for the Interest Periods so affected.

### Section 2.14 Yield Protection.

- (a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender (except any reserve requirement reflected in the LIBOR Rate) or the Issuing Lender;
- (ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than Indemnified Taxes and Excluded Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or
- (iii) impose on any Lender or the Issuing Lender or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or LIBOR Rate Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender or such other Recipient of making, converting to, continuing or maintaining any LIBOR Rate Loan or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan, or to increase the cost to such Lender, such Issuing Lender or such other Recipient of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Letter of Credit), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender, Issuing Lender or other Recipient hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of such Lender, Issuing Lender or other Recipient, the Borrower will pay to such Lender, Issuing Lender or other Recipient, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender, Issuing Lender or other Recipient, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

- (b) <u>Capital Requirements</u>. If any Lender or the Issuing Lender determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or the Issuing Lender or any lending office of such Lender or such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company, if any, regarding capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitments of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the Issuing Lender, to a level below that which such Lender or the Issuing Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company with respect to capital adequacy), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the Issuing Lender or such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company for any such reduction suffered.
- (c) <u>Certificates for Reimbursement</u>. A certificate of a Lender or the Issuing Lender setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the Issuing Lender or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section and delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten (10) Business Days after receipt thereof.
- (d) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the Issuing Lender to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's right to demand such compensation, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the Issuing Lender pursuant to this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine (9) months prior to the date such Lender or Issuing Lender, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions, and of such Lender's or Issuing Lender's intention to claim compensation

therefore (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine (9) month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).

### Section 2.15 Compensation for Losses; Eurocurrency Liabilities.

- (a) Upon demand of any Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) from time to time, the Borrower shall promptly compensate such Lender for and hold such Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:
  - (i) any continuation, conversion, payment or prepayment of any Loan other than an Alternate Base Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such Loan (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration, or otherwise);
  - (ii) any failure by the Borrower (for a reason other than the failure of such Lender to make a Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any Loan other than an Alternate Base Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by the Borrower; or
  - (iii) any assignment of a LIBOR Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.19;

including any loss of anticipated profits and any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain such Loan or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained. The Borrower shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing.

For purposes of calculating amounts payable by the Borrower to the Lenders under this Section, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each LIBOR Rate Loan made by it at the LIBOR Rate for such Loan by a matching deposit or other borrowing in the London interbank eurodollar market for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such LIBOR Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

(b) The Borrower shall pay to each Lender, as long as such Lender shall be required to maintain reserves under Regulation D with respect to "Eurocurrency liabilities" within the meaning of Regulation D, or under any similar or successor regulation with respect to Eurocurrency liabilities or Eurocurrency funding, additional interest on the unpaid principal amount of each LIBOR Loan equal to the actual costs of such reserves allocated to such LIBOR Loan by such Lender (as determined by such Lender in good faith, which determination shall be conclusive), which shall be due and payable on each date on which interest is payable on such LIBOR Loan, provided the Borrower shall have received at least fifteen (15) Business Days prior notice (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of such additional interest from such Lender. If a Lender fails to give notice fifteen (15) Business Days prior to the relevant interest payment date,

such additional interest shall be due and payable fifteen (15) Business Days from receipt of such notice.

### Section 2.16 Taxes.

- (a) Issuing Lender. For purposes of this Section 2.16, the term "Lender" includes any Issuing Lender.
- (b) <u>Payments Free of Taxes</u>. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party under any Credit Document shall be made free and clear of and without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable law. If any applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable Withholding Agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a Withholding Agent, then the applicable Withholding Agent shall make such deduction and timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the applicable Credit Party shall be increased as necessary so that after making such deductions (including such deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made.
- (c) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. The Credit Parties shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.
- (d) <u>Indemnification by the Credit Parties</u>. The Credit Parties shall jointly and severally indemnify each Recipient, within 10 Business Days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (e) <u>Indemnification by the Lenders</u>. Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that any Credit Party has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Credit Parties to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section9.6(d) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Credit Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Credit

Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this paragraph (e).

- (f) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by any Credit Party to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section 2.16, such Credit Party shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (g) Status of Lenders. (i) Any Recipient that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Credit Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 2.16(g)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.
  - (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Borrower,
- (A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. Federal backup withholding tax;
- (B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:
  - (i) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Credit Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any

other applicable payments under any Credit Document, IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

- (ii) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;
- (iii) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate to the effect that (A) such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and (B) the interest payments in question are not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business conducted by such Foreign Lender or are effectively connected but are not includible in the Foreign Lender's gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes under an income tax treaty (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN; or
- (iv) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner (for example, where the Foreign Lender is a partnership or participating Lender granting a typical participation), executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by a Form W-8ECI, W-8BEN, U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate, Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership (and not a participating Lender) and one or more beneficial owners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate on behalf of each such beneficial owner;
- (C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and
- (D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Credit Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as

may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

- (h) <u>Treatment of Certain Refunds</u>. If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised reasonably and in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.16 (including additional amounts pursuant to this Section 2.16), it shall promptly pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this paragraph (h) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority.

  Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (h), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (h) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the indemnification payments or additional amounts giving rise to such refund had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.
- (i) <u>Survival</u>. Each party's obligations under this Section 2.16 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under any Credit Document.

### Section 2.17 Indemnification; Nature of Issuing Lender's Duties.

(a) In addition to its other obligations under Section 2.3, the Credit Parties hereby agree to protect, indemnify, pay and save the Issuing Lender and each Lender harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, charges and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that the Issuing Lender or such Lender may incur or be subject to as a consequence, direct or indirect, of (i) the issuance of any Letter of Credit or (ii) the failure of the Issuing Lender to honor a drawing under a Letter of Credit as a result of any act or omission, whether rightful or

wrongful, of any present or future de jure or de facto government or Governmental Authority (all such acts or omissions, herein called "Government Acts").

- (b) As between the Credit Parties, the Issuing Lender and each Lender, the Credit Parties shall assume all risks of the acts, omissions or misuse of any Letter of Credit by the beneficiary thereof. Neither the Issuing Lender nor any Lender shall be responsible: (i) for the form, validity, sufficiency, accuracy, genuineness or legal effect of any document submitted by any party in connection with the application for and issuance of any Letter of Credit, even if it should in fact prove to be in any or all respects invalid, insufficient, inaccurate, fraudulent or forged; (ii) for the validity or sufficiency of any instrument transferring or assigning or purporting to transfer or assign any Letter of Credit or the rights or benefits thereunder or proceeds thereof, in whole or in part, that may prove to be invalid or ineffective for any reason; (iii) for failure of the beneficiary of a Letter of Credit to comply fully with conditions required in order to draw upon a Letter of Credit; (iv) for errors, omissions, interruptions or delays in transmission or delivery of any messages, by mail, cable, telegraph, telex or otherwise, whether or not they be in cipher; (v) for errors in interpretation of technical terms; (vi) for any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under a Letter of Credit or of the proceeds thereof; and (vii) for any consequences arising from causes beyond the control of the Issuing Lender or any Lender, including, without limitation, any Government Acts. None of the above shall affect, impair, or prevent the vesting of the Issuing Lender's rights or powers hereunder.
- (c) In furtherance and extension and not in limitation of the specific provisions hereinabove set forth, any action taken or omitted by the Issuing Lender or any Lender, under or in connection with any Letter of Credit or the related certificates, if taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, shall not put such Issuing Lender or such Lender under any resulting liability to the Credit Parties. It is the intention of the parties that this Agreement shall be construed and applied to protect and indemnify the Issuing Lender and each Lender against any and all risks involved in the issuance of the Letters of Credit, all of which risks are hereby assumed by the Credit Parties, including, without limitation, any and all risks of the acts or omissions, whether rightful or wrongful, of any Government Authority. The Issuing Lender and the Lenders shall not, in any way, be liable for any failure by the Issuing Lender or anyone else to pay any drawing under any Letter of Credit as a result of any Government Acts or any other cause beyond the control of the Issuing Lender and the Lenders.
- (d) Nothing in this Section is intended to limit the Reimbursement Obligation of the Borrower contained in Section 2.3(d) hereof. The obligations of the Credit Parties under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement. No act or omissions of any current or prior beneficiary of a Letter of Credit shall in any way affect or impair the rights of the Issuing Lender and the Lenders to enforce any right, power or benefit under this Agreement.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section, the Credit Parties shall have no obligation to indemnify the Issuing Lender or any Lender in

respect of any liability incurred by the Issuing Lender or such Lender arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Issuing Lender (including action not taken by the Issuing Lender or such Lender), as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or pursuant to arbitration.

# Section 2.18 Illegality.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Credit Agreement, if any Change in Law shall make it unlawful for such Lender or its LIBOR Lending Office to make or maintain LIBOR Rate Loans as contemplated by this Credit Agreement or to obtain in the interbank eurodollar market through its LIBOR Lending Office the funds with which to make such Loans, (a) such Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower thereof, (b) the commitment of such Lender hereunder to make LIBOR Rate Loans or continue LIBOR Rate Loans as such shall forthwith be suspended until the Administrative Agent shall give notice that the condition or situation which gave rise to the suspension shall no longer exist, and (c) such Lender's Loans then outstanding as LIBOR Rate Loans, if any, shall be converted on the last day of the Interest Period for such Loans or within such earlier period as required by law as Alternate Base Rate Loans. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay any Lender, within two (2) Business Days of its demand, any additional amounts necessary to compensate such Lender for actual and direct costs (but not including anticipated profits) reasonably incurred by such Lender in making any repayment in accordance with this Section including, but not limited to, any interest or fees payable by such Lender to lenders of funds obtained by it in order to make or maintain its LIBOR Rate Loans hereunder. A certificate (which certificate shall include a description of the basis for the computation) as to any additional amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted by such Lender, through the Administrative Agent, to the Borrower shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. Each Lender agrees to use reasonable efforts (including reasonable efforts to change its LIBOR Lending Office) to avoid or to minimize any amounts which may otherwise be payable pursuant to this Section; provided, however, that such efforts shall not cause the imposition on such Lender of any additional costs or legal or regulatory burdens

## Section 2.19 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

(a) <u>Designation of a Different Lending Office</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.14, or requires the Borrower to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16, then such Lender shall (at the request of the Borrower) use reasonable best efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.14 or Section 2.16, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

- (b) Replacement of Lenders. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.14, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16 and, in each case, such Lender has declined or is unable to designate a different lending office in accordance with Section 2.19(a), or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, Section 9.6), all of its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to Section 2.14 or Section 2.16) and obligations under this Agreement and the related Credit Documents to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment), provided that:
  - (i) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent the assignment fee (if any) specified in Section 9.6;
  - (ii) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and participations in Letters of Credit, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Credit Documents (including any amounts under Section 2.15) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);
  - (iii) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 2.14 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 2.16, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter;
    - (iv) such assignment does not conflict with applicable law; and
  - (v) in the case of any assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Consenting Lender, the applicable assignee shall have consented to the applicable amendment, waiver or consent.

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

# Section 2.20 Cash Collateral.

(a) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. At any time that there shall exist a Defaulting Lender, within one (1) Business Day following the written request of the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize all Fronting Exposure of the Issuing Lender with respect to such Defaulting

Lender (determined after giving effect to Section 2.21(b) and any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender).

- (b) <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. The Borrower, and to the extent provided by any Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lenders and the Lenders, and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest in all such Cash Collateral as security for the Defaulting Lenders' obligations to which such Cash Collateral may be applied pursuant to clause (c) below. If at any time the Administrative Agent or Issuing Lender determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent as herein provided, or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the applicable Fronting Exposure, the Borrower will, promptly upon demand by the Administrative Agent or Issuing Lender pay or provide to the Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency (after giving effect to any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender).
- (c) <u>Application</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under any of this Section or Section 2.21 in respect of Letters of Credit, shall be held and applied to the satisfaction of the specific LOC Obligations, obligations to fund participations therein (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) and other obligations for which the Cash Collateral was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may be provided for herein.
- (d) <u>Termination of Requirement</u>. Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce Fronting Exposure or other obligations shall no longer be required to be held as Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.20 following (i) the elimination of the applicable Fronting Exposure or other obligations giving rise thereto (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender), or (ii) the determination by the Administrative Agent, each Issuing Lender that there exists excess Cash Collateral; <u>provided</u> that, Subject to Section 2.21, the Person providing Cash Collateral and each applicable Issuing Lender may agree that Cash Collateral shall be held to support future anticipated Fronting Exposure or other obligations.

# Section 2.21 Defaulting Lenders.

- (a) <u>Defaulting Lender Adjustments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable law:
  - (i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of Required Lenders and Section 9.1.

account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article VII or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 9.7 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; second, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to any Issuing Lender hereunder; third, to Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lender's Fronting Exposure in accordance with Section 2.20; fourth, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; fifth, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a non-interest bearing deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement and (y) Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lender's future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement in accordance with Section 2.20; sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders, the Issuing Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender, the Issuing Lenders against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; seventh, so long as no Default or Event of Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and *eighth*, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; <u>provided</u> that if (A) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or LOC Obligations in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share and (B) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 4.2 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and LOC Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or LOC Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in LOC Obligations are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Commitments under the applicable facility without giving effect to Section 2.21(a) (iv). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.21(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(ii) Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the

#### (iii) Certain Fees.

- (A) <u>Commitment Fees</u>. No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any Commitment Fee for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).
- (B) <u>Letter of Credit Fees</u>. Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive Letter of Credit Fees for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Applicable Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant Section 2.20.
- (C) Reallocation of Fees. With respect to any Letter of Credit Fee not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (A) or (B) above, the Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in LOC Obligations that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (iv) below, (y) pay to each Issuing Lender the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such Issuing Lender's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.
- (iv) Reallocation of Participations to Reduce Fronting Exposure. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in LOC Obligations shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment) but only to the extent that (x) the conditions set forth in Section 4.2 are satisfied at the time of such reallocation (and, unless the Borrower shall have otherwise notified the Administrative Agent at such time, the Borrower shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such conditions are satisfied at such time) and (y) such reallocation does not cause the aggregate Committed Funded Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment. No reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.
- (v) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. If the reallocation described in clause (iv) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under law, Cash Collateralize the

Issuing Lender's Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.20.

- (b) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and Issuing Lender agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit to be held on a pro rata basis by the Lenders in accordance with their Applicable Percentages (without giving effect to Section 2.21(a)(iv)), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; <u>provided</u> that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and <u>provided</u>, further, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.
- (c) <u>New Letters of Credit</u>. So long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, no Issuing Lender shall be required to issue, extend, renew or increase any Letter of Credit unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect thereto.

### Section 2.22 Incremental Term Loans and Revolving Facility Increase.

- (a) <u>Incremental Term Loans and Revolving Facility Increases</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower shall have the right, at any time and from time to time (but not to exceed five (5) increases in the aggregate) prior to the Maturity Date, to incur additional Indebtedness under this Agreement in the form of (i) additional term loans under a new term loan facility under this Agreement (each, an "<u>Incremental Term Loan</u>") and/or (ii) an increase to the Revolving Committed Amount (each, a "<u>Revolving Facility Increase</u>") by an aggregate principal amount for all such Incremental Term Loans and Revolving Facility Increases of up to \$25,000,000 ("<u>Incremental Increase Amount</u>").
- (b) <u>Terms and Conditions</u>. The following terms and conditions shall apply to any Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase, as applicable: (i) no Default or Event of Default shall exist immediately prior to or after giving effect to such Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase, (ii) the other terms and documentation (other than the Applicable Margin and other components of yield, which shall be determined as set forth below in clause (c)) in respect of any Incremental Term Loans, to the extent not consistent with the Term Loan facility, will be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (iii) any loans made pursuant to an Incremental Term Loan and/or Revolving Facility Increase shall constitute Credit Party Obligations and will be secured and guaranteed with the other Credit Party Obligations on a pari

passu basis, (iv) any such Revolving Facility Increase and Incremental Term Loan shall have a maturity date no sooner than the Maturity Date and any such Incremental Term Loan shall have a weighted average life to maturity no shorter than the remaining weighted average life to maturity of the Term Loans (determined, in each case, at the time such Incremental Term Loan is incurred), (v) any Lenders providing such Incremental Term Loans shall be entitled to the same voting rights as the existing Term Loan Lenders and shall be entitled to receive proceeds of prepayments on the same basis as the existing Term Loan Lenders, (vi) any Lenders providing such Revolving Facility Increase shall be entitled to the same voting rights as the existing Revolving Lenders and shall be entitled to receive proceeds of prepayments on the same basis as the existing Revolving Lenders, (vii) any such Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$5,000,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or the remaining amount of the Incremental Increase Amount, if less), (viii) the proceeds of any such Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase will be used for the purposes set forth in Section 3.11, (ix) the Borrower shall execute a Term Loan Note or a Revolving Loan Note, as applicable, in favor of any new Lender or any existing Lender requesting a Term Loan Note or Revolving Loan Note, as applicable, whose Term Loan Commitment or Revolving Commitment, as applicable, is increased pursuant to this Section, (x) the conditions to Extensions of Credit in Section 4.2 shall have been satisfied, (xi) the aggregate Revolving Committed Amount shall not exceed \$30,000,000 at any time, (xii) the Administrative Agent shall have received (A) upon request of the Administrative Agent, an opinion or opinions (including, if reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, local counsel opinions) of counsel for the Credit Parties, addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, (B) any authorizing corporate documents as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request and (C) if applicable, a duly executed Notice of Borrowing, and (xiii) the Administrative Agent shall have received from the Borrower updated financial projections and an officer's certificate, in each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, demonstrating that, after giving effect to (1) any such Incremental Term Facility or Revolving Facility Increase on a Pro Forma Basis, the Borrower will be in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 and (2) any such Incremental Term Facility on a Pro Forma Basis, the Adjusted Leverage Ratio shall not exceed 5.50 to 1.0.

(c) <u>Applicable Margin and Yield</u>. The Applicable Margin and any other components of yield on any Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase payable to the Lenders making such Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase may be higher than the then current Applicable Margin (or any other components of yield) on the Term Loan, and prior Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Loans, as applicable, calculating yield in the same manner but in each case by no more than 50 basis points (it being understood that the Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Loan pricing will be increased and/or additional fees will be paid to Lenders holding Term Loans or Revolving Commitments to the extent necessary to satisfy such requirement).

- (d) <u>Revolving Facility Increase</u>. In connection with the closing of any Revolving Facility Increase, the outstanding Revolving Loans and Participation Interests shall be reallocated by causing such fundings and repayments (which shall not be subject to any processing and/or recordation fees) among the Revolving Lenders (which the Borrower shall be responsible for any costs arising under Section 2.15 resulting from such reallocation and repayments) of Revolving Loans as necessary such that, after giving effect to such Revolving Facility Increase, each Revolving Lender will hold Revolving Loans and Participation Interests based on its Revolving Commitment Percentage (after giving effect to such Revolving Facility Increase).
- (e) <u>Participation</u>. Participation in any such Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase may be offered to each of the existing Lenders, but each such Lender shall have no obligation to provide all or any portion of such Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase. The Borrower may invite other banks, financial institutions and investment funds reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to join this Credit Agreement as Lenders hereunder for any portion of such Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase; <u>provided</u> that such other banks, financial institutions and investment funds shall enter into such joinder agreements to give effect thereto as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request.
- (f) <u>Amendments</u>. The Administrative Agent is authorized to enter into, on behalf of the Lenders, any amendment to this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document as may be necessary to incorporate the terms of any such Incremental Term Loan or Revolving Facility Increase.

# ARTICLE III

### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and to make the Extensions of Credit herein provided for, the Credit Parties hereby represent and warrant to the Administrative Agent and to each Lender that:

## Section 3.1 Financial Condition.

(a)(i) The audited Consolidated and consolidating financial statements of the Parent and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal years ended 2008, 2009 and 2010 together with the related Consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, equity and cash flows for the fiscal years ended on such dates, (ii) the unaudited Consolidated and consolidating financial statements of the Parent and its Subsidiaries for the year-to-date period ending on the last day of the First Quarter of 2011, together with the related Consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, equity and cash flows for the year-to-date period ending on such date, (iii) the unaudited Consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal years ended 2009

and 2010 together with the related Consolidated statements of income or operations, equity and cash flows for the fiscal years ended on such dates, (iv) the unaudited Consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the year-to-date period ending on the last day of the First Quarter of 2011, together with the related Consolidated statements of income or operations, equity and cash flows for the year-to-date period ending on such date and (v) a pro forma balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of May 31, 2011:

- (A) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and
- (B) fairly present, in all material respects, the financial condition of the Parent and its Subsidiaries or the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as applicable, as of the date thereof (subject, in the case of the unaudited financial statements, to normal year-end adjustments) and results of operations for the period covered thereby.
- (b) The five-year projections of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries (prepared quarterly for the first year following the Closing Date and annually thereafter for the term of this Agreement) delivered to the Lenders on or prior to the Closing Date have been prepared in good faith based upon reasonable assumptions (i) in light of then existing conditions and (ii) of future results of operations which may or may not in fact occur and no assurance can be given that such results will be achieved.

# Section 3.2 No Material Adverse Effect.

Since January 2, 2011 (and, in addition, after delivery of annual audited financial statements in accordance with Section 5.1(a), from the date of the most recently delivered annual audited financial statements), there has been no development or event which has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# Section 3.3 Corporate Existence; Compliance with Law; Patriot Act Information.

Each of the Credit Parties (a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, organization or formation, (b) has the requisite corporate or limited liability company power and authority and the legal right to own and operate all its property, to lease the property it operates as lessee and to conduct the business in which it is currently engaged and has taken all actions necessary to maintain all rights, privileges, licenses and franchises necessary or required in the normal conduct of its business except where the failure to take any such action could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (c) is duly qualified to conduct business and in good standing under the laws of (i) the jurisdiction of its organization or formation, (ii) the jurisdiction where its chief executive office is located and (iii) each other jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification except to the extent that the failure to so qualify or be in good standing in any such other jurisdiction could

not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (d) is in compliance with all applicable Requirements of Law, organizational documents, government permits and government licenses except to the extent such non-compliance could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Set forth on Schedule 3.3 as of the Closing Date, or as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is the following information for each Credit Party: the exact legal name and any former legal names of such Credit Party in the four (4) months prior to the Closing Date, the state of incorporation or organization, the type of organization, the jurisdictions in which such Credit Party is qualified to do business, the chief executive office, the principal place of business, the business phone number, the organization identification number, the federal tax identification number and ownership information (e.g. publicly held, if private or partnership, the owners and partners of each of the Credit Parties).

# Section 3.4 Corporate Power; Authorization; Enforceable Obligations.

Each of the Credit Parties has full corporate or limited liability company power and authority and the legal right to make, deliver and perform the Credit Documents to which it is party and has taken all necessary limited liability company, partnership or corporate action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Credit Documents to which it is party. Each Credit Document to which it is a party has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of each Credit Party. Each Credit Document to which it is a party constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Credit Party, enforceable against such Credit Party in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles (whether enforcement is sought by proceedings in equity or at law).

### Section 3.5 No Legal Bar; No Default.

The execution, delivery and performance by each Credit Party of the Credit Documents to which such Credit Party is a party, the borrowings thereunder and the use of the proceeds of the Loans (a) will not violate any applicable Requirement of Law of any Credit Party (except those as to which waivers or consents have been obtained), (b) will not conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute a default under the articles of incorporation, bylaws, articles of organization, operating agreement or other organization documents of the Credit Parties or any Material Contract to which such Person is a party or by which any of its properties may be bound or any material approval or material consent from any Governmental Authority relating to such Person, and (c) will not result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien on any Credit Party's properties or revenues pursuant to any Requirement of Law or Contractual Obligation other than the Liens arising under or contemplated in connection with the Credit Documents or Permitted Liens. No Credit Party is in default under or with respect to any of its Contractual Obligations except where such default could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

### Section 3.6 No Material Litigation.

Except as set forth on Schedule 3.6, no litigation, investigation, claim, criminal prosecution, civil investigative demand, imposition of criminal or civil fines and penalties, or any other proceeding of or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Credit Parties, threatened by or against the any Credit Party (or against the Parent or Holdings to the extent related to the business of any Credit Party) or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of its or their respective properties or revenues (a) with respect to the Credit Documents or any Extension of Credit or any of the Transactions, or (b) which, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No permanent injunction, temporary restraining order or similar decree has been issued against the any Credit Party (or against the Parent or Holdings to the extent related to the business of any Credit Party) or any of its Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Since the Closing Date there has been no occurrence, change or development with respect to the matters set forth on Schedule 3.6 which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

### Section 3.7 Investment Company Act; etc.

No Credit Party is an "investment company", or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. No Credit Party is subject to regulation limiting its ability to incur Credit Party Obligations.

### Section 3.8 Margin Regulations.

No part of the proceeds of any Extension of Credit hereunder will be used directly or indirectly for any purpose that violates, or that would require any Lender to make any filings in accordance with, the provisions of Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as now and from time to time hereafter in effect. The Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries (a) are not engaged, principally or as one of their important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose of "purchasing" or "carrying" "margin stock" within the respective meanings of each of such terms under Regulation U and (b) taken as a group do not own "margin stock" except as identified in the financial statements referred to in Section 3.1 or delivered pursuant to Section 5.1 and the aggregate value of all "margin stock" owned by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries taken as a group does not exceed 25% of the value of their assets.

### Section 3.9 ERISA.

Except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (a) neither a Reportable Event nor an "accumulated funding deficiency" (within the meaning of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA) has occurred during the five-year period prior to the date on which this representation is made or deemed made with respect to any Plan, (b) each Plan has complied in all material respects with the applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code, (c) no termination of a Single Employer Plan has occurred resulting in any liability that has remained

underfunded, (d) no Lien in favor of the PBGC or a Plan has arisen, during such five-year period and (e) the present value of all accrued benefits under each Single Employer Plan (based on those assumptions used to fund such Plans) did not, as of the last annual valuation date prior to the date on which this representation is made or deemed made, exceed the value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such accrued benefits and (f) neither any Credit Party nor any Commonly Controlled Entity is currently subject to any liability for a complete or partial withdrawal from a Multiemployer Plan.

### Section 3.10 Environmental Matters.

Except as could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect:

- (a) The facilities and properties owned, leased or operated by the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries (the "<u>Properties</u>") do not contain any Materials of Environmental Concern in amounts or concentrations which (i) constitute a violation of, or (ii) could give rise to liability on behalf of any Credit Party under, any Environmental Law.
- (b) The Properties and all operations of the Credit Parties and/or their Subsidiaries at the Properties are in compliance, and have in the last five years been in compliance, with all applicable Environmental Laws, and there is no contamination at, under or about the Properties or violation of any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the business operated by the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries (the "Business").
- (c) Neither the Credit Parties nor their Subsidiaries have received any written or actual notice of violation, alleged violation, non-compliance, liability or potential liability on behalf of any Credit Party with respect to environmental matters or Environmental Laws regarding any of the Properties or the Business, nor do the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries have knowledge or reason to believe that any such notice will be received or is being threatened.
- (d) Materials of Environmental Concern have not been transported or disposed of from the Properties in violation of, or in a manner or to a location that could give rise to liability on behalf of any Credit Party under any Environmental Law, and no Materials of Environmental Concern have been generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, on or under any of the Properties in violation of, or in a manner that could give rise to liability on behalf of any Credit Party under, any applicable Environmental Law.
- (e) No judicial proceeding or governmental or administrative action is pending or, to the knowledge of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, threatened, under any Environmental Law to which any Credit Party or any Subsidiary is or will be named as a party with respect to the Properties or the Business, nor are there any consent decrees or other decrees, consent orders, administrative orders or other orders, or other

administrative or judicial requirements outstanding under any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business.

(f) There has been no release or threat of release of Materials of Environmental Concern at or from the Properties, or arising from or related to the operations of any Credit Party or any Subsidiary in connection with the Properties or otherwise in connection with the Business, in violation of or in amounts or in a manner that could give rise to liability on behalf of any Credit Party under Environmental Laws.

#### Section 3.11 Use of Proceeds.

The proceeds of the Extensions of Credit shall be used by the Borrower solely (a) to refinance certain existing Indebtedness of Holdings, the Credit Parties and their respective Subsidiaries (including the repayment of outstanding principal amounts, accrued and unpaid interest thereon and obligations with respect thereto), plus such additional payments and distributions to Holdings pursuant to and used in accordance with Section 6.10(d), (b) to pay any costs, fees and expenses associated with this Agreement on the Closing Date, and (c) for working capital and other general corporate purposes of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries.

### Section 3.12 Subsidiaries; Joint Ventures; Partnerships.

Set forth on Schedule 3.12 is a complete and accurate list of all Subsidiaries, joint ventures and partnerships of the Credit Parties as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2. Information on the attached Schedule includes the following: (a) the number of shares of each class of Equity Interests of each Subsidiary outstanding and (b) the number and percentage of outstanding shares of each class of Equity Interests owned by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries. The outstanding Equity Interests of all such Subsidiaries are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and are owned free and clear of all Liens (other than those arising under or contemplated in connection with the Credit Documents). There are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights or other agreements or commitments (other than stock options granted to employees or directors and directors' qualifying shares) of any nature relating to any Equity Interests of any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof, except as contemplated in connection with the Credit Documents.

## Section 3.13 Ownership.

Each of the Credit Parties and its Subsidiaries is the owner of, and has good and marketable title to or a valid leasehold interest in, all of its respective assets, which, together with assets leased or licensed by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, represents all assets in the aggregate material to the conduct of the business of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries (other than real property owned by Holdings). Each Credit Party and its Subsidiaries enjoys peaceful and undisturbed possession under all of its leases and all such leases are valid and subsisting and in full force and effect except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

### Section 3.14 Consent; Governmental Authorizations.

No approval, consent or authorization of, filing with, notice to or other act by or in respect of, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is required in connection with acceptance of Extensions of Credit by the Borrower or the making of the Guaranty hereunder or with the execution, delivery or performance of any Credit Document by the Credit Parties or Holdings (other than those which have been obtained) or with the validity or enforceability of any Credit Document against the Credit Parties or Holdings (except such filings as are necessary in connection with the perfection of the Liens created by such Credit Documents).

#### Section 3.15 Taxes.

Each of the Credit Parties and its Subsidiaries has filed, or caused to be filed, all federal income tax returns and all other material tax returns (federal, state, local and foreign) required to be filed and paid (a) all amounts of taxes shown thereon to be due (including interest and penalties) and (b) all other material taxes, fees, assessments and other governmental charges (including mortgage recording taxes, documentary stamp taxes and intangibles taxes) owing by it, except for such taxes (i) that are not yet delinquent or (ii) that are being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings, and against which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP. None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries has received written notice as of the Closing Date of any material tax assessments against it or any of its Subsidiaries.

### Section 3.16 Collateral Representations.

- (a) Intellectual Property. Set forth on Schedule 3.16(a), as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a list of all registered or issued Intellectual Property (including all applications for registration and issuance) owned by each of the Credit Parties or that each of the Credit Parties has the right to (including the name/title, current owner, registration or application number, and registration or application date and such other information as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent), other than the Intellectual Property rights under the Franchise Agreements.
- (b) <u>Documents, Instrument, and Tangible Chattel Paper</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(b)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a description of all Documents (as defined in the UCC), Instruments (as defined in the UCC), and Tangible Chattel Paper (as defined in the UCC) of the Credit Parties (including the Credit Party owning such Document, Instrument and Tangible Chattel Paper and such other information as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent), in each case to the extent with a value in excess of \$100,000.
- (c) <u>Deposit Accounts, Electronic Chattel Paper, Letter-of-Credit Rights, Securities Accounts and Uncertificated Investment Property.</u> Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(c)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a description of all Deposit

Accounts (as defined in the UCC), Electronic Chattel Paper (as defined in the UCC), Letter-of-Credit Rights (as defined in the UCC), Securities Accounts (as defined in the UCC) and uncertificated Investment Property (as defined in the UCC) of the Credit Parties, including the name of (i) the applicable Credit Party, (ii) in the case of a Deposit Account, the depository institution and average amount held in such Deposit Account, (iii) in the case of Electronic Chattel Paper, the account debtor, (iv) in the case of Letter-of-Credit Rights, the issuer or nominated person, as applicable, and (v) in the case of a Securities Account or other uncertificated Investment Property, the Securities Intermediary or issuer and the average amount held in such Securities Account, as applicable.

- (d) <u>Commercial Tort Claims</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(d)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a description of all Commercial Tort Claims (as defined in the UCC) of the Credit Parties (detailing such Commercial Tort Claim in such detail as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent).
- (e) <u>Pledged Equity Interests</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(e)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a list of (i) 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Credit Party) of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests owned by such Credit Party of each Domestic Subsidiary, (ii) 65% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Credit Party) of each class of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.956-2(c)(2)) and 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of each class of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests not entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.956-2(c)(2)) owned by such Credit Party of each first-tier Foreign Subsidiary and (iii) all other Equity Interests required to be pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Security Documents.
- (f) <u>Properties</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(f)(i)</u>, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, is a list of all Mortgaged Properties (including the owner of such Mortgaged Property). Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(f)(ii)</u> is a list of (i) each headquarter location of the Credit Parties (and an indication if such location is leased or owned) and (ii) each other location where any significant administrative functions are performed (and an indication if such location is leased or owned).

# Section 3.17 Solvency.

The Credit Parties taken as a whole are solvent and are able to pay their debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and other commitments as they mature in the normal course of business, and the fair saleable value of the Credit Parties assets, taken as a whole and measured on a going concern basis, exceeds all probable liabilities, including those to be incurred pursuant to this Agreement. The Credit Parties taken as a whole do not have unreasonably small capital in relation to the business in which they are or propose to be engaged. The Credit Parties taken as a whole have not incurred, or believe that they will incur debts beyond its ability to pay such debts

as they become due. In executing the Credit Documents and consummating the Transactions, none of the Credit Parties intends to hinder, delay or defraud either present or future creditors or other Persons to which one or more of the Credit Parties is or will become indebted. On the Closing Date, the foregoing representations and warranties shall be made both before and after giving effect to the Transactions.

# Section 3.18 Compliance with FCPA.

Each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries is in compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, *et seq.*, and any foreign counterpart thereto. None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries has made a payment, offering, or promise to pay, or authorized the payment of, money or anything of value (a) in order to assist in obtaining or retaining business for or with, or directing business to, any foreign official, foreign political party, party official or candidate for foreign political office, (b) to a foreign official, foreign political party or party official or any candidate for foreign political office, and (c) with the intent to induce the recipient to misuse his or her official position to direct business wrongfully to such Credit Party or its Subsidiary or to any other Person, in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, *et seq.* 

### Section 3.19 Reserved.

### Section 3.20 Brokers' Fees.

None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries has any obligation to any Person in respect of any finder's, broker's, investment banking or other similar fee in connection with any of the Transactions other than the closing and other fees payable pursuant to this Agreement and as set forth in the Fee Letter.

## Section 3.21 Labor Matters.

Except as could not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect, (a) there are no collective bargaining agreements or Multiemployer Plans covering the employees of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries as of the Closing Date and none of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries (i) has suffered any strikes, walkouts, work stoppages or other material labor difficulty within the last five years or (ii) has knowledge of any potential or pending strike, walkout or work stoppage, (b) no unfair labor practice complaint is pending against any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries and (c) there are no strikes, walkouts, work stoppages or other material labor difficulty pending or threatened against any Credit Party.

# Section 3.22 Accuracy and Completeness of Information.

No representation or warranty made by the Borrower or any other Credit Party in any Credit Document or in any document, instrument or other writing furnished to the Lenders by or on behalf of any Credit Party in connection with the transactions contemplated in any Credit Document does or will contain any untrue material statement of fact or will omit to state any

such fact (of which any executive officer of any Credit Party has knowledge) necessary to make the representations, warranties and other statements contained herein or in such other document, instrument or writing not misleading in any material respect.

# Section 3.23 Material Contracts.

<u>Schedule 3.23</u> sets forth a complete and accurate list of all Material Contracts of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries in effect as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2. Each Material Contract is, and after giving effect to the Transactions will be, in full force and effect in accordance with the terms thereof.

#### Section 3.24 Insurance.

The insurance coverage of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries is outlined as to carrier, policy number, expiration date, type and amount on <a href="Schedule 3.24">Schedule 3.24</a> as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2 and such insurance coverage complies in all material respects with the requirements set forth in Section 5.5(b).

### Section 3.25 Security Documents.

The Security Documents create valid and enforceable security interests in, and Liens on, the Collateral purported to be covered thereby. Except as set forth in the Security Documents, such security interests and Liens are currently (or will be, upon (a) the filing of appropriate financing statements with the Secretary of State of the state of incorporation or organization for each Credit Party, the filing of appropriate assignments or notices with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office, and the recordation of the Mortgage Instruments, in each case in favor of the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Lenders, and (b) the Administrative Agent obtaining control or possession over those items of Collateral in which a security interest is perfected through control or possession) perfected security interests and Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, prior to all other Liens other than Permitted Liens.

# Section 3.26 Classification of Senior Indebtedness.

The Credit Party Obligations constitute "Senior Indebtedness", "Designated Senior Indebtedness" or any similar designation under and as defined in any agreement governing any Subordinated Debt and the subordination provisions set forth in each such agreement are legally valid and enforceable against the parties thereto.

### Section 3.27 Anti-Terrorism Laws.

Neither any Credit Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is an "enemy" or an "ally of the enemy" within the meaning of Section 2 of the Trading with the Enemy Act of the United States of America (50 U.S.C. App. §§ 1 *et seq.*) (the "<u>Trading with the Enemy Act</u>"), as amended.

Neither any Credit Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of (a) the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, (b) any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) or any enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto or (c) the Patriot Act. None of the Credit Parties (i) is a blocked person described in Section 1 of the Anti-Terrorism Order or (ii) to the best of its knowledge, engages in any dealings or transactions, or is otherwise associated, with any such blocked person.

# Section 3.28 Compliance with OFAC Rules and Regulations.

- (a) None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates is in violation of and shall not violate any of the country or list based economic and trade sanctions administered and enforced by OFAC that are described or referenced at http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/ or as otherwise published from time to time.
- (b) None of the Credit Parties or their Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates (i) is a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity, (ii) has a more than 10% of its assets located in Sanctioned Entities, or (iii) derives more than 10% of its operating income from investments in, or transactions with Sanctioned Persons or Sanctioned Entities. No proceeds of any Loan will be used nor have any been used to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in or make any payments to, a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity.

## Section 3.29 Authorized Officer.

Set forth on <u>Schedule 3.29</u> are Responsible Officers that are permitted to sign Credit Documents on behalf of the Credit Parties, holding the offices indicated next to their respective names, as of the Closing Date and as of the last date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2. Such Authorized Officers are the duly elected and qualified officers of such Credit Party and are duly authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the respective Credit Party, the Credit Agreement, the Notes and the other Credit Documents.

# Section 3.30 Regulation H.

No Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property unless the Administrative Agent shall have received the following: (a) the applicable Credit Party's written acknowledgment of receipt of written notification from the Administrative Agent (i) as to the fact that such Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property and (ii) as to whether the community in which each such Flood Hazard Property is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and (b) copies of insurance policies or certificates of insurance of the applicable Credit Party evidencing flood insurance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and naming the Administrative Agent as loss payee on behalf of the Lenders.

# Section 3.31 Franchise Agreements.

Schedule 3.31 sets forth as of the Closing Date and as of the lat date such Schedule was required to be updated in accordance with Section 5.2, a true, correct and complete list of all Franchise Agreements currently in effect with the (a) street address of each Restaurant, (b) store number of each Restaurant and (c) expiration date of each Franchise Agreement. Each Franchise Agreement is, and after giving effect to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Credit Documents will be, in full force and effect in accordance with the terms thereof, except where the failure of any Franchise Agreements to be in full force and effect, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Credit Party (nor, to the knowledge of the Borrower, any other party thereto) is in breach of or in default under any Franchise Agreement in any respect, except for any breaches or defaults that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### ARTICLE IV

# CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

### Section 4.1 Conditions to Closing Date.

This Agreement shall become effective upon, and the obligation of each Lender to make the initial Extensions of Credit on the Closing Date is subject to, the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

- (a) Execution of Credit Agreement and Credit Documents. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) counterparts of this Agreement, executed by a duly authorized officer of each party hereto, (ii) for the account of each Revolving Lender requesting a promissory note, a duly executed Revolving Loan Note, (iii) for the account of each Term Loan Lender requesting a promissory note, a duly executed Term Loan Note, (iv) counterparts of the Security Agreement, the Pledge Agreement and the Holdings Pledge Agreement, in each case conforming to the requirements of this Agreement and executed by duly authorized officers of the Credit Parties or other Person, as applicable and (v) counterparts of any other Credit Document, executed by the duly authorized officers of the parties thereto.
  - (b) Authority Documents. The Administrative Agent shall have received the following:
  - (i) <u>Articles of Incorporation/Charter Documents</u>. Original certified articles of incorporation or other charter documents, as applicable, of each Credit Party and Holdings certified (A) by an officer of such Credit Party or Holdings (pursuant to an officer's certificate in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(b)</u> attached hereto) as of the Closing Date to be true and correct and in force and effect as of such date, and (B) to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state of its incorporation or organization, as applicable.

- (ii) <u>Resolutions</u>. Copies of resolutions of the board of directors or comparable managing body of each Credit Party and Holdings approving and adopting the applicable Credit Documents, the Transactions and authorizing execution and delivery thereof, certified by an officer of such Credit Party or Holdings (pursuant to an officer's certificate in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(b)</u> attached hereto) as of the Closing Date to be true and correct and in force and effect as of such date.
- (iii) <u>Bylaws/Operating Agreement</u>. A copy of the bylaws or comparable operating agreement of each Credit Party and Holdings certified by an officer of such Credit Party or Holdings (pursuant to an officer's certificate in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(b)</u> attached hereto) as of the Closing Date to be true and correct and in force and effect as of such date.
- (iv) <u>Good Standing</u>. Original certificates of good standing, existence or its equivalent with respect to each Credit Party and Holdings certified as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authorities of the state of incorporation or organization and each other state in which the failure to so qualify and be in good standing could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (v) <u>Incumbency</u>. An incumbency certificate of each Authorized Officer of each Credit Party and Holdings certified by an officer (pursuant to an officer's certificate in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(b)</u> attached hereto) to be true and correct as of the Closing Date.
- (c) <u>Legal Opinion of Counsel</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received an opinion or opinions (including, if requested by the Administrative Agent, local counsel opinions) of counsel for the Credit Parties and Holdings, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (which shall include, without limitation, opinions with respect to the due organization and valid existence of each Credit Party and Holdings, opinions as to perfection of certain of the Liens granted to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Security Documents and opinions as to the non-contravention of the Credit Parties' and Holdings' organizational documents and Material Contracts).
- (d) <u>Personal Property Collateral</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
  - (i) (A) searches of UCC filings in the jurisdiction of incorporation or formation, as applicable, of each Credit Party and each jurisdiction where any Collateral is located or where a filing would need to be made in order to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral, copies of the financing statements on file in such jurisdictions and evidence that no Liens exist other than Permitted Liens and (B) tax lien and judgment searches;

- (ii) searches of ownership of Intellectual Property in the appropriate governmental offices and such patent/trademark/copyright filings as requested by the Administrative Agent in order to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Intellectual Property;
- (iii) completed UCC financing statements for each appropriate jurisdiction as is necessary, in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral;
- (iv) stock or membership certificates, if any, evidencing the Equity Interests pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Pledge Agreement and undated stock or transfer powers duly executed in blank;
- (v) duly executed consents as are necessary, in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, to perfect the Lenders' security interest in the Collateral;
- (vi) to the extent required to be delivered pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents, all instruments, documents and chattel paper in the possession of any of the Credit Parties, together with allonges or assignments as may be necessary or appropriate to perfect the Administrative Agent's and the Lenders' security interest in the Collateral;

# (e) Reserved.

- (f) <u>Liability, Casualty, Property and Business Interruption Insurance</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received copies of insurance policies or certificates and endorsements of insurance evidencing liability, casualty, property and business interruption insurance meeting the requirements set forth herein or in the Security Documents. The Administrative Agent shall be named (i) as lenders' loss payee, as its interest may appear, with respect to any such insurance providing coverage in respect of any Collateral and (ii) as additional insured, as its interest may appear, with respect to any such insurance providing liability coverage, and the Credit Parties will use their commercially reasonable efforts to have each provider of any such insurance agree, by endorsement upon the policy or policies issued by it or by independent instruments to be furnished to the Administrative Agent, that it will give the Administrative Agent thirty (30) days prior written notice before any such policy or policies shall be altered or cancelled.
- (g) <u>Solvency Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received an officer's certificate prepared by the chief financial officer or other Authorized Officer approved by the Administrative Agent of the Borrower as to the financial condition, solvency and related matters of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, after giving effect to the Transactions and the initial borrowings under the Credit Documents, in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(g)</u> hereto.

- (h) <u>Account Designation Notice</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received the executed Account Designation Notice in the form of <u>Exhibit 1.1(a)</u> hereto.
- (i) <u>Notice of Borrowing</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received a Notice of Borrowing with respect to the Loans to be made on the Closing Date.
- (j) <u>Consents</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence that all boards of directors, governmental, shareholder and material third party consents and approvals necessary in connection with the Transactions have been obtained and all applicable waiting periods have expired without any action being taken by any authority that could restrain, prevent or impose any material adverse conditions on such transactions or that could seek or threaten any of the foregoing.
- (k) Existing Indebtedness of the Credit Parties and Holdings. All of the existing Indebtedness for borrowed money of Holdings, the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries (other than Indebtedness permitted to exist pursuant to Section 6.1) shall be repaid in full (together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon and obligations with respect thereto) and all security interests related thereto shall be terminated on or prior to the Closing Date. Holdings shall have repurchased all Existing Carrols Notes tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer on or prior to the Closing Date and paid all accrued and unpaid interest thereon.
- (l) <u>Financial Statements</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received copies of the financial statements referred to in Section 3.1, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to each of them.
- (m) <u>Financial Condition Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate or certificates executed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower as of the Closing Date, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 4.1(p)</u> stating that (i) except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.6</u>, there does not exist any pending or ongoing, action, suit, investigation, litigation or proceeding in any court or before any other Governmental Authority (A) affecting this Agreement or the other Credit Documents, that has not been settled, dismissed, vacated, discharged or terminated prior to the Closing Date or (B) that purports to affect any Credit Party (or purports to affect the Parent or Holdings to the extent related to the business of any Credit Party) or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Transaction, which action, suit, investigation, litigation or proceeding which, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, that has not been settled, dismissed, vacated, discharged or terminated prior to the Closing Date, (ii) immediately after giving effect to this Agreement, the other Credit Documents, and all the Transactions contemplated to occur on such date, (A) no Default or Event of Default exists, (B) all representations and warranties contained herein and in the other Credit Documents are true and correct in all material respects and (C) the Credit Parties are in compliance with Section 4.1(n) (as evidenced through detailed calculations of such financial covenants on a schedule to such certificate) as of May 31, 2011, and (iii) each of the other conditions precedent in Section 4.1 have been satisfied, except to the extent the

satisfaction of any such condition is subject to the judgment or discretion of the Administrative Agent or any Lender.

- (n) <u>Consolidated EBITDAR and Adjusted Leverage Ratio</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence that (i) Consolidated EBITDAR is no less than \$47 million and (ii) the Adjusted Leverage Ratio of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries is not greater than 5.35 to 1.0, in each case, calculated on a Pro Forma Basis (including adjustments reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent) after giving effect to the Transactions, for the twelve-month period ending as of May 31, 2011, such calculations to be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (o) <u>Franchise Agreements</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) a certificate executed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower as of the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent stating that the Franchise Agreements listed on Schedule 3.31 are in full force and effect as of the Closing Date and (ii) forms of the Franchise Agreements, certified by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower to be generally representative in all material respects of the Franchise Agreements as a whole.
- (p) <u>Management Agreement and Transition Services Agreement</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received (a) term sheet setting forth the terms and conditions to be included in the Transition Services Agreement and (b) a fully executed copy of the Management Agreement, in each case certified by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower to be true and complete and, in the case of the Management Agreement, in full force and effect as of the Closing Date.
- (q) <u>Structure</u>. The pro forma capital, ownership and management structure and shareholding arrangement of the Parent and their Subsidiaries (and all agreements relating thereto) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence satisfactory to the Administrative Agent that the contribution by Holdings of all of the outstanding equity interests of the Spin-Off Parties to Fiesta has been consummated.
- (r) <u>Holdings Notes</u>. Fiesta shall have received gross proceeds from the issuance by Fiesta of senior secured notes on the Closing Date of \$200,000,000 and Holdings shall have received gross proceeds of \$200,000,000 from such issuance on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (s) <u>Fees and Expenses</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received all fees and expenses, if any, owing pursuant to the Fee Letter and Section 2.5.
- (t) <u>Additional Matters</u>. All other documents and legal matters in connection with the Transactions shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Administrative Agent and its counsel.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of Section 8.4, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this Section 4.1, each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

# Section 4.2 Conditions to All Extensions of Credit.

The obligation of each Lender to make any Extension of Credit hereunder is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent on the date of making such Extension of Credit:

- (a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representations and warranties made by the Credit Parties herein, in the other Credit Documents and which are contained in any certificate furnished at any time under or in connection herewith shall (i) with respect to representations and warranties that contain a materiality qualification, be true and correct and (ii) with respect to representations and warranties that do not contain a materiality qualification, be true and correct in all material respects, in each case on and as of the date of such Extension of Credit as if made on and as of such date except for any representation or warranty made as of an earlier date, which representation and warranty shall remain true and correct as of such earlier date.
- (b) No Default or Event of Default. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on such date or after giving effect to the Extension of Credit to be made on such date unless such Default or Event of Default shall have been waived in accordance with this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Compliance with Commitments</u>. Immediately after giving effect to the making of any such Extension of Credit (and the application of the proceeds thereof), (i) the sum of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Revolving Loans <u>plus</u> outstanding LOC Obligations shall not exceed the Revolving Committed Amount then in effect, and (ii) the outstanding LOC Obligations shall not exceed the LOC Committed Amount.
  - (d) Additional Conditions to Revolving Loans. If a Revolving Loan is requested, all conditions set forth in Section 2.1 shall have been satisfied.
- (e) <u>Additional Conditions to Letters of Credit</u>. If the issuance of a Letter of Credit is requested, (i) all conditions set forth in Section 2.3 shall have been satisfied and (ii) there shall exist no Lender that is a Defaulting Lender unless the Issuing Lender has entered into satisfactory arrangements with the Borrower or such Defaulting Lender to eliminate the Issuing Lender's risk with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LOC Obligations.

(f) Incremental Facility. If an Incremental Facility is requested, all conditions set forth in Section 2.22 shall have been satisfied.

Each request for an Extension of Credit and each acceptance by the Borrower of any such Extension of Credit shall be deemed to constitute representations and warranties by the Credit Parties as of the date of such Extension of Credit that the conditions set forth above in paragraphs (a) through (f), as applicable, have been satisfied

### ARTICLE V

### AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Each of the Credit Parties hereby covenants and agrees that on the Closing Date, and thereafter (a) for so long as this Agreement is in effect, (b) until the Commitments have terminated, and (c) the Credit Party Obligations and all other amounts owing to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder are paid in full in cash, such Credit Party shall, and shall cause each of their Subsidiaries, to:

### Section 5.1 Financial Statements.

Furnish to the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders:

- (a) <u>Annual Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available and in any event no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower (beginning with fiscal year 2011), a copy of the Consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such fiscal year and the related Consolidated statements of income and retained earnings and of cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such year, which shall be audited by a firm of independent certified public accountants of nationally recognized standing reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (and the Administrative Agent hereby acknowledges that Deloitte LLP is acceptable to it), setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous year, reported on without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception, or qualification indicating that the scope of the audit was inadequate to permit such independent certified public accountants to certify such financial statements without such qualification;
- (b) <u>Quarterly Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available and in any event no later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower (including the Second Quarter 2011), a copy of the Consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such period and related Consolidated statements of income and retained earnings and, other than with respect to the Fourth Quarter, of cash flows for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such quarterly period and for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such period, in each case setting forth in comparative form Consolidated figures for the corresponding period or periods of the preceding fiscal year (subject to normal recurring year-end audit adjustments); and

(c) <u>Annual Operating Budget and Cash Flow</u>. As soon as available, but in any event no later than sixty (60) days after the beginning of each fiscal year (including fiscal year 2012), a copy of the detailed annual operating budget or plan including cash flow projections of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such fiscal year prepared on a quarterly basis, in form and detail reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, together with a summary of the material assumptions made in the preparation of such annual budget or plan;

all such financial statements furnished pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) above shall be complete and correct in all material respects (subject, in the case of interim statements, to normal recurring year-end audit adjustments and except that such statements are condensed and exclude detailed footnote disclosures) and to be prepared in reasonable detail and, in the case of the annual, quarterly financial statements provided in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) above, in accordance in all material respects with GAAP applied consistently throughout the periods reflected therein and further accompanied by a description of, and an estimation of the effect on the financial statements on account of, a change, if any, in GAAP as provided in Section 1.3(b).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, financial statements and reports required to be delivered pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section may be delivered electronically and if so, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which the Administrative Agent receives such reports from the Borrower through electronic mail; <a href="mailto:provided">provided</a> that, upon the Administrative Agent's request, the Borrower shall provide paper copies of any documents required hereby to the Administrative Agent.

### Section 5.2 Certificates; Other Information.

Furnish to the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders:

- (a) Reserved
- (b) Officer's Certificate. Concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Sections 5.1(a) and 5.1(b) above, a certificate of an Authorized Officer substantially in the form of Exhibit 5.2(b) stating that (i) such financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries for the periods indicated in conformity with GAAP applied on a consistent basis, (ii) each of the Credit Parties during such period observed or performed in all material respects all of its covenants and other agreements, and satisfied in all material respects every condition, contained in this Agreement to be observed, performed or satisfied by it, and (iii) such Authorized Officer has obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event of Default except as specified in such certificate and such certificate shall include the calculations in reasonable detail required to indicate compliance with Section 5.9 as of the last day of such period.
- (c) <u>Updated Schedules</u>. Concurrently with or prior to the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Sections 5.1(a) and 5.1(b) above, (i) an updated copy of <u>Schedule 3.3</u> and <u>Schedule 3.12</u> if the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries has

formed or acquired a new Subsidiary since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (ii) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(a) if the Credit Parties have registered, applied for registration of, acquired or otherwise obtained ownership of any new Intellectual Property since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (iii) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(b) if the Credit Parties have obtained any Documents (as defined in the UCC), Instruments (as defined in the UCC) or Tangible Chattel Paper (as defined in the UCC) since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (iv) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(c) if the Credit Parties maintain any Deposit Accounts (as defined in the UCC), Electronic Chattel Paper (as defined in the UCC), Letter-of-Credit Rights (as defined in the UCC), Securities Accounts (as defined in the UCC) or uncertificated Investment Property (as defined in the UCC) to the extent not otherwise set forth on such Schedule as of the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (v) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(d) if the Credit Parties have any Commercial Tort Claims not otherwise set forth on such Schedule as of the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (vi) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(e) to the extent required to be updated to make the representation in Section 3.16(e) true and correct, (vii) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(f)(i) to the extent any Credit Party is obligated to provide a mortgage or deed of trust on any Property in accordance with Section 5.12, (viii) an updated copy of Schedule 3.16(f)(ii) to the extent any Credit Party has a (1) headquarter location and (2) location where any significant administrative functions are performed (and an indication whether such location is leased or owned), to the extent not otherwise set forth on such Schedule as of the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, (ix) an updated copy of Schedule 3.23 if any new Material Contract has been entered into or any Material Contract has been terminated since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, as applicable, together with a copy of each new Material Contract, (x) an updated copy of Schedule 3.24 if the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries has altered or acquired any insurance policies since the Closing Date or since such Schedule was last updated, and (xi) an updated copy of Schedule 3.31 to the extent required to be updated to make the representation in Section 3.31 true and correct.

- (d) <u>Reports; SEC Filings; Regulatory Reports; Press Releases; Etc.</u> Promptly upon their becoming available, (i) copies of all reports (other than those provided pursuant to Section 5.1 and those which are of a promotional nature) and other financial information which the Parent or any Credit Party sends to its shareholders, (ii) copies of all reports and all registration statements and prospectuses, if any, which the Parent or any Credit Party may make to, or file with, the SEC (or any successor or analogous Governmental Authority) or any securities exchange or other private regulatory authority, (iii) all material regulatory reports and (iv) all press releases and other statements made available by any of the Credit Parties or the Parent to the public concerning material developments in the business of any of the Credit Parties.
- (e) <u>Calculations</u>. Within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a certificate containing information including a calculation of Excess Cash Flow and the amount of all Restricted Payments, Investments (including Permitted Acquisitions and Permitted Construction Transactions), Asset Dispositions and Debt

Issuances that were made during the prior fiscal year and amounts received in connection with any Extraordinary Receipt during the prior fiscal year.

- (f) <u>Changes in Corporate Structure.</u> Within ten days prior to any merger, consolidation, dissolution or other change in corporate structure of any Credit Party or any of its subsidiaries permitted pursuant to the terms hereof, provide notice of such change in corporate structure to the Administrative Agent.
- (j) <u>General Information</u>. Promptly, such additional financial and other information as the Administrative Agent, on behalf of any Lender, may from time to time reasonably request.

### Section 5.3 Payment of Taxes and Other Obligations.

Pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy at or before maturity or before they become delinquent, as the case may be, subject, where applicable, to specified grace periods, (a) all of its material taxes (Federal, state, local and any other taxes) and (b) all of its other obligations and liabilities of whatever nature in accordance with industry practice to the extent failure to pay could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (c) any additional costs that are imposed as a result of any failure to so pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy such taxes, obligations and liabilities, except when the amount or validity of any such taxes, obligations and liabilities is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and reserves, if applicable, in conformity with GAAP with respect thereto have been provided on the books of the Credit Parties.

### Section 5.4 Conduct of Business and Maintenance of Existence.

Except as expressly permitted under Section 6.4, continue to engage in business of the same general type as now conducted by it on the Closing Date and preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its corporate or other formative existence and good standing, take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business and to maintain its goodwill and comply in all material respects with Requirements of Law.

#### Section 5.5 Maintenance of Property; Insurance.

Maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies liability, casualty, property and business interruption insurance (including, without limitation, insurance with respect to its tangible Collateral) in at least such amounts and against at least such risks as are usually insured against in the same general area by companies engaged in the same or a similar business; and furnish to the Administrative Agent, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, full information as to the insurance carried. To the extent permitted under applicable laws, the Administrative Agent shall be named (i) as lenders' loss payee, as its interest may appear with respect to any property insurance, and (ii) as additional insured, as its interest may appear, with respect to any such liability insurance, and each provider of any such insurance shall agree, by endorsement upon the policy or policies issued by it or by independent instruments to be

furnished to the Administrative Agent, that it will give the Administrative Agent thirty (30) days prior written notice before any such policy or policies shall be altered or canceled, and such policies shall provide that no act or default of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries or any other Person shall affect the rights of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders under such policy or policies.

# Section 5.6 Maintenance of Books and Records.

Keep proper books, records and accounts which permit financial statements to be prepared in accordance with GAAP.

### Section 5.7 Notices.

Give notice in writing to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly transmit such notice to each Lender):

- (a) promptly, but in any event within two (2) Business Days after any Credit Party knows thereof, the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default;
- (b) promptly after becoming aware of any default or event of default under any Contractual Obligation of any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or involve a monetary claim in excess of \$1,000,000:
- (c) promptly after becoming aware of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding known or threatened to any Credit Party (i) affecting any Credit Party (or Parent or Holdings, to the extent such litigation, investigation or proceeding relates to the business of the Credit Parties) or any of its Subsidiaries which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or involve a monetary claim in excess of \$2,500,000 or involving injunctions or requesting injunctive relief by or against any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of any Credit Party, (ii) affecting or with respect to this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any security interest or Lien created thereunder, (iii) involving an environmental claim or potential liability under Environmental Laws which could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, or (iv) by any Governmental Authority relating to any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof (or Parent or Holdings, to the extent such litigation, investigation or proceeding relates to the business of the Credit Parties) and alleging fraud, deception or willful misconduct by such Person;
- (d) of any labor controversy that has resulted in, or threatens to result in, a strike or other work action against any Credit Party which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (e) of any attachment, judgment, lien, levy or order exceeding \$2,500,000 that may be assessed against or threatened against any Credit Party other than Permitted Liens;

- (f) as soon as possible and in any event within thirty (30) days after any Credit Party knows or has reason to know thereof: (i) the occurrence or expected occurrence of any Reportable Event with respect to any Plan, a failure to make any required contribution to a Plan, the creation of any Lien in favor of the PBGC (other than a Permitted Lien) or a Plan or any withdrawal from, or the termination, Reorganization or Insolvency of, any Multiemployer Plan or (ii) the institution of proceedings or the taking of any other action by the PBGC or any Credit Party, any Commonly Controlled Entity or any Multiemployer Plan, with respect to the withdrawal from, or the terminating, Reorganization or Insolvency of, any Plan, in each case which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (g) promptly, any notice of any violation received by any Credit Party from any Governmental Authority including, without limitation, any notice of violation of Environmental Laws which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and
  - (h) promptly, any other development or event which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Each notice pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by a statement of an Authorized Officer setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Credit Parties propose to take with respect thereto. In the case of any notice of a Default or Event of Default, the Borrower shall specify that such notice is a Default or Event of Default notice on the face thereof.

### Section 5.8 Environmental Laws.

- (a) Except as could not reasonably be expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect, comply with all applicable Environmental Laws and obtain and comply with and maintain any and all licenses, approvals, notifications, registrations or permits required by applicable Environmental Laws;
- (b) Except as could not reasonably be expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect, conduct and complete all investigations, studies, sampling and testing, and all remedial, removal and other actions required under Environmental Laws and promptly comply with all lawful orders and directives of all Governmental Authorities regarding Environmental Laws except to the extent that the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; and
- (c) Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, and their respective employees, agents, officers and directors and affiliates, from and against any and all claims, demands, penalties, fines, liabilities, settlements, damages, costs and expenses of whatever kind or nature, known or unknown, contingent or otherwise, arising out of, or in any way relating to the violation of, noncompliance with or liability under, any Environmental Law applicable to the operations of the Credit

Parties or any of their Subsidiaries or the Properties, or any orders, requirements or demands of Governmental Authorities related thereto, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's and consultant's fees, investigation and laboratory fees, response costs, court costs and litigation expenses, except to the extent that any of the foregoing arise out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party seeking indemnification therefor. The agreements in this paragraph shall survive repayment of the Credit Party Obligations and all other amounts payable hereunder and termination of the Commitments and the Credit Documents.

# Section 5.9 Financial Covenants.

Comply with the following financial covenants:

(a) <u>Adjusted Leverage Ratio</u>. The Adjusted Leverage Ratio, calculated as of the last day of each fiscal quarter occurring during the periods set forth below shall be less than or equal to the following:

Period	Ratio
Closing Date through and including Fourth Quarter of 2012	6.00 to 1.00
First Quarter 2013 through and including the Fourth Quarter of 2013	5.50 to 1.00
First Quarter of 2014 and thereafter	5.00 to 1.00

(b) <u>Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio</u>. The Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, calculated as of the last day of each fiscal quarter, shall be greater than or equal to 1.30 to 1.0.

### Section 5.10 Additional Guarantors.

The Credit Parties will cause each of their Domestic Subsidiaries, whether newly formed, after acquired or otherwise existing to promptly (and in any event within thirty (30) days after such Subsidiary is formed or acquired (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion)) become a Guarantor hereunder by way of execution of a Joinder Agreement. In connection therewith, the Credit Parties shall give notice to the Administrative Agent not less than ten (10) days prior to creating a Subsidiary (or such shorter period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion), or acquiring the Equity Interests of any other Person. The Credit Party Obligations shall be secured by, among other things, a first priority perfected security interest in the Collateral of such new Guarantor and a pledge of 100% of the Equity Interests of such new Guarantor and its Domestic Subsidiaries (other than any Domestic Subsidiary that is owned by a Foreign Subsidiary) and 65% of the voting Equity Interests and 100% of the non-voting Equity Interests of its first-tier Foreign Subsidiaries. In connection with the foregoing, the Credit Parties shall deliver to the Administrative Agent, with respect to each new Guarantor to the extent applicable, substantially the same documentation required pursuant to Sections 4.1 (b) – (f), (j), Section 5.14(f) and 5.12 and such other documents or agreements as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request.

### Section 5.11 Compliance with Law.

Comply with all Requirements of Law and orders (including Environmental Laws), and all applicable restrictions imposed by all Governmental Authorities, applicable to it and the Collateral if noncompliance with any such Requirements of Law, order or restriction could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

#### Section 5.12 Pledged Assets.

- (a) <u>Equity Interests</u>. Each Credit Party will cause 100% of the Equity Interests in each of its direct or indirect Domestic Subsidiaries (unless such Domestic Subsidiary is owned by a Foreign Subsidiary) and 65% of the voting Equity Interests and 100% of the non-voting Equity Interests of its first-tier Foreign Subsidiaries, in each case to the extent owned by such Credit Party, to be subject at all times to a first priority, perfected Lien in favor of the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Security Documents or such other security documents as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request (subject to the Burger King Rights).
- (b) <u>Personal Property</u>. Subject to the terms of subsection (c) below, Section 5.14(f) and any other exclusions set forth in the Security Documents, each Credit Party will cause all of its tangible and intangible personal property (other than real property leases and Franchise Agreements) now owned or hereafter acquired by it to be subject at all times to a first priority, perfected Lien (subject in each case to the Burger King Rights and to Permitted Liens) in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties to secure the Credit Party Obligations pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Security Documents or such other security documents as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request. Each Credit Party shall, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to, adhere to the covenants set forth in the Security Documents.

### (c) Real Property.

(i) Each Credit Party shall cause all fee owned real property ("Real Estate") (other than the Identified Sale Leaseback Property and the real property subject to Section 5.14(f)(i)) which has a fair market value in excess of \$500,000 to be subject (within ninety days (or such extended period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent) following the acquisition of such Real Estate) to a first priority, perfected Lien (subject in each case to Permitted Liens) in favor of the Administrative Agent; provided, however, the Credit Parties shall not be required to cause such real property to be subject to a first priority, perfected Lien to the extent such Credit Party promptly delivers written notice to the Administrative Agent stating that such Credit Party intends to cause such real property to be subject to a Sale Leaseback pursuant to Section 6.12 within 180 days (or, in the case of real property acquired without a Restaurant, 365 days) following the acquisition of such real property (it being understood that the Credit Parties will cause such real property to be subject to a first priority, perfected Lien in

accordance with the terms of this clause (c) to the extent such Sale Leaseback is not consummated during such 180 day period (or 365 day period, as applicable).

- (ii) Each Credit Party shall cause any Identified Sale Leaseback Property that has not become subject to a Sale Leaseback transaction pursuant to Section 6.12 within 210 days following the Closing Date to be subject to a first priority, perfected Lien (subject in each case to Permitted Liens) in favor of the Administrative Agent.
- (iii) In connection with each of the foregoing, each Credit Party will deliver all documentation as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in connection with the foregoing, including, without limitation, title reports, surveys, zoning letters, environmental reports and opinions of counsel, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (d) <u>Leases and other Agreements</u>. Each Credit Party shall timely and fully pay and perform its obligations under all leases and other agreements with respect to each leased location or public warehouse where any Collateral is or may be located except where the failure to pay or perform could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# Section 5.13 Hedging Agreements.

Within 90 days following the Closing Date, cause at least 50% of the aggregate Term Loan then outstanding, and projected to be outstanding, to be hedged pursuant to Hedging Agreements for a term of at least three (3) years with a counterparty and on terms reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

### Section 5.14 Further Assurances and Post-Closing Covenants.

- (a) <u>Public/Private Designation</u>. The Credit Parties will cooperate with the Administrative Agent in connection with the publication of certain materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of the Credit Parties to the Administrative Agent and Lenders (collectively, "<u>Information Materials</u>") and will designate Information Materials (i) that are either available to the public or not material with respect to the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries or any of their respective securities for purposes of United States federal and state securities laws, as "<u>Public Information</u>" and (ii) that are not Public Information as "<u>Private Information</u>".
- (b) <u>Additional Information</u>. The Credit Parties shall provide such information regarding the operations, business affairs and financial condition of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may reasonably request.
- (c) <u>Visits and Inspections</u>. The Credit Parties shall permit representatives of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, from time to time upon prior reasonable notice and at such times during normal business hours, to visit and inspect its properties

(including the Collateral); inspect, audit and make extracts from its books, records and files; and discuss with its principal officers, and its independent accountants, its business, assets, liabilities, financial condition, results of operations and business prospects. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent or any Lender may do any of the foregoing at any time without advance notice.

#### (d) Reserved.

(e) <u>Further Assurances</u>. Upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, promptly perform or cause to be performed any and all acts and execute or cause to be executed any and all documents for filing under the provisions of the UCC or any other Requirement of Law which are necessary or advisable to maintain in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, Liens on the Collateral that are duly perfected in accordance with the requirements of, or the obligations of the Credit Parties under, the Credit Documents and all applicable Requirements of Law.

## (f) Post Closing Covenants.

- (i) <u>Real Property Collateral</u>. Subject to Section 5.12(c), within ninety (90) days after the Closing Date (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), the Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
  - (A) fully executed and notarized Mortgage Instruments encumbering the Mortgaged Properties as to properties owned by the Credit Parties;
  - (B) evidence as to (1) whether any Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property and (2) if any Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property, (x) whether the community in which such Mortgaged Property is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program, (y) the applicable Credit Party's written acknowledgment of receipt of written notification from the Administrative Agent (I) as to the fact that such Mortgaged Property is a Flood Hazard Property and (II) as to whether the community in which each such Flood Hazard Property is located is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and (z) copies of insurance policies or certificates of insurance of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries evidencing flood insurance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and naming the Administrative Agent as loss payee on behalf of the Lenders;
  - (C) maps or plats of an as-built survey of the sites of the Mortgaged Properties; it being agreed that the surveys in existence as of the Closing Date and provided to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of this clause (C) (along with a certificate of an Authorized Officer

of the Borrower reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent) are satisfactory;

- (D) an environmental questionnaire executed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower with respect to all owned Mortgaged Properties, along with third-party environmental reviews of all owned Mortgaged Properties, including but not limited to Phase I environmental assessments; it being agreed that the Phase I environmental assessments in existence on the Closing Date and provided to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of this clause (D) are satisfactory;
- (E) to the extent requested by the Administrative Agent, opinions of counsel to the Credit Parties for each jurisdiction in which the Mortgaged Properties are located; and
- (F) to the extent available, zoning letters from each municipality or other Governmental Authority for each jurisdiction in which the Mortgaged Properties are located.
- (ii) <u>Account Control Agreements</u>. Within forty-five (45) days after the Closing Date (or such longer period of time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), the Administrative Agent shall have received Deposit Account Control Agreements and Securities Account Control Agreements required to be delivered hereunder.
- (g) <u>Discharge of Existing Carrols Notes</u>. Within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Closing Date the Borrower agrees to cause Holdings to satisfy and discharge the obligations under the Existing Carrols Notes, the guarantees thereof and the indenture under which the Existing Carrols Notes were issued pursuant to Section 9.01 of such indenture (except those obligations referred to in the penultimate paragraph of such section).

### Section 5.15 New Restaurants; Franchise Agreements.

Provide the Administrative Agent, as of the end of each fiscal quarter (beginning with the Third Quarter of 2011), notice of the acquisition, lease or construction (or binding commitment to construct) of any new Restaurant by the Borrower or any Subsidiary. The Borrower shall cause to be delivered to the Administrative Agent, promptly upon request by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, a copy of any Franchise Agreement or lease with respect to any Restaurant.

### ARTICLE VI

### **NEGATIVE COVENANTS**

Each of the Credit Parties hereby covenants and agrees that on the Closing Date, and thereafter (a) for so long as this Agreement is in effect, (b) until the Commitments have terminated, (c) the Credit Party Obligations and all other amounts owing to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder are paid in full in cash, that:

### Section 6.1 Indebtedness.

No Credit Party will, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, contract, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except:

- (a) Indebtedness arising or existing under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents;
- (b) Indebtedness of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries existing as of the Closing Date as referred to in the financial statements referenced in Section 3.1 (and set out more specifically in Schedule 6.1(b) hereto) and any renewals, refinancings or extensions thereof in a principal amount not in excess of that outstanding as of the date of such renewal, refinancing or extension and the terms of any such renewal, refinancing or extension are not less favorable in any material respect to the obligor thereunder;
- (c) Indebtedness of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries incurred after the Closing Date consisting of Capital Leases or Indebtedness incurred to provide all or a portion of the purchase price or cost of construction of an asset; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Indebtedness when incurred shall not exceed the purchase price or cost of construction of such asset; (ii) no such Indebtedness shall be renewed, refinanced or extended for a principal amount in excess of the principal balance outstanding thereon at the time of such renewal, refinancing or extension; and (iii) the total amount of all such Indebtedness shall not exceed \$10,000,000 at any time outstanding;
  - (d) Unsecured intercompany Indebtedness among the Credit Parties;
- (e) Indebtedness and obligations owing under (i) Bank Products and (ii) other Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business in order to manage existing or anticipated interest rate, exchange rate or commodity price risks and not for speculative purposes;
- (f) Indebtedness of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of a Credit Party in a transaction permitted hereunder in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for all such Persons; provided that any such Indebtedness was not created in anticipation of or in connection with the transaction or series of transactions pursuant to which such Person became a Subsidiary of a Credit Party;

- (g) Guaranty Obligations in respect of Indebtedness of a Credit Party to the extent such Indebtedness is permitted to exist or be incurred pursuant to this Section;
- (h) any guarantee of the Existing Carrols Notes; <u>provided</u>, that within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Closing Date, the obligations under the Existing Carrols Notes, the guarantees thereof and the indenture under which the Existing Carrols Notes were issued have been satisfied and discharged pursuant to Section 9.01 of such indenture (except those obligations referred to in the penultimate paragraph of such section);
  - (i) all ASC Section 840-40 lease financing obligations; and
- (j) other unsecured Indebtedness of Credit Parties in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$7,500,000; <u>provided</u> that the Credit Parties are in pro forma compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9.

### Section 6.2 Liens.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, contract, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien with respect to any of their respective property or assets of any kind (whether real or personal, tangible or intangible), whether now owned or hereafter acquired, except for the following (the "Permitted Liens"):

- (a) Liens created by or otherwise existing under or in connection with this Agreement or the other Credit Documents in favor of the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties;
- (b) Liens in favor of a Bank Product Provider in connection with a Bank Product; <u>provided</u> that such Liens shall secure the Credit Party Obligations on a pari passu basis;
- (c) Liens securing purchase money Indebtedness and Capital Lease Obligations (and refinancings thereof) to the extent permitted under Section 6.1(c); provided, that (i) any such Lien attaches to such property concurrently with or within thirty (30) days after the acquisition thereof and (ii) such Lien attaches solely to the property so acquired in such transaction;
- (d) Liens for taxes, assessments, charges or other governmental levies not yet due or as to which the period of grace, if any, related thereto has not expired or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; <u>provided</u> that adequate reserves with respect to such contested amounts are maintained on the books of any Credit Party or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, in conformity with GAAP;
- (e) statutory Liens such as carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, landlords', repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course

of business which are not overdue for a period of more than thirty (30) days or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;

- (f) pledges or deposits in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation (other than any Lien imposed by ERISA) and deposits securing liability to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000;
- (g) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than for borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (h) easements, rights of way, restrictions and other similar encumbrances affecting real property which, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount, and which do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the applicable Person;
- (i) Liens existing on the Closing Date and set forth on <u>Schedule 1.1(b)</u>; <u>provided</u> that (i) no such Lien shall at any time be extended to cover property or assets other than the property or assets subject thereto on the Closing Date and improvements thereon and (ii) the principal amount of the Indebtedness secured by such Lien shall not be extended, renewed, refunded or refinanced;
- (j) any extension, renewal or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals or replacements), in whole or in part, of any Lien referred to in this definition (other than Liens set forth on Schedule 1.1(b)); provided that such extension, renewal or replacement Lien shall be limited to all or a part of the property which secured the Lien so extended, renewed or replaced (plus improvements on such property);
- (k) Liens arising in the ordinary course of business by virtue of any contractual, statutory or common law provision relating to banker's Liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies covering deposit or securities accounts (including funds or other assets credited thereto) or other funds maintained with a depository institution or securities intermediary;
  - (l) any zoning, building or similar laws or rights reserved to or vested in any Governmental Authority;
  - (m) restrictions on transfers of securities imposed by applicable Securities Laws;
  - (n) Liens arising out of judgments or awards not resulting in an Event of Default;
- (o) Liens on the property of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of a Credit Party in a transaction permitted hereunder securing

Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for all such Persons; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any such Lien may not extend to any other property of any Credit Party or any other Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary of such Person; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any such Lien was not created in anticipation of or in connection with the transaction or series of transactions pursuant to which such Person became a Subsidiary of a Credit Party;

- (p) any interest or title of a lessor, licensor or sublessor under any lease, license or sublease entered into by any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof in the ordinary course of its business and covering only the assets so leased, licensed or subleased;
- (q) Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent and/or Issuing Lender to Cash Collateralize or otherwise secure the obligations of a Defaulting Lender to fund risk participations hereunder;
- (r) assignments of insurance or condemnation proceeds provided to landlords (or their mortgagees) pursuant to the terms of any lease and Liens or rights reserved in any lease for rent or for compliance with the terms of such lease;
  - (s) the Burger King Rights; and
- (t) additional Liens so long as the principal amount of Indebtedness and other obligations secured thereby does not exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Credit Party shall grant a Lien on any of its assets in violation of this Section, then it shall be deemed to have simultaneously granted an equal and ratable Lien on any such assets in favor of the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, to the extent such Lien has not already been granted to the Administrative Agent.

### Section 6.3 Nature of Business.

No Credit Party will, nor will it permit any Subsidiary to, alter the character of its business in any material respect from that conducted as of the Closing Date.

# Section 6.4 Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Purchase of Assets, etc.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to,

(a) dissolve, liquidate or wind up its affairs, or sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of its property or assets (each a "<u>Disposition</u>") or agree to do so at a future time, except the following, without duplication, shall be expressly permitted:

- (i) (A) the sale, transfer, lease or other disposition of inventory and materials in the ordinary course of business and (B) the conversion of cash into Cash Equivalents and Cash Equivalents into cash;
- (ii) the sale, transfer or other disposition of property or assets to an unrelated party not in the ordinary course of business where and to the extent that they are the result of a Recovery Event; to the extent Net Cash Proceeds from such Recovery Event are reinvested or used to make mandatory prepayments pursuant to Section 2.7(b)(v);
- (iii) the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of machinery, parts and equipment no longer used or useful in the conduct of the business of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries;
- (iv) the sale, lease or transfer of property or assets from one Credit Party to another Credit Party or dissolution of any Credit Party (other than the Borrower) to the extent any and all assets of such Credit Party are distributed to another Credit Party;
  - (v) the termination of any Hedging Agreement;
- (vi) the sale, lease, transfer, closure or other disposition of Restaurants, the termination or non-renewal of leases and Franchise Agreements or the subletting of Restaurants, in each case as determined to be prudent in the reasonable judgment of the senior officers of the Borrower;
  - (vii) Sale Leaseback transactions to the extent permitted under Section 6.12; and
  - (viii) the sale, lease or transfer of property or assets not to exceed \$2,500,000 in the aggregate in any fiscal year;

provided that (A) with respect to clauses (ii), (iii), (vi), (vii) and (viii) above, at least 75% of the consideration received therefor by the Credit Parties or any such Subsidiary shall be in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents, assets used in the business or Capital Stock, (B) after giving effect to any Disposition pursuant to clause (vii) above, the Credit Parties shall be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis with the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 hereof, recalculated for the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which information is available and (C) with respect to clause (vii) above, no Default or Event of Default shall exist or shall result therefrom; provided, further, that with respect to sales of assets permitted hereunder only, the Administrative Agent shall, without the consent of any Lender, release its Liens relating to the particular assets sold; or

(b)(i) purchase, lease or otherwise acquire (in a single transaction or a series of related transactions) the property or assets of any Person, other than (A) Permitted

Acquisitions, (B) the lease or acquisition of real property in connection with Permitted Construction Transactions and (C) except as otherwise limited or prohibited herein, purchases or other acquisitions of inventory, materials, property and equipment in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) enter into any transaction of merger or consolidation, except for (A) Investments or acquisitions permitted pursuant to Section 6.5 so long as the Credit Party subject to such merger or consolidation is the surviving entity, (B) (y) the merger or consolidation of a Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party with and into a Credit Party; provided that such Credit Party will be the surviving entity and (z) the merger or consolidation of a Credit Party with and into another Credit Party; provided that if the Borrower is a party thereto, the Borrower will be the surviving corporation, and (C) the merger or consolidation of a Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party with and into another Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party.

## Section 6.5 Advances, Investments and Loans.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, make any Investment or contract to make any Investment except for the following (the "Permitted Investments"):

- (a) cash and Cash Equivalents;
- (b) Investments existing as of the Closing Date as set forth on Schedule 1.1(a) (which shall include new Restaurant development);
- (c) receivables owing to the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries or any receivables and advances to suppliers, in each case if created, acquired or made in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms;
  - (d) Investments in and loans to any Credit Party;
- (e) loans and advances to officers, directors and employees in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000 at any time outstanding; provided that such loans and advances shall comply with all applicable Requirements of Law (including Sarbanes-Oxley);
- (f) Investments (including debt obligations) received in connection with the bankruptcy or reorganization of suppliers and customers and in settlement of delinquent obligations of, and other disputes with, customers and suppliers arising in the ordinary course of business;
  - (g) Permitted Acquisitions;
- (h) the construction or development of a new Restaurant; <u>provided</u>, however, that in each such case, at the time such Credit Party enters into a contract obligating a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries to commence construction or develop a new Restaurant which obligates any Credit Party to pay greater than \$250,000 in the aggregate

(i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would exist after giving effect to the construction or development of the new Restaurant, and (ii) after giving effect to the construction or development of such new Restaurant on a Pro Forma basis (A) the Credit Parties are in compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 and (B) if any time the Adjusted Leverage Ratio covenant level set forth in Section 5.9(a) is greater than 5.50 to 1.0, the Adjusted Leverage Ratio shall be 0.25 to 1.0 less than the then applicable level set forth in Section 5.9 (each such construction or development of a new Restaurant permitted pursuant to this clause (h) shall be referred to in this Agreement as a "Permitted Construction Transaction");

- (i) Bank Products to the extent permitted hereunder; and
- (j) additional loan advances and/or Investments of a nature not contemplated by the foregoing clauses hereof; <u>provided</u> that such loans, advances and/or Investments made after the Closing Date pursuant to this clause shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 at any one time outstanding.

#### Section 6.6 <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, enter into any transaction or series of transactions, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, with any officer, director, shareholder or Affiliate (or any Spin-Off Party before or after the Spin-Off Date) other than on terms and conditions substantially as favorable as would be obtainable in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person other than an officer, director, shareholder or Affiliate, other than (a) transactions solely between or among Credit Parties, (b) the Management Agreement, (c) the Transition Services Agreement, (d) the Other Spin-Off Documents and (e) any Restricted Payment permitted by Section 6.10.

# Section 6.7 Ownership of Subsidiaries; Restrictions.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, create, form or acquire any Subsidiaries, except for Domestic Subsidiaries that are joined as Additional Credit Parties as required by the terms hereof. The Credit Parties will not sell, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of any Equity Interests in any of their Subsidiaries, nor will they permit any of their Subsidiaries to issue, sell, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of any of their Equity Interests, except in a transaction permitted by Section 6.4.

## Section 6.8 Corporate Changes; Material Contracts; Franchise Agreements.

No Credit Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, (a) change its fiscal quarters or fiscal year, (b) amend, modify or change its articles of incorporation, certificate of designation (or corporate charter or other similar organizational document) operating agreement or bylaws (or other similar document) in any respect materially adverse to the interests of the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders. No Credit Party shall (a) (i) except as permitted under Section 6.4, alter its legal existence or, in one transaction or a series of transactions, merge into or consolidate with any other entity, or sell all or substantially all of

its assets, (ii) change its state of incorporation or organization, without providing thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and without filing (or confirming that the Administrative Agent has filed) such financing statements and amendments to any previously filed financing statements as the Administrative Agent may require, or (iii) change its registered legal name, without providing thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and without filing (or confirming that the Administrative Agent has filed) such financing statements and amendments to any previously filed financing statements as the Administrative Agent may require, (b) amend, modify, cancel or terminate or fail to renew or extend or permit the amendment, modification, cancellation or termination of any of its Material Contracts in any respect materially adverse to the interests of the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders, (c) have more than one state of incorporation, organization or formation, (d) change its accounting method (except in accordance with GAAP) in any manner adverse to the interests of the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders or (e) other than in connection with the sale or closure of a Restaurant permitted hereunder, amend, modify, cancel or terminate or fail to renew or extend or permit the amendment, modification, cancellation or termination of any of its Franchise Agreements in any respect materially adverse to the interests of the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders.

## Section 6.9 Limitation on Restricted Actions.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any such Person to (a) pay dividends or make any other distributions to any Credit Party on its Equity Interests or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, (b) pay any Indebtedness or other obligation owed to any Credit Party, (c) make loans or advances to any Credit Party, (d) sell, lease or transfer any of its properties or assets to any Credit Party, or (e) act as a Guarantor and pledge its assets pursuant to the Credit Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof or amend or otherwise modify the Credit Documents, except (in respect of any of the matters referred to in clauses (a)-(d) above) for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of (i) this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, (ii) applicable law, (iii) any document or instrument governing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 6.1(c); provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets constructed or acquired in connection therewith, (iv) any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien; provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien or (v) the Burger King Rights.

### Section 6.10 Restricted Payments.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, declare, order, make or set apart any sum for or pay any Restricted Payment, except (a) to make dividends payable solely in the same class of Equity Interests of such Person, (b) to make dividends or other distributions payable to the Credit Parties (directly or indirectly through its Subsidiaries), (c) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to make Permitted Tax Distributions, (d) make payments and distributions to Holdings to be used by Holdings concurrently with the payment of such payments and distributions (and within 15

Business Days thereafter pursuant to Section 5.14(g)) to repay Indebtedness for borrowed money of Holdings (including all accrued and unpaid interest thereon and obligations with respect thereto) existing on the Closing Date (and after such Indebtedness is paid in full, to be used by Holdings for other working capital or corporate purposes of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and/or Fiesta and its Subsidiaries), in an aggregate amount for all such Restricted Payments not to exceed \$65,000,000, (e) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing to pay, prior to the Spin-Off Date, management fees to Holdings pursuant to the Management Agreement as in effect on the Closing Date in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 during any fiscal year; provided, that such amount shall be increased (i) at the beginning of each fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2012) by an amount equal to the percentage increase in the consumer price index during the previous fiscal year period and (ii) at the beginning of each fiscal quarter by an amount equal to the product of (A) \$35,000 multiplied by (B) each new Restaurant opened or acquired during the previous fiscal quarter period, (f) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing to pay, after the Spin-Off Date, fees to the Spin-Off Parties pursuant to the Transition Services Agreement in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 during any fiscal year; provided, that such amount shall be increased (i) at the beginning of each fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2012) by an amount equal to the percentage increase in the consumer price index during the previous fiscal year period and (ii) at the beginning of each fiscal quarter by an amount equal to the product of (A) \$35,000 multiplied by (B) each new Restaurant opened or acquired during the previous fiscal quarter period, (g) to the extent deducted from the definition of Consolidated EBITDAR, (i) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, to pay to Holdings any amounts required to be paid by the Parent or Holdings in connection with any litigation arising directly and solely from the Borrower's business during the term of this Agreement and (ii) to pay to Holdings any amounts necessary to enable the Parent or Holdings to make required vendor payments arising directly and solely from the Borrower's business in accordance with historical past practice and pursuant to vendor agreements pursuant to which goods and services are provided to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, (h) the payment of any obligations under the Other Spin-Off Documents, (i) from and after the First Quarter of 2013, so long as (A) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom and (B) the Credit Parties are in compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 after giving effect to such Restricted Payment on a Pro Forma Basis, to repurchase Equity Interests of the Parent (including rights, options or warrants to acquire such Equity Interests) from employees of the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or their authorized representatives upon the death, disability or termination of employment of such employees, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year and (j) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing to pay, after the Spin-Off Date, incidental operating expenses of Holdings or the Parent relating specifically to the operation of the Parent as a public company and services provided by management of the Parent in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 during any fiscal year; provided, that such amount shall be increased by 5% annually on each anniversary of the Closing Date.

### Section 6.11 Amendment of Subordinated Debt.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders, amend, modify, waive or extend or permit the

amendment, modification, waiver or extension of any term of any document governing or relating to any Subordinated Debt in a manner that is adverse to the interests of the Lenders.

### Section 6.12 Sale Leasebacks.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, become or remain liable as lessee or as guarantor or other surety with respect to any lease, whether an Operating Lease or a Capital Lease, of any property (whether real, personal or mixed), whether now owned or hereafter acquired, (a) which any Credit Party or any Subsidiary has sold or transferred or is to sell or transfer to a Person which is not a Credit Party or a Subsidiary of a Credit Party or (b) which any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party intends to use for substantially the same purpose as any other property which has been sold or is to be sold or transferred by a Credit Party or a Subsidiary of a Credit Party to another Person which is not a Credit Party or a Subsidiary of a Credit Party in connection with such lease (each a "Sale Leaseback"); provided, that the Credit Parties may enter into Sale Leaseback so long as (i) the Credit Parties are in compliance with each of the financial covenants set forth in Section 5.9 after giving effect to such Sale Leaseback on a Pro Forma Basis and (ii) the proceeds from such Sale Leaseback are used to prepay the Loans as required pursuant to Section 2.7(b)(ii).

### Section 6.13 No Further Negative Pledges.

The Credit Parties will not, nor will they permit any Subsidiary to, enter into, assume or become subject to any agreement prohibiting or otherwise restricting the creation or assumption of any Lien upon any of their properties or assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, or requiring the grant of any security for such obligation if security is given for some other obligation, except (a) pursuant to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, (b) pursuant to any document or instrument governing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 6.1(c); provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets constructed or acquired in connection therewith, and (c) in connection with any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien; provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien.

### Section 6.14 Account Control Agreements; Additional Bank Accounts.

Set forth on Schedule 3.16(c) is a complete and accurate list of all checking, savings or other accounts (including securities accounts) of the Credit Parties at any bank or other financial institution, or any other account where money is or may be deposited or maintained with any Person as of the Closing Date. Beginning forty-five (45) days following the Closing Date, each of the Credit Parties will not open, maintain or otherwise have any checking, savings or other accounts (including securities accounts) at any bank or other financial institution, or any other account where money is or may be deposited or maintained with any Person, other than (a) deposit accounts that are subject to a Deposit Account Control Agreement, (b) securities accounts that are subject to a Securities Account Control Agreement, (c) deposit accounts established solely as payroll and other zero balance accounts and (d) other deposit accounts, so long as at any time the balance in any such account does not exceed \$50,000 and the aggregate balance in all such accounts does not exceed \$50,000.

### ARTICLE VII

## EVENTS OF DEFAULT

# Section 7.1 Events of Default.

An Event of Default shall exist upon the occurrence of any of the following specified events (each an "Event of Default"):

- (a) <u>Payment</u>. (i) The Borrower shall fail to pay any principal on any Loan or Note when due (whether at maturity, by reason of acceleration or otherwise) in accordance with the terms hereof; or (ii) the Borrower shall fail to reimburse the Issuing Lender for any LOC Obligations when due (whether at maturity, by reason of acceleration or otherwise) in accordance with the terms hereof; (iii) the Borrower shall fail to provide cash collateral when required pursuant to Section 2.3(k); or (iv) the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable hereunder when due (whether at maturity, by reason of acceleration or otherwise) in accordance with the terms hereof and such failure shall continue unremedied for five (5) days; or (v) or any Guarantor shall fail to pay on the Guaranty in respect of any of the foregoing or in respect of any other Guaranty Obligations hereunder (after giving effect to the grace period in clause (iii)); or
- (b) <u>Misrepresentation</u>. Any representation or warranty made or deemed made herein, in the Security Documents or in any of the other Credit Documents or which is contained in any certificate, document or financial or other statement furnished at any time under or in connection with this Agreement shall prove to have been incorrect, false or misleading in any material respect on or as of the date made or deemed made; or

### (c) Covenant Default.

- (i) Any Credit Party shall fail to perform, comply with or observe any term, covenant or agreement applicable to it contained in Sections 5.1, 5.2(b), 5.4 (to the extent such covenant requires that the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect their corporate or other formative existence), 5.7, 5.9, 5.13, 5.14(f) or Article VI hereof; or
- (ii) Any Credit Party shall fail to comply with any other covenant contained in this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or any other agreement, document or instrument among any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders or executed by any Credit Party in favor of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders (other than as described in Sections 7.1(a) or 7.1(c)(i) above) and, with respect to this clause (ii) only, such breach or failure to comply is not cured within thirty (30) days of its occurrence; or

- (d) Indebtedness Cross-Default. (i) Any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall default in any payment of principal of or interest on any Indebtedness (other than the Loans, Reimbursement Obligations, the Guaranty, ASC 840-40 lease financing obligations and Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business in order to manage existing or anticipated commodity price risks) in a principal amount outstanding of at least \$2,500,000 for the Credit Parties and any of their Subsidiaries in the aggregate beyond any applicable grace period (not to exceed thirty (30) days), if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created; or (ii) any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall default in the observance or performance of any other agreement or condition relating to any Indebtedness (other than the Loans, Reimbursement Obligations, the Guaranty, ASC 840-40 lease financing obligations and Hedging Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business in order to manage existing or anticipated commodity price risks) in a principal amount outstanding of at least \$2,500,000 in the aggregate for the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness or beneficiary or beneficiaries of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiary or beneficiaries) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity or to be repurchased, prepaid, deferred or redeemed (automatically or otherwise); or (iii) any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall breach or default any Hedging Agreement that is a Bank Product; or
- (e) Other Cross-Defaults. The Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries shall default in (i) the payment when due under any Material Contract or (ii) the performance or observance, of any obligation or condition of any Material Contract and, in the case of this clause (ii) only, such failure to perform or observe such other obligation or condition continues unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days after notice of the occurrence of such default unless, but only as long as, the existence of any such default is being contested by the Credit Parties in good faith by appropriate proceedings and adequate reserves in respect thereof have been established on the books of the Credit Parties to the extent required by GAAP except where such default could not be reasonably expected to have a Material adverse Effect; or
- (f) <u>Bankruptcy Default</u>. (i) A Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall commence any case, proceeding or other action (A) under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors, seeking to have an order for relief entered with respect to it, or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution, composition or other relief with respect to it or its debts, or (B) seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator or other similar official for it or for all or any substantial part of its assets, or a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or (ii) there shall be commenced against a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in clause (i)

above which (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (B) remains undismissed, undischarged or unbonded for a period of sixty (60) days; or (iii) there shall be commenced against a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action seeking issuance of a warrant of attachment, execution, distraint or similar process against all or any substantial part of their assets which results in the entry of an order for any such relief which shall not have been vacated, discharged, or stayed or bonded pending appeal within sixty (60) days from the entry thereof; or (iv) a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall take any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the acts set forth in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) above; or (v) a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries shall generally not, or shall be unable to, or shall admit in writing their inability to, pay its debts as they become due; or

- (g) <u>Judgment Default</u>. (i) One or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against a Credit Party (or Parent or Holdings which relates to the business of the Credit Parties) or any of its Subsidiaries involving in the aggregate a liability (to the extent not covered by insurance) of \$2,500,000 or more and all such judgments or decrees shall not have been paid and satisfied, vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within the earlier of (A) thirty (30) days from the entry thereof or (B) the expiration of the period during which an appeal of such judgment or decree is permitted or (ii) any injunction, temporary restraining order or similar decree shall be issued against the Parent, Holdings, a Credit Party (or Parent or Holdings which relates to the business of the Credit Parties) or any of its Subsidiaries that, individually or in the aggregate, could result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (h) ERISA Default. The occurrence of any of the following to the extent it could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) Any Person shall engage in any "prohibited transaction" (as defined in Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) involving any Plan, (ii) any "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 302 of ERISA), whether or not waived, shall exist with respect to any Plan or any Lien in favor of the PBGC or a Plan (other than a Permitted Lien) shall arise on the assets of the Credit Parties or any Commonly Controlled Entity, (iii) a Reportable Event shall occur with respect to, or proceedings shall commence to have a trustee appointed, or a trustee shall be appointed, to administer or to terminate, any Single Employer Plan, which Reportable Event or commencement of proceedings or appointment of a trustee is, in the reasonable opinion of the Required Lenders, likely to result in the termination of such Plan for purposes of Title IV of ERISA, (iv) any Single Employer Plan shall terminate for purposes of Title IV of ERISA, (v) a Credit Party, any of its Subsidiaries or any Commonly Controlled Entity shall, or in the reasonable opinion of the Required Lenders is likely to, incur any liability in connection with a withdrawal from, or the Insolvency or Reorganization of, any Multiemployer Plan or (vi) any other similar event or condition shall occur or exist with respect to a Plan; or
  - (i) Change of Control. There shall occur a Change of Control; or

- (j) <u>Invalidity of Guaranty</u>. At any time after the execution and delivery thereof, the Guaranty, for any reason other than the satisfaction in full of all Credit Party Obligations, shall cease to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with its terms) or shall be declared to be null and void, or any Credit Party shall contest the validity, enforceability, perfection or priority of the Guaranty, any Credit Document, or any Lien granted thereunder in writing or deny in writing that it has any further liability, including with respect to future advances by the Lenders, under any Credit Document to which it is a party; or
- (k) <u>Invalidity of Credit Documents</u>. Any Credit Document shall fail to be in full force and effect or to give the Administrative Agent and/or the Lenders the security interests, liens, rights, powers, priority and privileges purported to be created thereby (except as such documents may be terminated or no longer in force and effect in accordance with the terms thereof, other than those indemnities and provisions which by their terms shall survive) or any Lien shall fail to be a first priority, perfected Lien on a material portion of the Collateral; or
- (l) <u>Subordinated Debt</u>. The subordination provisions contained in any Subordinated Debt shall cease to be in full force and effect or shall cease to give the Lenders the rights, powers and privileges purported to be created thereby; or
- (m) <u>Classification as Senior Debt</u>. The Credit Party Obligations shall cease to be classified as "Senior Indebtedness," "Designated Senior Indebtedness" or any similar designation under any Subordinated Debt instrument; or
- (n) <u>Uninsured Loss</u>. Any uninsured damage to or loss, theft or destruction of any assets of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries shall occur that is in excess of \$2,500,000 (excluding customary deductible thresholds established in accordance with historical past practices); or
- (o) <u>Franchise Agreements</u>. There shall occur any default or defaults by any one or more Credit Parties beyond the applicable grace period (if any) under any Franchise Agreement and such default or defaults, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

### Section 7.2 Acceleration; Remedies.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, then, and in any such event, (a) if such event is a Bankruptcy Event, automatically the Commitments shall immediately terminate and the Loans (with accrued interest thereon), and all other amounts under the Credit Documents (including, without limitation, the maximum amount of all contingent liabilities under Letters of Credit) shall immediately become due and payable, and (b) if such event is any other Event of Default, any or all of the following actions may be taken: (i) with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the written request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, declare the Commitments to be terminated forthwith, whereupon the Commitments shall immediately

terminate; (ii) the Administrative Agent may, or upon the written request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, declare the Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the Notes to be due and payable forthwith and direct the Borrower to pay to the Administrative Agent cash collateral as security for the LOC Obligations for subsequent drawings under then outstanding Letters of Credit an amount equal to the maximum amount of which may be drawn under Letters of Credit then outstanding, whereupon the same shall immediately become due and payable; and/or (iii) with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the written request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, exercise such other rights and remedies as provided under the Credit Documents and under applicable law.

### ARTICLE VIII

## THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

#### Section 8.1 Appointment and Authority.

Each of the Lenders and the Issuing Lender hereby irrevocably appoints Wells Fargo to act on its behalf as the Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Credit Documents and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Lender, and neither the Borrower nor any other Credit Party shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions. It is understood and agreed that the use of the term "agent" herein or in any other Credit Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to the Administrative Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable law. Instead such term is used as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties.

### Section 8.2 Nature of Duties.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the bookrunners, arrangers or other agents listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent, a Lender or the Issuing Lender hereunder. Without limiting the foregoing, none of the Lenders or other Persons so identified shall have or be deemed to have any fiduciary relationship with any Lender. Each Lender acknowledges that it has not relied, and will not rely, on any of the Lenders or other Persons so identified in deciding to enter into this Agreement or in taking or not taking action hereunder.

The Administrative Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Credit Document by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such

sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any subagents except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and non appealable judgment that the Administrative Agent acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agents.

## Section 8.3 Exculpatory Provisions.

The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents, and its obligations hereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent:

- (a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Credit Documents that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Credit Documents), provided that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Credit Document or applicable law, including for the avoidance of doubt any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any Debtor Relief Law or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any Debtor Relief Law; and
- (c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to any Credit Party or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Sections 9.1 and 7.2) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until notice describing such Default is given to the Administrative Agent in writing by the Borrower, a Lender or an Issuing Lender.

The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Credit Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

### Section 8.4 Reliance by Administrative Agent.

The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance, extension, renewal or increase of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the Issuing Lender, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the Issuing Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or the Issuing Lender prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

### Section 8.5 Notice of Default.

The Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default hereunder unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice from a Lender or the Borrower referring to this Agreement, describing such Default or Event of Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default". In the event that the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, the Administrative Agent shall give prompt notice thereof to the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Required Lenders; provided, however, that unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders except to the extent that this Agreement expressly requires that such action be taken, or not taken, only with the consent or upon the authorization of the Required Lenders, or all of the Lenders, as the case may be.

#### Section 8.6 Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Lenders.

Each Lender and the Issuing Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates has made any representation or warranty to it and that no act by the Administrative Agent hereinafter taken, including any review of the affairs of any Credit Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent to any Lender. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

### Section 8.7 Indemnification.

The Lenders agree to indemnify the Administrative Agent, and the Issuing Lender in its capacity hereunder and their Affiliates and their respective officers, directors, agents and employees (to the extent not reimbursed by the Credit Parties and without limiting the obligation of the Credit Parties to do so), ratably according to their respective Commitment Percentages in effect on the date on which indemnification is sought under this Section, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever which may at any time (including, without limitation, at any time following the payment of the Credit Party Obligations) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against any such indemnitee in any way relating to or arising out of any Credit Document or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the Transactions or any action taken or omitted by any such indemnitee under or in connection with any of the foregoing; provided, however, that no Lender shall be liable for the payment of any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements to the extent resulting from such indemnitee's gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. The agreements in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and payment of the Notes, any Reimbursement Obligation and all other amounts payable hereunder.

## Section 8.8 Administrative Agent in Its Individual Capacity.

The Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any

other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with the Credit Parties or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

### Section 8.9 Resignation of Administrative Agent.

- (a) The Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, subject to the approval of the Borrower to the extent no Event of Default shall then exist and be continuing (which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed), which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Resignation Effective Date"), then the retiring Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to), on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Lender, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above subject to the approval of the Borrower to the extent no Event of Default shall then exist and be continuing (which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed). Whether or not a successor has been appointed, such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice on the Resignation Effective Date.
- (b) If the Person serving as Administrative Agent is a Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (d) of the definition thereof, the Required Lenders may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, by notice in writing to the Borrower and such Person remove such Person as Administrative Agent and, subject to the approval of the Borrower to the extent no Event of Default shall then exist and be continuing (which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed), appoint a successor. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Removal Effective Date"), then such removal shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice on the Removal Effective Date.
- (c) With effect from the Resignation Effective Date or the Removal Effective Date (as applicable) (i) the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Credit Documents (except that in the case of any Collateral held by the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the Issuing Lender under any of the Credit Documents, the retiring Administrative Agent shall continue to hold such Collateral until such time as a successor Administrative Agent is appointed) and (ii) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and the Issuing Lender directly, until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Administrative Agent as provided for above. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent

hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring or removed Administrative Agent, and the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this paragraph). The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Administrative Agent's resignation or removal hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, the provisions of this Article and Section 9.5 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring or removed Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent.

(d) Any resignation by Wells Fargo Bank, as Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section shall also constitute its resignation as Issuing Lender. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, (i) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Issuing Lender, (ii) the retiring Issuing Lender shall be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents, and (iii) the successor Issuing Lender shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the retiring Issuing Lender to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring Issuing Lender with respect to such Letters of Credit.

### Section 8.10 Collateral and Guaranty Matters.

- (a) The Lenders and the Bank Product Provider irrevocably authorize and direct the Administrative Agent:
- (i) to release any Lien on any Collateral granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Credit Document (A) upon termination of the Commitments and payment in full of all Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit, (B) that is transferred or to be transferred as part of or in connection with any sale or other disposition permitted under Section 6.4, or (C) subject to Section 9.1, if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders;
- (ii) to subordinate any Lien on any Collateral granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Credit Document to the holder of any Lien on such Collateral that is permitted by Section 6.2(c); and
- (iii) to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the applicable Guaranty if such Person ceases to be a Guarantor as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder.

(b) In connection with a termination or release pursuant to this Section, the Administrative Agent shall promptly execute and deliver to the applicable Credit Party, at the Borrower's expense, all documents that the applicable Credit Party shall reasonably request to evidence such termination or release. Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Required Lenders will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of Collateral, or to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty pursuant to this Section.

## Section 8.11 Bank Products.

Except as otherwise provided herein, no Bank Product Provider that obtains the benefits of Sections 2.11 and 7.2, any Guaranty or any Collateral by virtue of the provisions hereof or of any Guaranty or any Collateral Document shall have any right to notice of any action or to consent to, direct or object to any action hereunder or under any other Credit Document or otherwise in respect of the Collateral (including the release or impairment of any Collateral) other than in its capacity as a Lender and, in such case, only to the extent expressly provided in the Credit Documents. The Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Credit Party Obligations arising under Bank Products unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice (including, without limitation, a Bank Product Provider Notice) of such Credit Party Obligations, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Bank Product Provider.

#### ARTICLE IX

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### Section 9.1 Amendments, Waivers, Consents and Release of Collateral.

Neither this Agreement nor any of the other Credit Documents, nor any terms hereof or thereof may be amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented (by amendment, waiver, consent or otherwise) except in accordance with the provisions of this Section nor may Collateral be released except as specifically provided herein or in the Security Documents or in accordance with the provisions of this Section. The Required Lenders may or, with the consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, from time to time, (a) enter into with the Borrower written amendments, supplements or modifications hereto and to the other Credit Documents for the purpose of adding any provisions to this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or changing in any manner the rights of the Lenders or of the Borrower hereunder or thereunder or (b) waive or consent to the departure from, on such terms and conditions as the Required Lenders may specify in such instrument, any of the requirements of this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or any Default or Event of Default and its consequences; provided, however, that no such amendment, supplement, modification, release, waiver or consent shall:

- (i) reduce the amount or extend the scheduled date of maturity of any Loan or Note or any installment thereon, or reduce the stated rate of any interest or fee payable hereunder (except in connection with a waiver of Default Interest which shall be determined by a vote of the Required Lenders) or extend the scheduled date of any payment thereof or increase the amount or extend the expiration date of any Lender's Commitment, in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; provided that, it is understood and agreed that (A) no waiver, reduction or deferral of a mandatory prepayment required pursuant to Section 2.7(b), nor any amendment of Section 2.7(b) or the definitions of Asset Disposition, Debt Issuance, Excess Cash Flow or Recovery Event, shall constitute a reduction of the amount of, or an extension of the scheduled date of, the scheduled date of maturity of, or any installment of, any Loan or Note, (B) any reduction in the stated rate of interest on Revolving Loans shall only require the written consent of each Lender holding a Revolving Commitment and (C) any reduction in the stated rate of interest on the Term Loan shall only require the written consent of each Lender holding a portion of the outstanding Term Loan; or
- (ii) amend, modify or waive any provision of this Section or reduce the percentage specified in the definition of Required Lenders, without the written consent of all the Lenders; or
- (iii) release the Borrower or all or substantially all of the value of the Guaranty, without the written consent of all of the Lenders; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may release any Guarantor permitted to be released pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; or
- (iv) release all or substantially all of the value of the Collateral without the written consent of all of the Lenders; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may release any Collateral permitted to be released pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or the Security Documents; or
  - (v) subordinate the Loans to any other Indebtedness without the written consent of all of the Lenders; or
- (vi) permit a Letter of Credit to have an original expiry date more than twenty-four (24) months from the date of issuance without the consent of each of the Revolving Lenders; <u>provided</u>, that the expiry date of any Letter of Credit may be extended in accordance with the terms of Section 2.3(a); or
- (vii) permit the Borrower to assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement or other Credit Documents without the written consent of all of the Lenders; or
- (viii) amend, modify or waive any provision of the Credit Documents requiring consent, approval or request of the Required Lenders or all Lenders

without the written consent of the Required Lenders or all the Lenders as appropriate; or

- (ix) without the consent of Lenders holding at least a majority of the outstanding Revolving Commitments, amend, modify or waive any provision in Section 4.2 or waive any Default or Event of Default (or amend any Credit Document to effectively waive any Default or Event of Default) if the effect of such amendment, modification or waiver is that the Revolving Lenders shall be required to fund Revolving Loans when such Lenders would otherwise not be required to do so; or
- (x) amend, modify or waive (A) the order in which Credit Party Obligations are paid or (B) the pro rata sharing of payments by and among the Lenders, in each case in accordance with Section 2.11(b) or 9.7(b) without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; or
  - (xi) amend, modify or waive any provision of Article VIII without the written consent of the then Administrative Agent; or
- (xii) amend or modify the definition of Credit Party Obligations to delete or exclude any obligation or liability described therein without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; or
- (xiii) amend the definitions of "Hedging Agreement," "Bank Product," or "Bank Product Provider" without the consent of any Bank Product Provider that would be adversely affected thereby;

provided, further, that no amendment, waiver or consent affecting the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Lender under any Credit Document shall in any event be effective, unless in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent and/or the Issuing Lender, as applicable, in addition to the Lenders required hereinabove to take such action.

Any such waiver, any such amendment, supplement or modification and any such release shall apply equally to each of the Lenders and shall be binding upon the Borrower, the other Credit Parties, the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and all future holders of the Notes. In the case of any waiver, the Borrower, the other Credit Parties, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent shall be restored to their former position and rights hereunder and under the outstanding Loans and Notes and other Credit Documents, and any Default or Event of Default waived shall be deemed to be cured and not continuing; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default, or impair any right consequent thereon.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary, the consent of the Borrower and the other Credit Parties shall not be required for any amendment, modification or waiver of the provisions of Article VIII (other than the provisions of Section 8.9).

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing to the contrary, the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent, without the consent of any Lender, may enter into any amendment, modification or waiver of any Credit Document, or enter into any new agreement or instrument, to (i) effect the granting, perfection, protection, expansion or enhancement of any security interest in any Collateral or additional property to become Collateral for the benefit of the Secured Parties, or as required by local law to give effect to, or protect any security interest for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in any property or so that the security interests therein comply with applicable law or (ii) correct any obvious error or omission of a technical nature, in each case that is immaterial (as determined by the Administrative Agent), in any provision of any Credit Document, if the same is not objected to in writing by the Required Lenders within five (5) Business Days following receipt of notice thereof.

Notwithstanding the fact that the consent of all the Lenders is required in certain circumstances as set forth above, (a) each Lender is entitled to vote as such Lender sees fit on any bankruptcy reorganization plan that affects the Loans, and each Lender acknowledges that the provisions of Section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code supersedes the unanimous consent provisions set forth herein, (b) the Required Lenders may consent to allow a Credit Party to use cash collateral in the context of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding and (c) no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except (i) that the Commitment of such Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender and (ii) to the extent such amendment, waiver or consent impacts such Defaulting Lender more than the other Lenders.

For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Section 9.1, this Agreement may be amended (or amended and restated) with the written consent of the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 2.22.

### Section 9.2 Notices.

- (a) <u>Notices Generally</u>. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in paragraph (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopier as follows:
  - (i) If to the Borrower or any other Credit Party:

Carrols LLC 968 James Street Syracuse, New York 13203 Attention: General Counsel Telephone: (315) 424-0513 Fax: (315) 475-9606

Email: jzirkman@carrols.com

(ii) If to the Administrative Agent:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent

1525 West W.T. Harris Blvd.

Mail Code NC 0680

Charlotte, North Carolina 28262

Attention: Carey Ritenour, Syndication Agency Services

Telephone: (704) 590-2784 Telecopy No.: (704) 590-2782 E-mail: carey.ritenour@wachovia.com

with a copy to:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association

1808 Aston Avenue

Suite 250

Carlsbad, CA, CA 92008 Attention: Tim Loyd Telephone: (760) 918-2715 Email: tim.loyd@wellsfargo.com

(iii) if to a Lender, to it at its address (or telecopier number) set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire.

Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient). Notices delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in paragraph (b) below, shall be effective as provided in said paragraph (b).

(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the Issuing Lender hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or the Issuing Lender pursuant to Article II if such Lender or the Issuing Lender, as applicable, has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it, <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested"

function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), <u>provided</u> that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(c) <u>Change of Address, Etc</u>. Any party hereto may change its address or telecopier number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

## (d) Platform.

- (i) Each Credit Party agrees that the Administrative Agent may make the Communications (as defined below) available to the Lenders by posting the Communications on Intralinks or a substantially similar electronic transmission system (the "Platform").
- (ii) The Platform is provided "as is" and "as available." The Agent Parties (as defined below) do not warrant the adequacy of the Platform and expressly disclaim liability for errors or omissions in the communications effected thereby (the "Communications"). No warranty of any kind, express, implied or statutory, including, without limitation, any warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, non-infringement of third-party rights or freedom from viruses or other code defects, is made by any Agent Party in connection with the Communications or the Platform. In no event shall the Administrative Agent or any of its affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, advisors or representatives (collectively, "Agent Parties") have any liability to the Credit Parties, any Lender or any other Person or entity for damages of any kind, including, without limitation, direct or indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of any Credit Party's or the Administrative Agent's transmission of communications through the Platform.

# Section 9.3 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies.

No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

Section 9.4 Survival of Representations and Warranties.

All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any document, certificate or statement delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Notes and the making of the Loans; <u>provided</u> that all such representations and warranties shall terminate on the date upon which the Commitments have been terminated and all Credit Party Obligations have been paid in full.

# Section 9.5 Payment of Expenses and Taxes; Indemnity.

(a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. The Credit Parties shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent) in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the Transactions shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Issuing Lender in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender), and shall pay all fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, including its rights under this Section, or (B) in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

(b) <u>Indemnification by the Credit Parties</u>. The Credit Parties shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Lender and the Issuing Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "<u>Indemnitee</u>") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, penalties, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by the Borrower or any other Credit Party arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or the consummation of the Transactions, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the Issuing Lender to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Materials of Environmental Concern on or from any property owned or operated by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or any liability under Environmental Law related in any way to any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or

- (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by the Borrower or any other Credit Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (A) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee or (B) result from a claim brought by the Borrower or any other Credit Party against an Indemnitee for breach in bad faith of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Credit Document, if the Borrower or such Credit Party has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. This section (b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses or damages arising from non-Tax claim.
- (c) Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that the Credit Parties for any reason fail to indefeasibly pay any amount required under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by it to the Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), the Issuing Lender or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), the Issuing Lender or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's Commitment Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount, provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or the Issuing Lender in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or Issuing Lender in connection with such capacity.
- (d) <u>Waiver of Consequential Damages</u>, <u>Etc</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, none of the Credit Parties shall assert, and each of the Credit Parties hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Credit Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee referred to in paragraph (b) above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed by it through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or the Transactions.
  - (e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable promptly/not later than five (5) Business Days after demand therefor.
- (f) <u>Survival</u>. The agreements contained in this Section shall survive the resignation of the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Lender, the replacement of any

Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of the Credit Party Obligations.

## Section 9.6 Successors and Assigns; Participations.

- (a) <u>Successors and Assigns Generally</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that neither the Borrower nor any other Credit Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of paragraph (f) of this Section (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in paragraph (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it); <u>provided</u> that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

# (i) Minimum Amounts.

- (A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it or contemporaneous assignments to related Approved Funds that equal at least the amount specified in paragraph (b)(i)(B) or in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and
- (B) in any case not described in paragraph (b)(i)(A) of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the applicable Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date) shall not be less than \$1,000,000, in the case of any assignment in respect of any portion of the Revolving Facility, or \$1,000,000, in the case of any assignment in

- respect of any portion of the Term Loan Facility (<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that simultaneous assignments shall be aggregated in respect of a Lender and its Approved Funds), unless each of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- (ii) <u>Proportionate Amounts</u>. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loan or the Commitment assigned, except that this clause (ii) shall not prohibit any Lender from assigning all or a portion of its rights and obligations among separate Tranches on a non-pro rata basis.
- (iii) Required Consents. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by paragraph (b)(i)(B) of this Section and, in addition:
  - (A) the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (x) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment, such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within five (5) Business Days after having received notice thereof;
  - (B) the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments in respect of (x) a Revolving Commitment if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender with a Commitment in respect of such facility, an Affiliate of such Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Lender or (y) a Term Loan Commitment to a Person who is not a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; and
  - (C) the consent of the Issuing Lender (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments in respect of a Revolving Commitment.
- (iv) <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.

- (v) <u>No Assignment to Certain Persons</u>. No such assignment shall be made to (A) the Parent, Holdings, any Credit Party or any of the Parent's, Holdings or any Credit Party's Affiliates or Subsidiaries or (B) any Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this clause (B).
  - (vi) No Assignment to Natural Persons. No such assignment shall be made to a natural person.
- (vii) <u>Certain Additional Payments</u>. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to the Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (A) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon), and (B) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Loans and participations in Letters of Credit in accordance with its Applicable Percentage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this paragraph, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.14 and 9.5 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this paragraph shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a

participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with paragraph (d) of this Section.

(c) Register. The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at one of its offices in Charlotte, North Carolina a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Loans owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice; provided that a Lender shall only be entitled to inspect its own entry in the Register and not that of any other Lender. In addition, the Administrative Agent shall maintain on the Register information regarding the designation and revocation of designation, of any Lender as a Defaulting Lender.

(d) <u>Participations</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural Person or the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans owing to it); <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, and (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lenders and Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under Section 9.5(c) with respect to any payments made by such Lender to its Participant(s).

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver requiring the approval of 100% of the Lenders. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.14, 2.15 and 2.16 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Section 2.16(g) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 2.16(g) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section; provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 2.19 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section; and (B) shall

not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.14 or Section 2.16, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.7(a) as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 9.7(b) as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Credit Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register to any Person (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Credit Document) except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary.

(e) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

### Section 9.7 Right of Set-off; Sharing of Payments.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, the Issuing Lender and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, the Issuing Lender or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower or any other Credit Party against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower or such Credit Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Credit Document to such Lender or the Issuing Lender, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or the Issuing Lender shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Credit Document and although such obligations of the Borrower or such Credit Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch, office or affiliate of such Lender or the Issuing Lender different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; provided that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (i) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.21 and,

pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the other Lenders, and (ii) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Credit Party Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender, the Issuing Lender and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, the Issuing Lender or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

- (b) If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its Loans or other obligations hereunder resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of its Loans and accrued interest thereon or other such obligations greater than its <u>pro rata</u> share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (i) notify the Administrative Agent of such fact, and (ii) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Loans and such other obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Loans and other amounts owing them, <u>provided</u> that:
  - (A) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and
  - (B) the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to apply to (x) any payment made by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement (including the application of funds arising from the existence of a Defaulting Lender), (y) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or participations in Letters of Credit to any assignee or participant, other than to any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply) or (z) any amounts received by the Issuing Lender to secure the obligations of a Defaulting Lender to fund risk participations hereunder.
- (c) Each Credit Party consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against each Credit Party rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of each Credit Party in the amount of such participation.

#### Section 9.8 Table of Contents and Section Headings.

The table of contents and the Section and subsection headings herein are intended for convenience only and shall be ignored in construing this Agreement.

### Section 9.9 Counterparts; Effectiveness; Electronic Execution.

- (a) <u>Counterparts; Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. Except as provided in Section 4.1, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and the Administrative Agent shall have received copies hereof (telefaxed or otherwise), and thereafter this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Administrative Agent and each Lender and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by telecopy or email shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Electronic Execution of Assignments</u>. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Assumption shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

### Section 9.10 Severability.

Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

#### Section 9.11 Integration.

This Agreement and the other Credit Documents represent the agreement of the Borrower, the other Credit Parties, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower, the other Credit Parties, or any Lender relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or therein.

# Section 9.12 Governing Law.

This Agreement and the other Credit Documents any claims, controversy or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Credit Document (except, as to any other Credit Document, as expressly set forth therein) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

# Section 9.13 Consent to Jurisdiction; Service of Process and Venue.

- (a) Consent to Jurisdiction. The Borrower and each other Credit Party irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York and any appellate court from any thereof, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Credit Document, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York sitting State court or, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, in such Federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement or in any other Credit Document shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Credit Document against the Borrower or any other Credit Party or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.
- (b) <u>Service of Process</u>. Each party hereto irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 9.2. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party hereto to serve process in any other manner permitted by applicable law.
- (c) <u>Venue</u>. The Borrower and each other Credit Party irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Credit Document in any court referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

# Section 9.14 Confidentiality.

Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Lender agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors and other representatives (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any

regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder, under any other Credit Document or Bank Product or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement, any other Credit Document or Bank Product or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, (g) (i) any actual or prospective party (or its partners, directors, officers, employees, managers, administrators, trustees, agents, advisors or other representatives) to any swap or derivative or similar transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (ii) an investor or prospective investor in securities issued by an Approved Fund that also agrees that Information shall be used solely for the purpose of evaluating an investment in such securities issued by the Approved Fund, (iii) a trustee, collateral manager, servicer, backup servicer, noteholder or secured party in connection with the administration, servicing and reporting on the assets serving as collateral for securities issued by an Approved Fund, or (iv) a nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information regarding the Credit Parties, the Loans and Credit Documents in connection with ratings issued in respect of securities issued by an Approved Fund (in each case, it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such information and instructed to keep such information confidential), (h

For purposes of this Section, "Information" shall mean all information received from any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries relating to any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries; provided that, in the case of information received from any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries after the date hereof, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

#### Section 9.15 Acknowledgments.

The Borrower and the other Credit Parties each hereby acknowledges that:

(a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of each Credit Document;

- (b) neither the Administrative Agent nor any Lender has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to the Borrower or any other Credit Party arising out of or in connection with this Agreement and the relationship between the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, on one hand, and the Borrower and the other Credit Parties, on the other hand, in connection herewith is solely that of creditor and debtor; and
- (c) no joint venture exists among the Lenders and the Administrative Agent or among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the other Credit Parties and the Lenders.

# Section 9.16 Waivers of Jury Trial; Waiver of Consequential Damages.

EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

#### Section 9.17 Patriot Act Notice.

Each Lender and the Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any other party) hereby notifies the Borrower that, pursuant to the requirements of the Patriot Act, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower and the other Credit Parties, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and the other Credit Parties and other information that will allow such Lender or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify the Borrower and the other Credit Parties in accordance with the Patriot Act.

# Section 9.18 Resolution of Drafting Ambiguities.

Each Credit Party acknowledges and agrees that it was represented by counsel in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party, that it and its counsel reviewed and participated in the preparation and negotiation hereof and thereof and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation hereof or thereof.

# Section 9.19 Subordination of Intercompany Debt.

Each Credit Party agrees that all intercompany Indebtedness among Credit Parties (the "Intercompany Debt") is subordinated in right of payment, to the prior payment in full of all Credit Party Obligations. Notwithstanding any provision of this Credit Agreement to the contrary, provided that no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Credit Parties may make and receive payments with respect to the Intercompany Debt to the extent otherwise permitted by this Credit Agreement; provided that in the event of and during the continuation of any Event of Default, no payment shall be made by or on behalf of any Credit Party on account of any Intercompany Debt. In the event that any Credit Party receives any payment of any Intercompany Debt at a time when such payment is prohibited by this Section, such payment shall be held by such Credit Party, in trust for the benefit of, and shall be paid forthwith over and delivered, upon written request, to, the Administrative Agent.

# Section 9.20 Continuing Agreement.

This Credit Agreement shall be a continuing agreement and shall remain in full force and effect until all Credit Party Obligations (other than those obligations that expressly survive the termination of this Credit Agreement) have been paid in full and all Commitments and Letters of Credit have been terminated. Upon termination, the Credit Parties shall have no further obligations (other than those obligations that expressly survive the termination of this Credit Agreement) under the Credit Documents and the Administrative Agent shall, at the request and expense of the Borrower, deliver all the Collateral in its possession to the Borrower and release all Liens on the Collateral; provided that should any payment, in whole or in part, of the Credit Party Obligations be rescinded or otherwise required to be restored or returned by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, whether as a result of any proceedings in bankruptcy or reorganization or otherwise, then the Credit Documents shall automatically be reinstated and all Liens of the Administrative Agent shall reattach to the Collateral and all amounts required to be restored or returned and all costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection therewith shall be deemed included as part of the Credit Party Obligations.

# Section 9.21 Reserved.

# Section 9.22 Press Releases and Related Matters.

Other than with respect to disclosures required by law, Governmental Authorities or other regulatory bodies with appropriate jurisdiction, the Credit Parties and their Affiliates agree that they will not in the future issue any press releases or other public disclosure using the name of Administrative Agent or any Lender or their respective Affiliates or referring to this Agreement or any of the Credit Documents without the prior written consent of such Person. The Credit Parties consent to the publication by Administrative Agent or any Lender of customary advertising material relating to the Transactions using the name, product photographs, logo or trademark of the Credit Parties.

# Section 9.23 Appointment of Borrower.

Each of the Guarantors hereby appoints the Borrower to act as its agent for all purposes under this Agreement and agrees that (a) the Borrower may execute such documents on behalf of such Guarantor as the Borrower deems appropriate in its sole discretion and each Guarantor shall be obligated by all of the terms of any such document executed on its behalf, (b) any notice or communication delivered by the Administrative Agent or the Lender to the Borrower shall be deemed delivered to each Guarantor and (c) the Administrative Agent or the Lenders may accept, and be permitted to rely on, any document, instrument or agreement executed by the Borrower on behalf of each Guarantor.

# Section 9.24 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.

In connection with all aspects of each Transaction, each of the Credit Parties acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (a) the credit facility provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Credit Parties and their Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent and WFS, on the other hand, and the Credit Parties are capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the Transactions and by the other Credit Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof); (b) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, the Administrative Agent and WFS each is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary, for any Credit Party or any of their Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other Person; (c) neither the Administrative Agent nor WFS has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of any Credit Party with respect to any of the Transactions or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document (irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent or WFS has advised or is currently advising any Credit Party or any of its Affiliates on other matters) and neither the Administrative Agent nor WFS has any obligation to any Credit Party or any of their Affiliates with respect to the Transactions except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents; (d) the Administrative Agent and WFS and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Credit Parties and their Affiliates, and neither the Administrative Agent nor WFS has any obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and (e) the Administrative Agent and WFS have not provided and will not provide any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to any of the Transactions (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document) and the Credit Parties have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate. Each of the Credit Parties hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that it may have against the Administrative Agent or WFS with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty.

# Section 9.25 Responsible Officers and Authorized Officers.

The Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders are authorized to rely upon the continuing authority of the Responsible Officers and the Authorized Officers with respect to all matters pertaining to the Credit Documents including, but not limited to, the selection of interest rates, the submission of requests for Extensions of Credit and certificates with regard thereto. Such authorization may be changed only upon written notice to Administrative Agent accompanied by (a) an updated Schedule 3.29 and (b) evidence, reasonably satisfactory to Administrative Agent, of the authority of the Person giving such notice and such notice shall be effective not sooner than five (5) Business Days following receipt thereof by Administrative Agent (or such earlier time as agreed to by the Administrative Agent).

# ARTICLE X

# **GUARANTY**

#### Section 10.1 The Guaranty.

In order to induce the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and any Bank Product Provider to enter into any Bank Product and to extend credit hereunder and thereunder and in recognition of the direct benefits to be received by the Guarantors from the Extensions of Credit hereunder and any Bank Product, each of the Guarantors hereby agrees with the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Bank Product Provider as follows: each Guarantor hereby unconditionally and irrevocably jointly and severally guarantees as primary obligor and not merely as surety the full and prompt payment when due, whether upon maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of any and all Credit Party Obligations. If any or all of the indebtedness becomes due and payable hereunder or under any Bank Product, each Guarantor unconditionally promises to pay such indebtedness to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Bank Product Providers, or their respective order, on demand, together with any and all reasonable expenses which may be incurred by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders in collecting any of the Credit Party Obligations. The Guaranty set forth in this Article X is a guaranty of timely payment and not of collection. The word "indebtedness" is used in this Article X in its most comprehensive sense and includes any and all advances, debts, obligations and liabilities of the Borrower, including specifically all Credit Party Obligations, arising in connection with this Agreement, the other Credit Documents or any Bank Product, in each case, heretofore, now, or hereafter made, incurred or created, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, absolute or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, determined or undetermined, whether or not such indebtedness is from time to time reduced, or extinguished and thereafter increased or incurred, whether the Borrower may be liable individually or jointly with others, whether or not recovery upon such indebtedness may be or hereafter become barred by any statute of limitations, and whether or not such inde

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any other of the Credit Documents, to the extent the obligations of a Guarantor shall be adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason (including, without limitation, because of any applicable state or federal law relating to fraudulent conveyances or transfers) then the obligations of each such

Guarantor hereunder shall be limited to the maximum amount that is permissible under applicable law (whether federal or state and including, without limitation, the Bankruptcy Code).

# Section 10.2 Bankruptcy.

Additionally, each of the Guarantors unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees jointly and severally the payment of any and all Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower to the Lenders and any Bank Product Provider whether or not due or payable by the Borrower upon the occurrence of any Bankruptcy Event and unconditionally promises to pay such Credit Party Obligations to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders and to any such Bank Product Provider, or order, on demand, in lawful money of the United States. Each of the Guarantors further agrees that to the extent that the Borrower or a Guarantor shall make a payment or a transfer of an interest in any property to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Bank Product Provider, which payment or transfer or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, or otherwise is avoided, and/or required to be repaid to the Borrower or a Guarantor, the estate of the Borrower or a Guarantor, a trustee, receiver or any other party under any bankruptcy law, state or federal law, common law or equitable cause, then to the extent of such avoidance or repayment, the obligation or part thereof intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if said payment had not been made.

# Section 10.3 Nature of Liability.

The liability of each Guarantor hereunder is exclusive and independent of any security for or other guaranty of the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower whether executed by any such Guarantor, any other guarantor or by any other party, and no Guarantor's liability hereunder shall be affected or impaired by (a) any direction as to application of payment by the Borrower or by any other party, or (b) any other continuing or other guaranty, undertaking or maximum liability of a guarantor or of any other party as to the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower, or (c) any payment on or in reduction of any such other guaranty or undertaking, or (d) any dissolution, termination or increase, decrease or change in personnel by the Borrower, or (e) any payment made to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or any Bank Product Provider on the Credit Party Obligations which the Administrative Agent, such Lenders or such Bank Product Provider repay the Borrower pursuant to court order in any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, moratorium or other debtor relief proceeding, and each of the Guarantors waives any right to the deferral or modification of its obligations hereunder by reason of any such proceeding.

# Section 10.4 Independent Obligation.

The obligations of each Guarantor hereunder are independent of the obligations of any other Guarantor or the Borrower, and a separate action or actions may be brought and prosecuted against each Guarantor whether or not action is brought against any other Guarantor or the Borrower and whether or not any other Guarantor or the Borrower is joined in any such action or actions.

#### Section 10.5 Authorization.

Each of the Guarantors authorizes the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each Bank Product Provider without notice or demand (except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived), and without affecting or impairing its liability hereunder, from time to time to (a) renew, compromise, extend, increase, accelerate or otherwise change the time for payment of, or otherwise change the terms of the Credit Party Obligations or any part thereof in accordance with this Agreement and any Bank Product, as applicable, including any increase or decrease of the rate of interest thereon, (b) take and hold security from any Guarantor or any other party for the payment of this Guaranty or the Credit Party Obligations and exchange, enforce waive and release any such security, (c) apply such security and direct the order or manner of sale thereof as the Administrative Agent and the Lenders in their discretion may determine, (d) release or substitute any one or more endorsers, Guarantors, the Borrower or other obligors and (e) to the extent otherwise permitted herein, release or substitute any Collateral.

# Section 10.6 Reliance.

It is not necessary for the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or any Bank Product Provider to inquire into the capacity or powers of the Borrower or the officers, directors, members, partners or agents acting or purporting to act on its behalf, and any Credit Party Obligations made or created in reliance upon the professed exercise of such powers shall be guaranteed hereunder.

#### Section 10.7 Waiver.

(a) Each of the Guarantors waives any right (except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived) to require the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Bank Product Provider to (i) proceed against the Borrower, any other guarantor or any other party, (ii) proceed against or exhaust any security held from the Borrower, any other guarantor or any other party, or (iii) pursue any other remedy in the Administrative Agent's, any Lender's or any Bank Product Provider's whatsoever. Each of the Guarantors waives any defense based on or arising out of any defense of the Borrower, any other guarantor or any other party other than payment in full of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations), including, without limitation, any defense based on or arising out of the disability of the Borrower, any other guarantor or any other party, or the unenforceability of the Credit Party Obligations or any part thereof from any cause, or the cessation from any cause of the liability of the Borrower other than payment in full of the Credit Party Obligations. The Administrative Agent may, at its election, foreclose on any security held by the Administrative Agent or a Lender by one or more judicial or nonjudicial sales, whether or not every aspect of any such sale is commercially reasonable (to the extent such sale is permitted by applicable law), or exercise any other right or remedy the Administrative Agent or any Lender may have against the Borrower or any other party, or any security, without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of any Guarantor hereunder except to the extent the Credit Party Obligations have been paid in full and the Commitments have been terminated. Each of the Guarantors waives any defense arising out of any such election

by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders, even though such election operates to impair or extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or other right or remedy of the Guarantors against the Borrower or any other party or any security.

- (b) Each of the Guarantors waives all presentments, demands for performance, protests and notices, including, without limitation, notices of nonperformance, notice of protest, notices of dishonor, notices of acceptance of this Guaranty, and notices of the existence, creation or incurring of new or additional Credit Party Obligations. Each Guarantor assumes all responsibility for being and keeping itself informed of the Borrower's financial condition and assets, and of all other circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Credit Party Obligations and the nature, scope and extent of the risks which such Guarantor assumes and incurs hereunder, and agrees that neither the Administrative Agent nor any Lender shall have any duty to advise such Guarantor of information known to it regarding such circumstances or risks.
- (c) Each of the Guarantors hereby agrees it will not exercise any rights of subrogation which it may at any time otherwise have as a result of this Guaranty (whether contractual, under Section 509 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise) to the claims of the Lenders or any Bank Product Provider against the Borrower or any other guarantor of the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower owing to the Lenders or such Bank Product Provider (collectively, the "Other Parties") and all contractual, statutory or common law rights of reimbursement, contribution or indemnity from any Other Party which it may at any time otherwise have as a result of this Guaranty until such time as the Credit Party Obligations shall have been paid in full and the Commitments have been terminated. Each of the Guarantors hereby further agrees not to exercise any right to enforce any other remedy which the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or any Bank Product Provider now have or may hereafter have against any Other Party, any endorser or any other guarantor of all or any part of the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower and any benefit of, and any right to participate in, any security or collateral given to or for the benefit of the Lenders and/or the Bank Product Providers to secure payment of the Credit Party Obligations of the Borrower until such time as the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) shall have been paid in full and the Commitments have been terminated.

# Section 10.8 Limitation on Enforcement.

The Lenders and the Bank Product Providers agree that this Guaranty may be enforced only by the action of the Administrative Agent acting upon the instructions of the Required Lenders or such Bank Product Provider (only with respect to obligations under the applicable Bank Product) and that no Lender or Bank Product Provider shall have any right individually to seek to enforce or to enforce this Guaranty, it being understood and agreed that such rights and remedies may be exercised by the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders under the terms of this Agreement and for the benefit of any Bank Product Provider under any Bank Product.

# Section 10.9 Confirmation of Payment.

The Administrative Agent and the Lenders will, upon request after payment of the Credit Party Obligations which are the subject of this Guaranty and termination of the Commitments relating thereto, confirm to the Borrower, the Guarantors or any other Person that such indebtedness and obligations have been paid and the Commitments relating thereto terminated, subject to the provisions of Section 10.2.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by its proper and duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

**BORROWER:** CARROLS LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

/s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Title:

**GUARANTORS**: None

# **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, as a Lender and as

Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Thomas P. Tansi
Name: Thomas P. Tansi

Title: Managing Director

Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, as a Lender

By: /s/ Timothy McDevitt

Name: Timothy McDevitt
Title: Vice President

**REGIONS BANK**, as a Lender

By: /s/ John M. Huss

Name: John M. Huss Title: Senior Vice President

First Niagara Bank, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Frederick K. Miller

Name: Frederick K. Miller Title: Vice President

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Jean Lamardo

Name: Jean Lamardo Title: Underwriter III

# SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT (this "Security Agreement"), is entered into as of August 5, 2011, among CARROLS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), each of the Domestic Subsidiaries of the Borrower from time to time party hereto (individually a "Guarantor" and collectively the "Guarantors"; the Guarantors, together with the Borrower, individually an "Obligor" and collectively the "Obligors") and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in its capacity as Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement referred to below (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") for the several banks and other financial institutions as may from time to time become parties to such Credit Agreement (individually a "Lender" and collectively the "Lenders").

# RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to that certain Credit Agreement dated as of the date hereof (as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto and the Administrative Agent, the Lenders have agreed to make Loans and to issue and/or acquire participation interests in Letters of Credit upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a condition precedent to the effectiveness of the Credit Agreement and the obligations of the Lenders to make their respective Loans and to issue and/or acquire participation interests in Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement that the Obligors shall have executed and delivered this Security Agreement to the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Lenders and the other Secured Parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of these premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Credit Agreement, and the following terms which are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code from time to time in effect in the State of New York (the "<u>UCC</u>") are used herein as so defined: Accession, Account, As-Extracted Collateral, Chattel Paper, Commercial Tort Claim, Consumer Good, Deposit Account, Document, Electronic Chattel Paper, Equipment, Farm Product, Fixture, General Intangible, Good, Instrument, Inventory, Investment Property, Letter-of-Credit Right, Manufactured Home, Payment Intangible, Proceeds, Securities Account, Securities Intermediary, Software, Supporting Obligation and Tangible Chattel Paper.

# 2. Grant of Security Interest in the Collateral.

(a) To secure the prompt payment and performance in full when due, whether by lapse of time, acceleration, mandatory prepayment or otherwise, of the Credit Party Obligations, each Obligor hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable

benefit of the Secured Parties, a continuing security interest in, and a right to set off against, any and all right, title and interest of such Obligor in and to the following, whether now owned or existing or owned, acquired, or arising hereafter (collectively, the "Collateral"):

- (i) all Accounts;
- (ii) all cash and Cash Equivalents;
- (iii) all Chattel Paper (including Electronic Chattel Paper);
- (iv) all Commercial Tort Claims as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(d)</u> to the Credit Agreement (as updated from time to time in accordance with the Credit Agreement);
  - (v) all Copyright Licenses;
  - (vi) all Copyrights;
  - (vii) all Deposit Accounts;
  - (viii) all Documents;
  - (ix) all Equipment;
  - (x) all Fixtures;
  - (xi) all General Intangibles;
  - (xii) all Goods;
  - (xiii) all Instruments;
  - (xiv) all Inventory;
  - (xv) all Investment Property;
  - (xvi) all Letter-of-Credit Rights;

(xvii) all Material Contracts and all such other agreements, contracts, leases, licenses, tax sharing agreements or hedging arrangements now or hereafter entered into by an Obligor, as such agreements may be amended or otherwise modified from time to time (collectively, the "Assigned Agreements"), including without limitation, (A) all rights of an Obligor to receive moneys due and to become due under or pursuant to the Assigned Agreements, (B) all rights of an Obligor to receive proceeds of any insurance, indemnity, warranty or guaranty

with respect to the Assigned Agreements, (C) claims of an Obligor for damages arising out of or for breach of or default under the Assigned Agreements and (D) the right of an Obligor to terminate the Assigned Agreements, to perform thereunder and to compel performance and otherwise exercise all remedies thereunder;

(xviii) all Patent Licenses;

(xix) all Patents;

(xx) all Payment Intangibles;

(xxi) all Securities Accounts;

(xxii) all Software;

(xxiii) all Supporting Obligations;

(xxiv) all Trademark Licenses;

(xxv) all Trademarks;

(xxvi) all books, records, ledger cards, files, correspondence, computer programs, tapes, disks, and related data processing software (owned by such Obligor or in which it has an interest) that at any time evidence or contain information relating to any Collateral or are otherwise necessary or helpful in the collection thereof or realization thereupon;

(xxvii) all other personal property of any kind or type whatsoever owned by such Obligor; and

(xxviii) to the extent not otherwise included, all Accessions, Proceeds and products of any and all of the foregoing.

- (b) The Obligors and the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, hereby acknowledge and agree that the security interest created hereby in the Collateral (i) constitutes continuing collateral security for all of the Credit Party Obligations, whether now existing or hereafter arising and (ii) is not to be construed as a present assignment of any Intellectual Property.
  - (c) The term "Collateral" shall include any Bank Products and any rights of the Obligors thereunder only for purposes of this Section 2.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of a security interest, (i) no Account, Instrument, Chattel Paper or other obligation or property of any kind due from, owed by,

or belonging to, a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity or (ii) any lease in which the lessee is a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity shall be Collateral.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of a security interest, this Security Agreement shall not constitute a grant of a security interest in (i) any Real Estate leased by any Obligor whether prior to or after the date hereof, (ii) the Excluded Real Property (as defined in the Credit Agreement), (iii) the Franchise Agreements (as defined in the Credit Agreement) (whether entered into prior to or after the date hereof), (iv) any property to the extent that such grant of a security interest is prohibited by any Requirements of Law of a Governmental Authority, requires a consent not obtained of any Governmental Authority pursuant to such Requirement of Law or is prohibited by, or constitutes a breach or default under or results in the termination of or requires any consent not obtained under, any contract, license, agreement, instrument or other document evidencing or giving rise to such property or, in the case of any Investment Property or Instruments, any applicable shareholder or similar agreement, except to the extent that such Requirement of Law or the term in such contract, license, agreement, instrument or other document or similar agreement providing for such prohibition, breach, default or termination or requiring such consent is ineffective under applicable law (including, without limitation, Sections 9-406, 9- 407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law or principles of equity); provided, that for purposes of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, the applicable Obligor will use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a consent if permissible by the applicable Requirement of Law or the applicable contract, license, agreement, instrument or other document and (v) any motor vehicle or other assets subject to a certificate of title (other than proceeds thereof), to the extent a security interest in such motor vehicles or other assets cannot be perfected by f

# 3. Provisions Relating to Accounts, Contracts and Agreements.

(a) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, each of the Obligors shall remain liable under each of its Accounts, contracts and agreements to observe and perform in all material respects all of the conditions and obligations to be observed and performed by it thereunder, all in accordance with the terms of any agreement giving rise to each such Account or the terms of such contract or agreement. Neither the Administrative Agent nor any Secured Party shall have any obligation or liability under any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto), contract or agreement by reason of or arising out of this Security Agreement or the receipt by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party of any payment relating to such Account, contract or agreement pursuant hereto, nor shall the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party be obligated in any manner to perform any of the obligations of an Obligor under or pursuant to any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto), contract or agreement, to make any payment, to make any inquiry as to the nature or the sufficiency of any payment received by it or as to the sufficiency of any performance by any party under any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto), contract or agreement, to present or file any claim, to take any action

to enforce any performance or to collect the payment of any amounts which may have been assigned to it or to which it may be entitled at any time or times

- (b) The Administrative Agent hereby authorizes the Obligors to collect the Accounts; provided, that the Administrative Agent may curtail or terminate such authority at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default. If required by the Administrative Agent at any time after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, any payments of Accounts, when collected by the Obligors (i) shall be forthwith (and in any event within two (2) Business Days) deposited by the Obligors in a collateral account maintained under the sole dominion and control of the Administrative Agent, subject to withdrawal by the Administrative Agent for the account of the Secured Parties only as provided in Section 12 hereof, and (ii) until so turned over, shall be held by the Obligors in trust for the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties, segregated from other funds of the Obligors.
- (c) At any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make test verifications of the Accounts in any manner and through any medium that it reasonably considers advisable, and the Obligors shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to furnish all such assistance and information as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require in connection with such test verifications. Upon the Administrative Agent's request after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and at the expense of the Obligors, the Obligors shall cause independent public accountants or others satisfactory to the Administrative Agent to furnish to the Administrative Agent reports showing reconciliations, aging and test verifications of, and trial balances for, the Accounts. The Administrative Agent in its own name or in the name of others may, after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, communicate with account debtors on the Accounts to verify with them to the Administrative Agent's satisfaction the existence, amount and terms of any Accounts.
- 4. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Each Obligor hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, that so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated:
  - (a) <u>Chief Executive Office</u>; <u>Books & Records</u>; <u>Legal Name</u>; <u>State of Formation</u>. No Obligor has in the four (4) months preceding the Closing Date changed its name, been party to a merger, consolidation or other change in structure or used any tradename not disclosed on <u>Schedule 4(a)</u> attached hereto (as updated from time to time).
  - (b) <u>Ownership</u>. Each Obligor is the legal and beneficial owner of its Collateral and, subject to Section 2(e), has the right to pledge, sell, assign or transfer the same, subject to the Burger King Rights.

- (c) <u>Security Interest/Priority</u>. This Security Agreement creates a valid security interest in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Collateral of such Obligor and, when properly perfected by filing, obtaining possession, the granting of control to the Administrative Agent or otherwise, shall constitute a valid first priority, perfected security interest in such Collateral, to the extent such security interest can be perfected by (i) filing, obtaining possession, the granting of control or otherwise under the UCC, (ii) by filing an appropriate notice with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the United States Copyright Office, or (iii) such other action as may be required pursuant to any applicable jurisdictions' certificate of title statute, free and clear of all Liens except for Permitted Liens.
- (d) <u>Consents</u>. Except for (i) the filing or recording of UCC financing statements, (ii) the filing of appropriate notices with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the United States Copyright Office and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, (iii) obtaining control to perfect the Liens created by this Security Agreement, (iv) compliance with the Federal Assignment of Claims Act or comparable state law, and/or (v) the filing, registration or other action required pursuant to any applicable certificate of title statute, no consent or authorization of, filing with, or other act by or in respect of, any arbitrator or Governmental Authority and no consent of any other Person (including, without limitation, any stockholder, member or creditor of such Obligor) is required (A) for the grant by such Obligor of the security interest in the Collateral granted hereby or for the execution, delivery or performance of this Security Agreement by such Obligor or (B) except for the Burger King Rights, for the perfection of such security interest or the exercise by the Administrative Agent of the rights and remedies provided for in this Security Agreement.
- (e) <u>Types of Collateral</u>. None of the Collateral consists of, or is the Proceeds of, As-Extracted Collateral, Farm Products, Manufactured Homes or standing timber (as such term is used in the UCC).
- (f) <u>Inventory</u>. No Inventory in excess of \$500,000 of an Obligor is held by a third party (other than an Obligor) pursuant to consignment, sale or return, sale on approval or similar arrangement.

# (g) Intellectual Property.

- (i) Each of the Obligors and its Subsidiaries owns, or has the legal right to use, all Intellectual Property, tradenames, technology, know-how and processes necessary for each of them to conduct its business as currently conducted.
- (ii) Except as disclosed in <u>Schedule 3.16(a)</u> to the Credit Agreement and other than as provided in the Franchise Agreements, (A) each Obligor has the right to use its material Intellectual Property in perpetuity and without payment of royalties, (B) all registrations with and applications to Governmental Authorities in respect of such material Intellectual Property are valid and in full force and

effect and are not subject to the payment of any taxes or maintenance fees or the taking of any interest therein, held by any of the Obligors to maintain their validity or effectiveness, and (C) other than the Burger King Rights, there are no restrictions on the direct or indirect transfer of any Contractual Obligation, or any interest therein, held by any of the Obligors in respect of such owned Intellectual Property which has not been obtained except where such restriction could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (iii) None of the Obligors is in default under any license to use its Intellectual Property except for any default that could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; no claim has been asserted and is pending by any Person challenging or questioning the use of any such Intellectual Property or the validity or effectiveness of any such Intellectual Property, nor do the Obligors or any of their Subsidiaries know of any such claim; and, to the knowledge of the Obligors or any of their Subsidiaries, the use of such Intellectual Property by any of the Obligors or any of its Subsidiaries does not materially infringe on the rights of any Person.
- (iv) The Obligors have recorded or deposited with and paid to the United States Copyright Office, the Register of Copyrights, the Copyrights Royalty Tribunal or other Governmental Authority, all notices, statements of account, royalty fees and other documents and instruments required under the terms and conditions of any Contractual Obligation of the Obligors and/or under Title 17 of the United States Code and the rules and regulations issued thereunder (collectively, the "Copyright Act"), and are not liable to any Person for copyright infringement under the Copyright Act or any other law, rule, regulation, contract or license as a result of their business operations.
- (v) All Intellectual Property of each Obligor is valid, subsisting, unexpired, enforceable and has not been abandoned, and each Obligor is legally entitled to use each of its tradenames.
- (vi) Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.16(a)</u> to the Credit Agreement and other than pursuant to the Franchise Agreements, none of the Intellectual Property of the Obligors is the subject of any licensing or franchise agreement.
- (vii) No holding, decision or judgment has been rendered by any Governmental Authority which would limit, cancel or question the validity of any Intellectual Property of the Obligors.
- (viii) No action or proceeding is pending seeking to limit, cancel or question the validity of any Intellectual Property of the Obligors, or which, if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on the value of any such Intellectual Property.

- (ix) All applications pertaining to the Intellectual Property of each Obligor have been duly and properly filed, and all registrations or letters pertaining to such Intellectual Property have been duly and properly filed and issued, and all of such Intellectual Property is valid and enforceable.
- (x) No Obligor has made any assignment or entered into any agreement in conflict with the security interest of the Administrative Agent in the Intellectual Property of each Obligor hereunder other than the Franchise Agreements.
- (h) <u>Documents, Instruments and Chattel Paper</u>. All material Documents, Instruments and Chattel Paper describing, evidencing or constituting Collateral are, to the Obligors' knowledge, complete, valid, and genuine.
- (i) <u>Equipment</u>. With respect to each Obligor's material Equipment necessary in the conduct of its business: (i) such Obligor has good and marketable title thereto; and (ii) all such Equipment is in normal operating condition and repair, ordinary wear and tear alone excepted (subject to casualty events), and is suitable for the uses to which it is customarily put in the conduct of such Obligor's business.
- 5. <u>Covenants</u>. Each Obligor covenants that, so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect other than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated, such Obligor shall:
  - (a) <u>Perfection of Security Interest by Filing, Etc.</u> Execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent and/or file such agreements, assignments or instruments (including affidavits, notices, reaffirmations, amendments and restatements of existing documents, and any document as may be necessary if the law of any jurisdiction other than New York becomes or is applicable to the Collateral or any portion thereof, in each case, as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request) and do all such other things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem necessary (i) to assure to the Administrative Agent its security interests hereunder are perfected, including (A) such financing statements (including continuation statements) or amendments thereof or supplements thereto or other instruments as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to perfect and maintain the security interests granted hereunder in accordance with the UCC and any other personal property security legislation in the appropriate state(s) or province(s), (B) with regard to Copyrights, a Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Copyrights for filing with the United States Copyright Office and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as applicable in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, (C) with regard to Patents, a Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Patents for filing with the United States Patent and Trademarks, a Notice of Grant of Security Interest in

Trademarks for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as applicable in the form of Exhibit C attached hereto, (ii) to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and (iii) to otherwise protect and assure the Administrative Agent of its rights and interests hereunder. Each Obligor hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to prepare and file such financing statements (including continuation statements) or amendments thereof or supplements thereto or other instruments as the Administrative Agent may from time to time deem necessary or appropriate in order to perfect and maintain the security interests granted hereunder in accordance with the UCC, including, without limitation but subject to the Burger King Rights, any financing statement that describes the Collateral as "all personal property" or "all assets" of such Obligor or that describes the Collateral in some other manner as the Administrative Agent deems necessary or advisable. Each Obligor agrees to mark its books and records to reflect the security interest of the Administrative Agent in the Collateral.

- (b) <u>Perfection of Security Interest by Possession</u>. If (i) any amount payable under or in connection with any of the Collateral in excess of \$500,000 shall be or become evidenced by any Document, Instrument, Tangible Chattel Paper or Supporting Obligation or (ii) any Collateral in excess of \$500,000 shall be stored or shipped subject to a Document or (iii) any Collateral in excess of \$500,000 shall consist of Investment Property in the form of certificated securities, promptly notify the Administrative Agent of the existence of such Collateral and deliver such Instrument, Chattel Paper, Supporting Obligation, Document or Investment Property to the Administrative Agent, duly endorsed in a manner satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, to be held as Collateral pursuant to this Security Agreement.
- (c) <u>Perfection of Security Interest Through Control</u>. If any Collateral in excess of \$500,000 shall consist of Deposit Accounts, Electronic Chattel Paper, Letter-of-Credit Rights, Securities Accounts or uncertificated Investment Property, execute and deliver (and, with respect to any Collateral consisting of a Securities Account or uncertificated Investment Property, cause the Securities Intermediary or the issuer, as applicable, with respect to such Investment Property to execute and deliver) to the Administrative Agent all control agreements, assignments, instruments or other documents as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent for the purposes of obtaining and maintaining control of such Collateral. If any Collateral shall consist of Deposit Accounts or Securities Accounts, comply with Section 6.14 of the Credit Agreement.
- (d) Other Liens. Use its commercially reasonable efforts to defend its interests in the Collateral against the claims and demands of all other parties claiming an interest therein and keep the Collateral free from all Liens, except for Permitted Liens. Neither the Administrative Agent nor any Secured Party authorizes any Obligor to, and no Obligor shall, sell, exchange, transfer, assign, lease or otherwise dispose of the Collateral or any interest therein, except as permitted under the Credit Agreement.

- (e) <u>Preservation of Collateral</u>. Keep the Collateral in good order, condition and repair in all material respects, ordinary wear and tear excepted; not use the Collateral in violation of the provisions of this Security Agreement or any other agreement relating to the Collateral or any policy insuring the Collateral or any applicable Requirement of Law; not permit any Collateral to be or become a fixture to real property or an accession to other personal property unless the Administrative Agent has a valid, perfected and first priority security interest for the benefit of the Secured Parties in such real or personal property, subject to the Burger King Rights; and not, except if such Collateral is being disposed of as permitted by the Credit Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, alter or remove any identifying symbol or number on its Equipment.
- (f) <u>Changes in Structure or Location</u>. Except as permitted pursuant to Section 6.8 of the Credit Agreement, no Obligor may (i) alter its legal existence or, in one transaction or a series of transactions, merge into or consolidate with any other entity, or sell all or substantially all of its assets, (ii) change its state of incorporation or organization, or (iii) change its registered legal name.
- (g) <u>Collateral Held by Warehouseman, Bailee, etc.</u> If any Collateral, in excess of \$500,000 is at any time in the possession or control of a warehouseman, bailee or any agent or processor of such Obligor, (i) upon the request of the Administrative Agent, notify the Administrative Agent of such possession, (ii) notify such Person of the Administrative Agent's security interest for the benefit of the Secured Parties in such Collateral, (iii) upon the request of the Administrative Agent, instruct such Person to hold all such Collateral for the Administrative Agent's account subject to the Administrative Agent's instructions and (iv) obtain an acknowledgment from such Person that it is holding such Collateral for the benefit of the Administrative Agent.
  - (h) Treatment of Accounts. Maintain at its principal place of business a record of Accounts consistent with customary business practices.
  - (i) Covenants Relating to Inventory.
  - (i) Maintain, keep and preserve its Inventory in good salable condition at its own cost and expense, subject to normal wear and tear and the discarding of perishable goods that are usable, consumed or consumable in any Obligor's ordinary course of business.
    - (ii) Comply with all reporting requirements set forth in the Credit Agreement with respect to Inventory.
  - (iii) If any of the Inventory in excess of \$500,000 is at any time evidenced by a document of title, promptly notify the Administrative Agent thereof and, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, deliver such document of title to the Administrative Agent.

# (j) Covenants Relating to Copyrights.

- (i) Employ the Copyright for each material Work with such notice of copyright as may be required by law to secure copyright protection.
- (ii) Not do any act or knowingly omit to do any act whereby any Copyright may become invalidated and (A) not do any act, or knowingly omit to do any act, whereby any Copyright may become injected into the public domain; (B) notify the Administrative Agent immediately if it knows, or has reason to know, that any Copyright could reasonably be expected to become injected into the public domain or of any adverse determination or development (including, without limitation, the institution of, or any such determination or development in, any proceeding in any court or tribunal in the United States, Canada or any other country) regarding an Obligor's ownership of any such Copyright or its validity; (C) take all necessary steps as it shall deem appropriate under the circumstances to maintain and pursue each application (and to obtain the relevant registration) and to maintain each registration of each Copyright owned by an Obligor including, without limitation, filing of applications for renewal where necessary; and (D) promptly notify the Administrative Agent of any material infringement of any Copyright of an Obligor of which it becomes aware and take such actions as it shall reasonably deem appropriate under the circumstances to protect such Copyright, including, where appropriate, the bringing of suit for infringement, seeking injunctive relief and seeking to recover any and all damages for such infringement.
  - (iii) Not make any assignment or agreement in conflict with the security interest in the Copyrights of each Obligor hereunder.

# (k) Covenants Relating to Patents and Trademarks.

- (i)(A) Continue to use each Trademark in order to maintain such Trademark in full force free from any claim of abandonment for non-use, (B) maintain as in the past the quality of products and services offered under such Trademark, (C) employ such Trademark with the appropriate notice of registration, (D) not adopt or use any mark which is confusingly similar or a colorable imitation of such Trademark unless the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, shall obtain a perfected security interest in such mark pursuant to this Security Agreement, and (E) not (and not permit any licensee or sublicensee thereof to) do any act or knowingly omit to do any act whereby any Trademark may become invalidated.
  - (ii) Not do any act, or omit to do any act, whereby any Patent may become abandoned or dedicated.
  - (iii) Promptly notify the Administrative Agent if it knows, or has reason to know, that any application or registration relating to any Patent or

Trademark may become abandoned or dedicated, or of any adverse determination or development (including, without limitation, the institution of, or any such determination or development in, any proceeding in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office or any court or tribunal in any country) regarding an Obligor's ownership of any such Patent or Trademark or its right to register the same or to keep, maintain and use the same.

- (iv) Take all reasonable and necessary steps, including, without limitation, in any proceeding before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or any similar office or agency in any other country or any political subdivision thereof, to maintain and pursue each application, to obtain the relevant registration and to maintain each registration of the Patents and Trademarks, including, without limitation, filing of applications for renewal, affidavits of use and affidavits of incontestability.
- (v) Promptly notify the Administrative Agent after it learns that any Patent or Trademark included in the Collateral is infringed, misappropriated or diluted by a third party and promptly sue for infringement, misappropriation or dilution, to seek injunctive relief where appropriate and to recover any and all damages for such infringement, misappropriation or dilution, or take such other actions as it shall reasonably deem appropriate under the circumstances to protect such Patent or Trademark.
  - (vi) Not make any assignment or agreement in conflict with the security interest in the Patents or Trademarks of any Obligor hereunder.
- (l) New Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks. In accordance with Section 5.2(c) of the Credit Agreement, provide the Administrative Agent with (i) a listing of all applications, if any, for new Patents or Trademarks (together with a listing of application numbers), which new applications and issued registrations or letters shall be subject to the terms and conditions hereunder, and (ii) (A) with respect to Copyrights, a duly executed Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Copyrights, (B) with respect to Patents, a duly executed Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Patents, (C) with respect to Trademarks, a duly executed Notice of Grant of Security Interest in Trademarks or (D) such other duly executed documents as the Administrative Agent may request in a form acceptable to counsel for the Administrative Agent and suitable for recording to evidence the security interest of the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties in the Copyright, Patent or Trademark which is the subject of such new application, and the goodwill and General Intangibles of such Obligor relating thereto or represented thereby.
- (m) Intellectual Property Generally. Upon request of the Administrative Agent, execute and deliver any and all agreements, instruments, documents, and papers as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request to evidence the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Intellectual Property and the general intangibles relating thereto including, without limitation, the goodwill of the Obligors and their Subsidiaries

relating thereto or represented thereby (or such other Intellectual Property or the general intangibles relating thereto or represented thereby as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request).

- (n) <u>Commercial Tort Claims; Notice of Litigation</u>. Promptly (i) forward to the Administrative Agent written notification of any and all Commercial Tort Claims of the Obligors in excess of \$500,000 and (ii) execute and deliver such statements, documents and notices and do and cause to be done all such things as may be reasonably required by the Administrative Agent, or required by law, including all things which may from time to time be necessary under the UCC to fully create, preserve, perfect and protect the priority of the Administrative Agent's security interest in any Commercial Tort Claims.
- (o) <u>Status of Collateral as Personal Property</u>. At all times maintain the Collateral as personal property and not affix any of the Collateral to any real property in a manner which would change its nature from personal property to real property or a Fixture, unless the Administrative Agent has a first priority, perfected Lien on such real property or Fixture.
- (p) Regulatory Approvals. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Obligor shall take any action which the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in order to transfer and assign to the Administrative Agent, or to such one or more third parties as the Administrative Agent may designate, or to a combination of the foregoing, each Governmental Approval of such Obligor. To enforce the provisions of this subsection, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent is empowered to request the appointment of a receiver from any court of competent jurisdiction. Such receiver shall be instructed to seek from the Governmental Authority an involuntary transfer of control of each such Governmental Approval for the purpose of seeking a bona fide purchaser to whom control will ultimately be transferred. Each Obligor hereby agrees to authorize such an involuntary transfer of control upon the request of the receiver so appointed, and, if such Obligor shall refuse to authorize the transfer, its approval may be required by the court. Upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, such Obligor shall further use its reasonable best efforts to assist in obtaining Governmental Approvals, if required, for any action or transaction contemplated by this Security Agreement, including, without limitation, the preparation, execution and filing with the Governmental Authority of such Obligor's portion of any necessary or appropriate application for the approval of the transfer or assignment of any portion of the assets (including any Governmental Approval) of such Obligor. Because each Obligor agrees that the Administrative Agent's remedy at law for failure of such Obligor agrees that the covenants contained in this subsection may be specifically enforced, and such Obligor hereby waives and agrees not to assert any defenses against an action for specific performance of such covenants.

(q) <u>Insurance</u>. Insure, repair and replace the Collateral of such Obligor as set forth in the Credit Agreement. All proceeds derived from insurance on the Collateral shall be subject to the security interest of the Administrative Agent hereunder.

# (r) Covenants Relating to the Assigned Agreements.

- (i) Upon the request of the Administrative Agent, each Obligor shall, at its expense, (A) furnish to the Administrative Agent copies of all notices, requests and other documents received by such Obligor under or pursuant to the Assigned Agreements, and such other information and reports regarding the Assigned Agreements and (B) to the extent such Obligor believes it is necessary in the prudent conduct of its business, make to any other party to any Assigned Agreement such demands and requests for information and reports or for action as an Obligor is entitled to make thereunder
- (ii) Unless the applicable Obligor believes it is necessary in the prudent conduct of its business, no Obligor shall (A) cancel or terminate any Assigned Agreement of such Obligor or consent to or accept any cancellation or termination thereof; (B) amend or otherwise modify any Assigned Agreement of such Obligor or give any consent, waiver or approval thereunder; (C) waive any default under or breach of any Assigned Agreement of such Obligor; or (D) take any other action in connection with any Assigned Agreement of such Obligor which would impair the value of the interest or rights of such Obligor thereunder or which would impair the interests or rights of the Administrative Agent.
- (s) <u>Material Contracts</u>. Upon the request of the Administrative Agent, with respect to any Material Contract, each Obligor will (i) execute and deliver (or cause to be executed and delivered) to the Administrative Agent a collateral assignment of such Material Contract and a consent to such collateral assignment, in each case in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent, (ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the other parties to such Material Contract to execute such consent and (iii) do any act or execute any additional documents required by the Administrative Agent to ensure to the Administrative Agent the effectiveness and first priority of its security interest in such Material Contract.
- (t) <u>Intercreditor Agreement</u>. Upon the request of the Administrative Agent, the Obligors will use their commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with and assist the Administrative Agent in obtaining from Burger King Corporation an intercreditor agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, among the Administrative Agent, Burger King Corporation and the applicable Obligor, to permit the exercise of rights and remedies by the Administrative Agent hereunder, subject to such rights that Burger King Corporation may have under the Franchise Agreements, including, without limitation, any of the Burger King Rights; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no such intercreditor agreement will be required to the extent that as a condition of obtaining the intercreditor agreement, Burger King Corporation will impose any obligations on any of the Obligors, or take away any of such Obligor's rights, under

the Franchise Agreements (or documents related thereto) prior to any exercise of remedies pursuant to the Loan Documents which, individually or in the aggregate, will be material and adverse to such Obligor under any such Franchise Agreement.

- 6. <u>License of Intellectual Property</u>. Except for any Intellectual Property licensed or used by the Obligors pursuant to the Franchise Agreements, the Obligors hereby assign, transfer and convey to the Administrative Agent, effective upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, the nonexclusive right and license to use all Intellectual Property owned or used by any Obligor that relate to the Collateral and any other collateral granted by the Obligors as security for the Credit Party Obligations, together with any goodwill associated therewith, all to the extent necessary to enable the Administrative Agent to use, possess and realize on the Collateral and to enable any successor or assign to enjoy the benefits of the Collateral. This right and license shall inure to the benefit of all successors, assigns and transferees of the Administrative Agent and its successors, assigns and transferees, whether by voluntary conveyance, operation of law, assignment, transfer, foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise. Such right and license is granted free of charge, without requirement that any monetary payment whatsoever be made to the Obligors.
- 7. Special Provisions Regarding Inventory. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Security Agreement, each Obligor may, unless and until an Event of Default occurs and is continuing and the Administrative Agent instructs such Obligor otherwise, without further consent or approval of the Administrative Agent, use, consume, sell, lease and exchange or in the case of perishable goods that are unable, consumed or consumable in the business, dispose of, to the extent such goods are no longer usable or consumable, its Inventory in the ordinary course of its business as presently conducted, whereupon, in the case of such a sale or exchange, the security interest created hereby in the Inventory so sold or exchanged (or disposed of) (but not in any Proceeds arising from such sale or exchange) shall cease immediately without any further action on the part of the Administrative Agent.
- 8. Performance of Obligations; Advances by Administrative Agent. On failure of any Obligor to perform any of the covenants and agreements contained herein, the Administrative Agent may, at its sole option and in its sole discretion, perform or cause to be performed the same and in so doing may expend such sums as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem advisable in the performance thereof, including, without limitation, the payment of any insurance premiums, the payment of any taxes, a payment to obtain a release of a Lien or potential Lien (other than with respect to the Burger King Rights), expenditures made in defending against any adverse claim and all other expenditures which the Administrative Agent may make for the protection of the security interest hereof or may be compelled to make by operation of law. All such sums and amounts so expended shall be repayable by the Obligors on a joint and several basis promptly upon timely notice thereof and demand therefor, shall constitute additional Credit Party Obligations and shall bear interest from the date said amounts are expended at the Default Rate. No such performance of any covenant or agreement by the Administrative Agent on behalf of any Obligor, and no such advance or expenditure therefor, shall relieve the Obligors of any default under the terms of this Security Agreement or the other Credit Documents. The Administrative Agent may make any payment hereby authorized in accordance with any bill, statement or estimate procured from the appropriate public office or

holder of the claim to be discharged without inquiry into the accuracy of such bill, statement or estimate or into the validity of any tax assessment, sale, forfeiture, tax lien, title or claim except to the extent such payment is being contested in good faith by an Obligor in appropriate proceedings and against which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP.

# 9. Events of Default.

The occurrence of an event which under the Credit Agreement would constitute an Event of Default shall be an event of default hereunder (an "Event of Default").

#### 10. Remedies.

(a) General Remedies. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall have, in addition to the rights and remedies provided herein, in the Credit Documents or by law (including, but not limited to, levy of attachment, garnishment and the rights and remedies set forth in the UCC of the jurisdiction applicable to the affected Collateral), the rights and remedies of a secured party under the UCC (regardless of whether the UCC is the law of the jurisdiction where the rights and remedies are asserted and regardless of whether the UCC applies to the affected Collateral), and further, the Administrative Agent may, with or without judicial process or the aid and assistance of others, and subject to the Burger King Rights, (i) enter on any premises on which any of the Collateral may be located and, without resistance or interference by the Obligors, take possession of the Collateral, (ii) dispose of any Collateral on any such premises, (iii) require the Obligors to assemble and make available to the Administrative Agent at the expense of the Obligors any Collateral at any place and time designated by the Administrative Agent which is reasonably convenient to both parties, (iv) remove any Collateral from any such premises for the purpose of effecting the sale or other disposition thereof, and/or (v) without demand and without advertisement, notice, hearing or process of law, all of which each of the Obligors hereby waives to the fullest extent permitted by law, at any place and time or times, sell and deliver any or all Collateral held by or for it at public or private sale, by one or more contracts, in one or more parcels, for cash, upon credit or otherwise, at such prices and upon such terms as the Administrative Agent deems advisable, in its sole discretion (subject to any and all mandatory legal requirements). Neither the Administrative Agent's compliance with any applicable state or federal law in the conduct of such sale, nor its disclaimer of any warranties relating to the Collateral, shall be considered to adversely affect the commercial reasonableness of such sale. In addition to all other sums due the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties with respect to the Credit Party Obligations, the Obligors shall pay the Administrative Agent and each of the Secured Parties all reasonable documented costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent or any such Secured Party, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, in obtaining or liquidating the Collateral, in enforcing payment of the Credit Party Obligations, or in the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding by or against the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties or the Obligors concerning

any matter arising out of or connected with this Security Agreement, any Collateral or the Credit Party Obligations, including, without limitation, any of the foregoing arising in, arising under or related to a case under the Bankruptcy Code. To the extent the rights of notice cannot be legally waived hereunder, each Obligor agrees that any requirement of reasonable notice shall be met if such notice is personally served on or mailed, postage prepaid, to the Borrower in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement at least ten (10) days before the time of sale or other event giving rise to the requirement of such notice. The Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall not be obligated to make any sale or other disposition of the Collateral regardless of notice having been given. To the extent permitted by law and subject to the Burger King Rights, any Secured Party may be a purchaser at any such sale. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each of the Obligors hereby waives all of its rights of redemption with respect to any such sale. Subject to the provisions of applicable law and subject to the Burger King Rights, the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties may postpone or cause the postponement of the sale of all or any portion of the Collateral by announcement at the time and place of such sale, and such sale may, without further notice, to the extent permitted by law, be made at the time and place to which the sale was postponed, or the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties may further postpone such sale by announcement made at such time and place.

- (b) Remedies Relating to Accounts. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, whether or not the Administrative Agent has exercised any or all of its rights and remedies hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall have the right to enforce any Obligor's rights against any account debtors and obligors on such Obligor's Accounts. Each Obligor acknowledges and agrees that the Proceeds of its Accounts remitted to or on behalf of the Administrative Agent in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be solely for the Administrative Agent's own convenience and that such Obligor shall not have any right, title or interest in such Proceeds or in any such other amounts except as expressly provided herein. After the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, to the extent required by the Administrative Agent, each Obligor agrees to execute any document or instrument, and to take any action, necessary under applicable law (including the Federal Assignment of Claims Act) in order for the Administrative Agent to exercise its rights and remedies (or be able to exercise its rights and remedies at some future date) with respect to any Accounts of such Obligor where the account debtor is a Governmental Authority. The Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall have no liability or responsibility to any Obligor for acceptance of a check, draft or other order for payment of money bearing the legend "payment in full" or words of similar import or any other restrictive legend or endorsement or be responsible for determining the correctness of any remittance.
- (c) <u>Access</u>. In addition to the rights and remedies hereunder, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent shall, subject to the Burger King Rights, have the right to enter and remain upon the various premises of the Obligors without cost or charge to the Administrative Agent, and use the same, together with materials, supplies, books and records of the Obligors for the purpose of collecting and liquidating the Collateral, or for preparing for sale and

conducting the sale of the Collateral, whether by foreclosure, auction or otherwise. In addition, the Administrative Agent may remove Collateral, or any part thereof, from such premises and/or any records with respect thereto, in order to effectively collect or liquidate such Collateral. If the Administrative Agent exercises its right to take possession of the Collateral, each Obligor shall also at its expense perform any and all other steps reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent to preserve and protect the security interest hereby granted in the Collateral, such as placing and maintaining signs indicating the security interest of the Administrative Agent, appointing overseers for the Collateral and maintaining inventory records.

- (d) Nonexclusive Nature of Remedies. Failure by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties to exercise any right, remedy or option under this Security Agreement, any other Credit Document or as provided by law, or any delay by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties in exercising the same, shall not operate as a waiver of any such right, remedy or option. No waiver hereunder shall be effective unless it is in writing, signed by the party against whom such waiver is sought to be enforced and then only to the extent specifically stated, which in the case of the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties shall only be granted as provided herein. To the extent permitted by law, neither the Administrative Agent, the Secured Parties, nor any party acting as attorney for the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties, shall be liable hereunder for any acts or omissions or for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law other than their gross negligence or willful misconduct hereunder. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties under this Security Agreement shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any other right or remedy which the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties may have.
- (e) <u>Retention of Collateral</u>. In addition to the rights and remedies hereunder, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent may, after providing the notices required by Sections 9-620 and 9-621 of the UCC (or any successor sections of the UCC) or otherwise complying with the notice requirements of applicable law of the relevant jurisdiction, accept or retain all or any portion of the Collateral in satisfaction of the Credit Party Obligations, subject to the Burger King Rights. Unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have provided such notices, however, the Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have retained any Collateral in satisfaction of any Credit Party Obligations for any reason.
- (f) <u>Deficiency</u>. In the event that the proceeds of any sale, collection or realization are insufficient to pay all amounts to which the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties are legally entitled, the Obligors shall be jointly and severally liable for the deficiency, together with interest thereon at the Default Rate, together with the costs of collection and the reasonable fees of any attorneys employed by the Administrative Agent to collect such deficiency. Any surplus remaining after the full payment and satisfaction of the Credit Party Obligations shall be returned to the Obligors or to whomsoever a court of competent jurisdiction shall determine to be entitled thereto.

(g) Other Security. To the extent that any of the Credit Party Obligations are now or hereafter secured by property other than the Collateral (including, without limitation, real and other personal property and securities owned by an Obligor), or by a guarantee, endorsement or property of any other Person, then the Administrative Agent shall have the right to proceed against such other property, guarantee or endorsement upon the occurrence and during the continuation of any Event of Default, and the Administrative Agent shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine which rights, security, Liens, security interests or remedies the Administrative Agent shall at any time pursue, relinquish, subordinate, modify or take with respect thereto, without in any way modifying or affecting any of them or any of the Administrative Agent's and the Secured Parties' rights or the Credit Party Obligations under this Security Agreement or under any other of the Credit Documents, subject in all cases to the Burger King Rights.

# 11. Rights of the Administrative Agent.

- (a) <u>Power of Attorney</u>. Each Obligor hereby designates and appoints the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, and each of its designees or agents, as attorney-in-fact of such Obligor, irrevocably and with power of substitution, with authority to take any or all of the following actions upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default:
  - (i) to demand, collect, settle, compromise, adjust and give discharges and releases concerning the Collateral of such Obligor, all as the Administrative Agent may reasonably determine in respect of such Collateral;
  - (ii) to commence and prosecute any actions at any court for the purposes of collecting any Collateral and enforcing any other right in respect thereof:
  - (iii) to defend, settle, adjust or compromise any action, suit or proceeding brought with respect to the Collateral and, in connection therewith, give such discharge or release as the Administrative Agent may deem reasonably appropriate;
  - (iv) to receive, open and dispose of mail addressed to an Obligor and endorse checks, notes, drafts, acceptances, money orders, bills of lading, warehouse receipts or other instruments or documents evidencing payment, shipment or storage of the goods giving rise to the Collateral of such Obligor, or securing or relating to such Collateral, on behalf of and in the name of such Obligor;
  - (v) subject to the Burger King Rights, to sell, assign, transfer, make any agreement in respect of, or otherwise deal with or exercise rights in respect of, any Collateral or the goods or services which have given rise thereto, as fully and completely as though the Administrative Agent were the absolute owner thereof for all purposes;

- (vi) to adjust and settle claims under any insurance policy relating to the Collateral;
- (vii) to execute and deliver and/or file all assignments, conveyances, statements, financing statements, continuation financing statements, security agreements, affidavits, notices and other agreements, instruments and documents that the Administrative Agent may determine necessary in order to perfect and maintain the security interests and Liens granted in this Security Agreement and in order to fully consummate all of the transactions contemplated herein;
  - (viii) subject to the Burger King Rights, to institute any foreclosure proceedings that the Administrative Agent may deem appropriate;
- (ix) subject to the Burger King Rights, to execute any document or instrument, and to take any action, necessary under applicable law (including the Federal Assignment of Claims Act) in order for the Administrative Agent to exercise its rights and remedies (or to be able to exercise its rights and remedies at some future date) with respect to any Account of an Obligor where the account debtor is a Governmental Authority; and
- (x) subject to the Burger King Rights, to do and perform all such other acts and things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem to be necessary, proper or convenient in connection with the Collateral.

This power of attorney is a power coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable for so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated. The Administrative Agent shall be under no duty to exercise or withhold the exercise of any of the rights, powers, privileges and options expressly or implicitly granted to the Administrative Agent in this Security Agreement, and shall not be liable for any failure to do so or any delay in doing so. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any act or omission or for any error of judgment or any mistake of fact or law in its individual capacity or its capacity as attorney-in-fact except acts or omissions resulting from its gross negligence or willful misconduct. This power of attorney is conferred on the Administrative Agent solely to perfect, protect, preserve and realize upon its security interest in the Collateral.

(b) <u>Assignment by the Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent may from time to time assign the Credit Party Obligations or any portion thereof and/or the Collateral or any portion thereof to a successor Administrative Agent in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement, and the assignee shall be entitled to all of the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent under this Security Agreement in relation thereto.

(c) The Administrative Agent's Duty of Care. Other than the exercise of reasonable care to assure the safe custody of the Collateral while being held by the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall have no duty or liability to preserve rights pertaining thereto, it being understood and agreed that the Obligors shall be responsible for preservation of all rights in the Collateral, and the Administrative Agent shall be relieved of all responsibility for the Collateral upon surrendering it or tendering the surrender of it to the Obligors. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of the Collateral in its possession if the Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Administrative Agent accords its own property, which shall be no less than the treatment employed by a reasonable and prudent agent in the industry, it being understood that the Administrative Agent shall not have responsibility for taking any necessary steps to preserve rights against any parties with respect to any of the Collateral. In the event of a public or private sale of Collateral pursuant to Section 10 hereof, the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to clean-up, repair or otherwise prepare the Collateral for sale.

12. <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. After the exercise of remedies by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties pursuant to Section 7.2 of the Credit Agreement (or after the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts under the Credit Documents (including without limitation the maximum amount of all contingent liabilities under Letters of Credit) shall automatically become due and payable in accordance with the terms of such Section), any proceeds of the Collateral, when received by the Administrative Agent or any of the Secured Parties in cash or its equivalent, will be applied in reduction of the Credit Party Obligations in the order set forth in Section 2.11(b) of the Credit Agreement, and each Obligor irrevocably waives the right to direct the application of such payments and proceeds and acknowledges and agrees that the Administrative Agent shall, subject to the Burger King Rights, have the continuing and exclusive right to apply and reapply any and all such proceeds in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, notwithstanding any entry to the contrary upon any of its books and records.

# 13. Continuing Agreement.

(a) This Security Agreement shall be a continuing agreement in every respect and shall remain in full force and effect so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof and Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated. Upon such payment and termination, this Security Agreement shall be automatically terminated and the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall, upon the request and at the expense of the Obligors, forthwith release all of the Liens and security interests granted hereunder and shall execute and/or deliver all UCC termination statements and/or other documents reasonably requested by the Obligors evidencing such termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing all releases and indemnities provided hereunder shall survive termination of this Security Agreement.

- (b) This Security Agreement shall continue to be effective or be automatically reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, in whole or in part, of any of the Credit Party Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party as a preference, fraudulent conveyance or otherwise under any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law, all as though such payment had not been made; provided that in the event that payment of all or any part of the Credit Party Obligations is rescinded or must be restored or returned, all reasonable costs and expenses (including without limitation any reasonable legal fees and disbursements) incurred by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party in defending and enforcing such reinstatement shall be deemed to be included as a part of the Credit Party Obligations.
- 14. <u>Amendments; Waivers; Modifications</u>. This Security Agreement and the provisions hereof may not be amended, waived, modified, changed, discharged or terminated except as set forth in Section 9.1 of the Credit Agreement.
- 15. <u>Successors in Interest</u>. This Security Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Collateral and shall be binding upon each Obligor, its successors and assigns and shall inure, together with the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties hereunder, to the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties and their successors and permitted assigns; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that none of the Obligors may assign its rights or delegate its duties hereunder except as permitted by the Credit Agreement.
  - 16. Notices. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Security Agreement shall be in conformance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement.
- 17. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Security Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which where so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Security Agreement to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. Delivery of executed counterparts of the Security Agreement by telecopy or other electronic means shall be effective as an original and shall constitute a representation that an original shall be delivered upon the request of the Administrative Agent.
- 18. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the sections and subsections hereof are provided for convenience only and shall not in any way affect the meaning, construction or interpretation of any provision of this Security Agreement.
- 19. <u>Governing Law; Submission to Jurisdiction and Service of Process; Waiver of Jury Trial; Venue</u>. THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. The terms of Sections 9.13 and 9.16 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, *mutatis mutandis*, and the parties hereto agree to such terms.

- 20. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Security Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be fully severable and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed without giving effect to the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions.
- 21. <u>Entirety</u>. This Security Agreement and the other Credit Documents represent the entire agreement of the parties hereto and thereto, and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, if any, including any commitment letters or correspondence relating to this Security Agreement, the other Credit Documents or the transactions contemplated herein and therein.
- 22. <u>Survival</u>. All representations and warranties of the Obligors hereunder shall survive the execution and delivery of this Security Agreement and the other Credit Documents, the delivery of the Notes and the making of the Loans and the issuance of the Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement.

# 23. Joint and Several Obligations of Obligors.

- (a) Each of the Obligors is accepting joint and several liability hereunder in consideration of the financial accommodations to be provided by the Lenders under the Credit Agreement, for the mutual benefit, directly and indirectly, of each of the Obligors and in consideration of the undertakings of each of the Obligors to accept joint and several liability for the obligations of each of them.
- (b) Each of the Obligors jointly and severally hereby irrevocably and unconditionally accepts, not merely as a surety but also as a co-debtor, joint and several liability with the other Obligors with respect to the payment and performance of all of the Credit Party Obligations, it being the intention of the parties hereto that all the Credit Party Obligations shall be the joint and several obligations of each of the Obligors without preferences or distinction among them.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein, in any other of the Credit Documents, to the extent the obligations of an Obligor shall be adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason (including, without limitation, because of any applicable state or federal law relating to fraudulent conveyances or transfers) then the obligations of such Obligor hereunder shall be limited to the maximum amount that is permissible under applicable law (whether federal or state and including, without limitation, the Bankruptcy Code).
- 24. <u>Rights of Required Lenders</u>. All rights of the Administrative Agent hereunder, if not exercised by the Administrative Agent, may be exercised by the Required Lenders.

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Each of the parties hereto has caused a counterpart of this Security Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

BORROWER: CARROLS LLC,

By: <u>/s/ Joseph A. Zirkman</u>

a Delaware limited liability company

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

GUARANTORS: None

Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written.

# WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Thomas P. Tansi

Name: Thomas P. Tansi Title: Managing Director

### PLEDGE AGREEMENT

THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT (this "Pledge Agreement") is entered into as of August 5, 2011, among CARROLS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), each of the Domestic Subsidiaries of the Borrower from time to time party hereto (individually a "Guarantor" and collectively the "Guarantors"; the Guarantors, together with the Borrower, individually a "Pledgor" and collectively the "Pledgors") and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in its capacity as Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement referred to below (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") for the several banks and other financial institutions as may from time to time become parties to such Credit Agreement (individually a "Lender" and collectively the "Lenders").

### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to that certain Credit Agreement dated as of the date hereof (as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto and the Administrative Agent, the Lenders have agreed to make Loans and to issue and/or acquire participation interests in Letters of Credit upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a condition precedent to the effectiveness of the Credit Agreement and the obligations of the Lenders to make their respective Loans and to issue and/or acquire participation interests in Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement that the Pledgors shall have executed and delivered this Pledge Agreement to the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Lenders and the other Secured Parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of these premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Credit Agreement, and the following terms that are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code from time to time in effect in the State of New York (the "<u>UCC</u>") are used herein as so defined: Certificated Security, Entitlement Order, Financial Asset, Investment Company Security, Securities Account, Security, Security Entitlement, Securities Intermediary and Uncertificated Security.
- 2. <u>Pledge and Grant of Security Interest</u>. To secure the prompt payment and performance in full when due, whether by lapse of time or otherwise, of the Credit Party Obligations, each Pledgor hereby pledges and grants to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, a continuing security interest in any and all right, title and interest

of such Pledgor in and to the following, whether now owned or existing or owned, acquired, or arising hereafter (collectively, the "Pledged Collateral"):

- (a) <u>Pledged Equity Interests</u>. (i) 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests owned by such Pledgor of each Domestic Subsidiary set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(e)</u> to the Credit Agreement and (ii) 65% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of each class of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.956-2(c)(2)) ("<u>Voting Equity</u>") and 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of each class of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests not entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.956-2(c)(2)) ("<u>Non-Voting Equity</u>") owned by such Pledgor of each first-tier Foreign Subsidiary set forth on <u>Schedule 3.16(e)</u> to the Credit Agreement (collectively, together with the Equity Interests and other interests described in clauses (y) and (z) and in Sections 2(b) and 2(c) below, the "<u>Pledged Equity Interests</u>"), including, but not limited to, the following:
  - (y) subject to the percentage restrictions described above and in Section 2(b) below, all shares, securities, membership interests or other equity interests representing a dividend on any of the Pledged Equity Interests, or representing a distribution or return of capital upon or in respect of the Pledged Equity Interests, or resulting from a stock split, revision, reclassification or other exchange therefor, and any subscriptions, warrants, rights or options issued to the holder of, or otherwise in respect of, the Pledged Equity Interests; and
  - (z) subject to the percentage restrictions described above and in Section 2(b) below and without affecting the obligations of the Pledgors under any provision prohibiting such action hereunder or under the Credit Agreement, in the event of any consolidation or merger involving the issuer of any Pledged Equity Interest and in which such issuer is not the surviving entity, all shares of each class of the Equity Interests of the successor entity formed by or resulting from such consolidation or merger.
- (b) <u>Additional Interests</u>. (i) 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of each class of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests owned or acquired by such Pledgor of any Person which hereafter becomes a Domestic Subsidiary and (ii) 65% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of the Voting Equity and 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of the Non-Voting Equity owned or acquired by such Pledgor of any Person which hereafter becomes a first-tier Foreign Subsidiary, including, without limitation, the certificates representing such Equity Interests.
- (c) Other Equity Interests. Subject to the percentage restrictions described above, any and all other Equity Interests owned by the Pledgors in any Domestic Subsidiary or any first-tier Foreign Subsidiary.

(d) Proceeds. All proceeds and products of the foregoing, however and whenever acquired and in whatever form.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is hereby specifically understood and agreed that a Pledgor may from time to time hereafter pledge and deliver additional shares of Equity Interests to the Administrative Agent as collateral security for the Credit Party Obligations. Upon such pledge and delivery to the Administrative Agent, such additional shares of Equity Interests shall be deemed to be part of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor and shall be subject to the terms of this Pledge Agreement whether or not <a href="Schedule 3.16(e)">Schedule 3.16(e)</a> to the Credit Agreement is amended to refer to such additional shares.

- 3. <u>Security for Credit Party Obligations</u>. The security interest created hereby in the Pledged Collateral of each Pledgor constitutes continuing collateral security for all of the Credit Party Obligations, whether now existing or hereafter incurred.
  - 4. Delivery of the Pledged Collateral; Perfection of Security Interest. Each Pledgor hereby agrees that:
  - (a) <u>Delivery of Certificates and Instruments</u>. Each Pledgor shall deliver as security to the Administrative Agent (i) simultaneously with or prior to the execution and delivery of this Pledge Agreement, all certificates representing the Pledged Equity Interests owned by such Pledgor and (ii) promptly upon the receipt thereof by or on behalf of a Pledgor, all other certificates and instruments constituting Pledged Collateral owned by a Pledgor. Prior to delivery to the Administrative Agent, all such certificates and instruments constituting Pledged Collateral of a Pledgor shall be held in trust by such Pledgor for the benefit of the Administrative Agent pursuant hereto. All such certificates shall be delivered in suitable form for transfer by delivery or shall be accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, substantially in the form provided in Exhibit A attached hereto.
  - (b) <u>Additional Securities</u>. Subject to the percentage restrictions set forth in Section 2, if such Pledgor shall receive by virtue of its being the owner of any Pledged Collateral, any (i) certificate, including without limitation, any certificate representing a dividend or distribution in connection with any increase or reduction of capital, reclassification, merger, consolidation, sale of assets, combination of Equity Interests, stock splits, spin-off or split-off, promissory notes or other instruments; (ii) option or right, whether as an addition to, substitution for, or an exchange for, any Pledged Collateral or otherwise; (iii) dividends payable in Equity Interests; or (iv) distributions of Equity Interests in connection with a partial or total liquidation, dissolution or reduction of capital, capital surplus or paid-in surplus, then such Pledgor shall receive such certificate, instrument, option, right or distribution in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, shall segregate it from such Pledgor's other property and shall deliver it forthwith to the Administrative Agent in the exact form received accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, substantially in the form

provided in Exhibit A attached hereto, to be held by the Administrative Agent as Pledged Collateral and as further collateral security for the Credit Party Obligations.

- (c) Financing Statements; Other Perfection Actions. Each Pledgor hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to prepare and file such financing statements (including continuation statements) or amendments thereof or supplements thereto or other instruments as the Administrative Agent may from time to time deem reasonably necessary in order to perfect and maintain the security interests granted hereunder in accordance with the UCC, including, without limitation, any financing statement that describes the Pledged Collateral as "all personal property" or "all assets" of such Pledgor or that describes the Pledged Collateral in some other manner as the Administrative Agent deems reasonably necessary or advisable. Each Pledgor shall also execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent and/or file such agreements, assignments or instruments (including affidavits, notices, reaffirmations, amendments and restatements of existing documents, and any documents as may be necessary if the law of any jurisdiction other than New York becomes or is applicable to the Collateral or any portion thereof, in each case as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request) and do all such other things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem necessary (i) to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interests hereunder, including such financing statements (including continuation statements) or amendments thereof or supplements thereto or other instruments as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to perfect and maintain the security interests granted hereunder in accordance with the UCC and any other personal property security legislation in the appropriate jurisdictions, (ii) to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and (iii) to otherwise protect and assure the Administrative Agent of its rights and interests hereunder. Each Pledgor agrees to cause the issuer of the Pledged Equity Interests of such Pledgor to mark its books and records to reflect the security interest of the Adminis
- (d) Provisions Relating to Uncertificated Securities, Security Entitlements and Securities Accounts. The Pledgors shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent of any Pledged Collateral consisting of an Uncertificated Security or a Security Entitlement or any Pledged Collateral held in a Securities Account. With respect to any such Pledged Collateral, (a) the applicable Pledgor and the applicable issuer of the Uncertificated Security or the applicable Securities Intermediary shall enter into, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, an agreement with the Administrative Agent granting control to the Administrative Agent over such Pledged Collateral, such agreement to be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and (b) the Administrative Agent shall be entitled, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or an Event of Default, to notify the applicable issuer of the Uncertificated Security or the applicable Securities Intermediary that it should follow the instructions or the Entitlement Orders, respectively, of the Administrative Agent and no longer follow the instructions or the Entitlement Orders, respectively, of the applicable Pledgor. Upon receipt by a Pledgor of notice from a Securities Intermediary of its intent to terminate the Securities Account of such Pledgor held by such Securities Intermediary, prior to the termination of

such Securities Account the Pledged Collateral in such Securities Account shall be (i) transferred to a new Securities Account, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, which shall be subject to a control agreement as provided above or (ii) transferred to an account held by the Administrative Agent (in which it will be held until a new Securities Account is established).

- 5. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Each Pledgor hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, that so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, other than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated:
  - (a) <u>Authorization of Pledged Equity Interests</u>. The Pledged Equity Interests are duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are not subject to the preemptive rights of any Person.
  - (b) <u>Title</u>. Each Pledgor has good and indefeasible title to the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor and except as otherwise permitted by the Credit Agreement, each Pledgor will at all times be the legal and beneficial owner of such Pledged Collateral free and clear of any Lien, other than Permitted Liens. There exists no "adverse claim" within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC with respect to the Pledged Equity Interests of such Pledgor.
  - (c) Exercising of Rights. The exercise by the Administrative Agent of its rights and remedies hereunder will not violate any law or governmental regulation or any material contractual restriction binding on or affecting a Pledgor or any of its property other than the Burger King Rights.
  - (d) <u>Pledgor's Authority</u>. No authorization, approval or action by, and no notice or filing with any Governmental Authority, the issuer of any Pledged Equity Interests or third party is required either (i) for the pledge made by a Pledgor or for the granting of the security interest by a Pledgor pursuant to this Pledge Agreement or (ii) other than the Burger King Rights, for the exercise by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties of their rights and remedies hereunder (except as may be required by laws affecting the offering and sale of securities).
  - (e) <u>Security Interest/Priority</u>. This Pledge Agreement creates a valid security interest in favor of the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Pledged Collateral. The taking possession by the Administrative Agent of the certificates (if any) representing the Pledged Equity Interests and all other certificates and instruments constituting Pledged Collateral will perfect and establish the first priority of the Administrative Agent's security interest in all certificated Pledged Equity Interests and such certificates and instruments. Upon the filing of UCC financing statements in

the location of each Pledgor's state of organization, the Administrative Agent shall have a first priority perfected security interest in all uncertificated Pledged Equity Interests consisting of partnership or limited liability company interests that do not constitute a Security pursuant to Section 8-103(c) of the UCC. With respect to any Pledged Collateral consisting of an Uncertificated Security or a Security Entitlement or any Pledged Collateral held in a Securities Account, upon execution and delivery by the applicable Pledgor, the Administrative Agent and the applicable Securities Intermediary or the applicable issuer of the Uncertificated Security of an agreement granting control to the Administrative Agent over such Pledged Collateral, the Administrative Agent shall have a first priority perfected security interest in such Pledged Collateral. Except as set forth in this Section, no action is necessary to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest.

- (f) No Other Equity Interests. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.16(e) to the Credit Agreement, as of the Closing Date or as of the last date such Schedule was updated in accordance with the terms hereof and of the Credit Agreement, no Pledgor owns any Equity Interest of the Borrower or any of its Domestic Subsidiaries or any of its first-tier Foreign Subsidiaries.
- (g) <u>Partnership and Limited Liability Company Interests</u>. Except as previously disclosed in writing to the Administrative Agent, none of the Pledged Equity Interests consisting of partnership or limited liability company interests (i) is dealt in or traded on a securities exchange or in a securities market, (ii) by its terms expressly provides that it is a Security governed by Article 8 of the UCC, (iii) is an Investment Company Security, (iv) is held in a Securities Account or (v) constitutes a Security or a Financial Asset.
- 6. <u>Covenants</u>. Each Pledgor hereby covenants, that so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, other than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated, such Pledgor shall:
  - (a) <u>Defense of Title</u>. Defend title to and ownership of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor at its own expense against the claims and demands of all other parties claiming an interest therein; keep the Pledged Collateral free from all Liens, other than Permitted Liens and the Burger King Rights; and not sell, exchange, transfer, assign, lease or otherwise dispose of Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor or any interest therein, except as permitted under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.
  - (b) <u>Further Assurances</u>. Promptly execute and deliver at its expense all further instruments and documents and take all further action that may be reasonably necessary or that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in order to (i) perfect and protect the security interest created hereby in the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor

(including, without limitation, execution and delivery of one or more control agreements reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, filing of UCC financing statements and any and all other actions reasonably necessary to satisfy the Administrative Agent that the Administrative Agent has obtained a first priority perfected security interest in all Pledged Collateral); (ii) subject to the Burger King Rights, enable the Administrative Agent to exercise and enforce its rights and remedies hereunder in respect of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor; and (iii) subject to the Burger King Rights, otherwise effect the purposes of this Pledge Agreement, including, without limitation, and if requested by the Administrative Agent, delivering to the Administrative Agent irrevocable proxies in respect of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor.

- (c) <u>Amendments</u>. Not make or consent to any amendment or other modification or waiver with respect to any of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor or enter into any agreement or allow to exist any restriction with respect to any of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor other than pursuant hereto or as may be permitted under the Credit Agreement.
- (d) <u>Compliance with Securities Laws</u>. File all reports and other information now or hereafter required to be filed by such Pledgor with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other state, federal or foreign agency in connection with the ownership of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor unless the failure to so file could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (e) <u>Issuance or Acquisition of Equity Interests</u>. Not without executing and delivering, or causing to be executed and delivered, to the Administrative Agent such agreements, documents and instruments as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require, acquire any Pledged Equity Interests that consists of an interest in a partnership or a limited liability company which (i) is dealt in or traded on a securities exchange or in a securities market, (ii) by its terms expressly provides that it is a Security governed by Article 8 of the UCC, (iii) is an Investment Company Security, (iv) is held in a Securities Account or (v) constitutes a Security or a Financial Asset.
- (f) Intercreditor Agreement. Upon the request of the Administrative Agent, the Pledgors will use their commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with and assist the Administrative Agent in obtaining from Burger King Corporation an intercreditor agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, among the Administrative Agent, Burger King Corporation and the applicable Pledgor, to permit the exercise of rights and remedies by the Administrative Agent hereunder, subject to such rights that Burger King Corporation may have under the Franchise Agreements, including, without limitation, any of the Burger King Rights; provided, however, that no such intercreditor agreement will be required to the extent that as a condition of obtaining the intercreditor agreement, Burger King Corporation will impose any obligations on any of the Pledgors, or take away any of such Pledgor's rights, under the Franchise Agreements (or documents related thereto) prior to any exercise of

remedies pursuant to the Loan Documents which, individually or in the aggregate, will be material and adverse to such Pledgor under any such Franchise Agreement.

- 7. Performance of Obligations; Advances by Administrative Agent. On failure of any Pledgor to perform any of the covenants and agreements contained herein, the Administrative Agent may, at its sole option and in its sole discretion, perform or cause to be performed the same and in so doing may expend such sums as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem advisable in the performance thereof, including, without limitation, a payment to obtain a release of a Lien (other than the Burger King Rights), expenditures made in defending against any adverse claim (other than the Burger King Rights) and all other expenditures which the Administrative Agent may make for the protection of the security interest hereof or may be compelled to make by operation of law. All such sums and amounts so expended shall be repayable by the Pledgors on a joint and several basis promptly upon timely notice thereof and demand therefor, shall constitute additional Credit Party Obligations and shall bear interest from the date said amounts are expended at the Default Rate. No such performance of any covenant or agreement by the Administrative Agent on behalf of any Pledgor, and no such advance or expenditure therefor, shall relieve the Pledgors of any default under the terms of this Pledge Agreement or the other Credit Documents. The Administrative Agent may make any payment hereby authorized in accordance with any bill, statement or estimate procured from the appropriate public office or holder of the claim to be discharged without inquiry into the accuracy of such bill, statement or estimate or into the validity of any tax assessment, sale, forfeiture, tax lien, title or claim except to the extent such payment is being contested in good faith by a Pledgor in appropriate proceedings and against which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP.
- 8. Events of Default. The occurrence of an event which under the Credit Agreement would constitute an Event of Default shall be an event of default hereunder (an "Event of Default").

## 9. Remedies.

- (a) <u>General Remedies</u>. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent shall have, in respect of the Pledged Collateral of any Pledgor, in addition to the rights and remedies provided herein, in the other Credit Documents, or by law, the rights and remedies of a secured party under the UCC or any other applicable law.
- (b) <u>Sale of Pledged Collateral</u>. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, without limiting the generality of this Section and without notice, the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, subject to the Burger King Rights, sell or otherwise dispose of or realize upon the Pledged Collateral, or any part thereof, in one or more parcels, at public or private sale, at any exchange or broker's board or elsewhere, at such price or prices and on such other terms as the Administrative Agent may deem commercially reasonable, for cash, credit or for future delivery or otherwise in accordance with applicable law. To the extent permitted by law, and subject

to the Burger King Rights, any Secured Party may in such event, bid for the purchase of such securities. Each Pledgor agrees that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by law and has not been waived by such Pledgor, any requirement of reasonable notice shall be met if notice, specifying the place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made, is personally served on or mailed, postage prepaid, to such Pledgor, in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement at least ten (10) days before the time of such sale. The Administrative Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Administrative Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, and subject to the Burger King Rights, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned.

- (c) <u>Registration Rights</u>. Subject to the Burger King Rights, if the Administrative Agent shall determine to exercise its right to sell all or any of the Pledged Collateral, each Pledgor agrees that, upon request of the Administrative Agent (which request may be made by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), such Pledgor will, at its own expense:
  - (i) execute and deliver, and use its best efforts to cause each issuer of the Pledged Collateral contemplated to be sold and the directors and officers thereof to execute and deliver, all such instruments and documents, and do or cause to be done all such other acts and things, as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, advisable to file a registration statement covering such Pledged Collateral under the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and to use its best efforts to cause the registration statement relating thereto to become effective and to remain effective for such period as prospectuses are required by law to be furnished, and to make all amendments and supplements thereto and to the related prospectus which, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, are necessary or advisable, all in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission applicable thereto;
  - (ii) use its best efforts to qualify the Pledged Collateral under all applicable state securities or "Blue Sky" laws and to obtain all necessary governmental approvals for the sale of the Pledged Collateral, as requested by the Administrative Agent;
  - (iii) cause each issuer to make available to its security holders, as soon as practicable, an earnings statement which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act of 1933; and
  - (iv) use its best efforts to do or cause to be done all such other acts and things as may be necessary to make such sale of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof valid and binding and in compliance with applicable law.

Each Pledgor further agrees that a breach of any of the covenants contained in this Section 9(c) will cause irreparable injury to the Administrative Agent, that Administrative Agent has no adequate remedy at law in respect of such breach and, as a consequence, that each and every covenant contained in this Section 9(c) shall be specifically enforceable against such Pledgor, and such Pledgor hereby waives and agrees not to assert any defenses against an action for specific performance of such covenants except for a defense that no default has occurred giving rise to the Credit Party Obligations becoming due and payable prior to their stated maturities. Nothing in this Section 9(c) shall in any way alter the other rights of the Administrative Agent under this Pledge Agreement.

In the event of any public sale described in this Section 9(c), each Pledgor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties and each of their respective directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any loss, fee, cost, expense, damage, liability or claim, joint or several, to which any such persons may become subject or for which any of them may be liable, under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise, insofar as such losses, fees, costs, expenses, damages, liabilities or claims (or any litigation commenced or threatened in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus, registration statement, prospectus or other such document published or filed in connection with such public sale, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and will reimburse the Administrative Agent and such other persons for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Administrative Agent and such other persons in connection with any litigation, of any nature whatsoever, commenced or threatened in respect thereof (including all fees, costs and expenses whatsoever reasonably incurred by the Administrative Agent and such other persons in investigating, preparing for, defending against or providing evidence, producing documents or taking any other action in respect of, any such commenced or threatened litigation or any claims asserted, other than with respect to information supplied in writing by or on behalf of the Administrative Agent for use herein). This indemnity shall be in addition to any liability which any Pledgor may otherwise have and shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to each person, if any, that controls the Administrative Agent or such persons within the meaning of

(d) <u>Private Sale</u>. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Pledgors recognize that the Administrative Agent may deem it impracticable to effect a public sale of all or any part of the Pledged Collateral and that the Administrative Agent may, therefore, determine to make one or more private sales of any such Pledged Collateral to a restricted group of purchasers who will be obligated to agree, among other things, to acquire such Pledged Collateral for their own account, for investment and not with a view to the distribution or resale thereof. Each Pledgor acknowledges that any such private sale may be at prices and on terms less favorable to the seller than the prices and other terms which might have been obtained at a public sale and, notwithstanding the foregoing, agrees that such private sale shall be deemed to have

been made in a commercially reasonable manner and that the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to delay sale of any such Pledged Collateral for the period of time necessary to permit the issuer of such Pledged Collateral to register such Pledged Collateral for public sale under the Securities Act of 1933. Each Pledgor further acknowledges and agrees that any offer to sell such Pledged Collateral which has been (i) publicly advertised on a bona fide basis in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation in the financial community of New York, New York (to the extent that such offer may be advertised without prior registration under the Securities Act of 1933), or (ii) made privately in the manner described above shall be deemed to involve a "public sale" under the UCC, notwithstanding that such sale may not constitute a "public offering" under the Securities Act of 1933, and the Administrative Agent may, in such event, bid for the purchase of such Pledged Collateral.

- (e) <u>Retention of Pledged Collateral</u>. In addition to the rights and remedies hereunder, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent may, after providing the notices required by Sections 9-620 and 9-621 of the UCC (or any successor sections of the UCC) or otherwise complying with the notice requirements of applicable law of the relevant jurisdiction and subject to the Burger King Rights, accept or retain all or any portion of the Pledged Collateral in satisfaction of the Credit Party Obligations. Unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have provided such notices, however, the Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have retained any Pledged Collateral in satisfaction of any Credit Party Obligations for any reason.
- (f) <u>Deficiency</u>. In the event that the proceeds of any sale, collection or realization are insufficient to pay all amounts to which the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties are legally entitled, the Pledgors shall be jointly and severally liable for the deficiency, together with interest thereon at the Default Rate together with the costs of collection and the reasonable fees of any attorneys employed by the Administrative Agent to collect such deficiency. Any surplus remaining after the full payment and satisfaction of the Credit Party Obligations shall be returned to the Pledgors or to whomsoever a court of competent jurisdiction shall determine to be entitled thereto.
- (g) Other Security. To the extent that any of the Credit Party Obligations are now or hereafter secured by property other than the Pledged Collateral (including, without limitation, real and other personal property owned by a Pledgor), or by a guarantee, endorsement or property of any other Person, then the Administrative Agent shall have the right to proceed against such other property, guarantee or endorsement upon the occurrence and during the continuation of any Event of Default, and the Administrative Agent shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine which rights, security, Liens, security interests or remedies the Administrative Agent shall at any time pursue, relinquish, subordinate, modify or take with respect thereto, without in any way modifying or affecting any of them or any of the Administrative Agent's rights or the Credit Party Obligations under this Pledge Agreement or under any other of the Credit Documents.

#### 10. Rights of the Administrative Agent.

- (a) <u>Power of Attorney</u>. Each Pledgor hereby designates and appoints the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, and each of its designees or agents as attorney-in-fact of such Pledgor, irrevocably and with power of substitution, with authority to take any or all of the following actions upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default:
  - (i) to demand, collect, settle, compromise, adjust and give discharges and releases concerning the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor, all as the Administrative Agent may reasonably determine in respect of such Pledged Collateral;
  - (ii) to commence and prosecute any actions at any court for the purposes of collecting any of the Pledged Collateral and enforcing any other right in respect thereof;
  - (iii) to defend, settle, adjust or compromise any action, suit or proceeding brought with respect to the Pledged Collateral and, in connection therewith, give such discharge or release as the Administrative Agent may deem reasonably appropriate;
    - (iv) to pay or discharge taxes, Liens, security interests, or other encumbrances levied or placed on or threatened against the Pledged Collateral;
  - (v) to direct any parties liable for any payment under any of the Pledged Collateral to make payment of any and all monies due and to become due thereunder directly to the Administrative Agent or as the Administrative Agent shall direct;
  - (vi) to receive payment of and receipt for any and all monies, claims, and other amounts due and to become due at any time in respect of or arising out of any Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor;
  - (vii) to sign and endorse any drafts, assignments, proxies, stock powers, verifications, notices and other documents relating to the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor;
  - (viii) Subject to the Burger King Rights, to execute and deliver and/or file all assignments, conveyances, statements, financing statements, continuation statements, pledge agreements, affidavits, notices and other agreements, instruments and documents that the Administrative Agent may determine necessary in order to perfect and maintain the security interests and Liens granted

in this Pledge Agreement and in order to fully consummate all of the transactions contemplated herein;

- (ix) Subject to the Burger King Rights, to exchange any of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor or other property upon any merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization or other readjustment of the issuer thereof and, in connection therewith, deposit any of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor with any committee, depository, transfer agent, registrar or other designated agency upon such terms as the Administrative Agent may determine;
- (x) to vote for a shareholder, partner or member resolution, or to sign an instrument in writing, sanctioning the transfer of any or all of the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor into the name of the Administrative Agent or into the name of any transferee to whom the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor or any part thereof may be sold pursuant to Section 9 hereof; and
- (xi) to do and perform all such other acts and things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem to be necessary, proper or convenient in connection with the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor.

This power of attorney is a power coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable for so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding, any Credit Document is in effect, other than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated. The Administrative Agent shall be under no duty to exercise or withhold the exercise of any of the rights, powers, privileges and options expressly or implicitly granted to the Administrative Agent in this Pledge Agreement, and shall not be liable for any failure to do so or any delay in doing so. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any act or omission or for any error of judgment or any mistake of fact or law in its individual capacity or its capacity as attorney-in-fact except acts or omissions resulting from its gross negligence or willful misconduct. This power of attorney is conferred on the Administrative Agent solely to perfect, protect, preserve and realize upon its security interest in the Pledged Collateral.

- (b) <u>Assignment by the Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent may, in accordance with the Credit Agreement, from time to time assign the Credit Party Obligations or any portion thereof and/or the Pledged Collateral or any portion thereof to a successor Administrative Agent, and the assignee shall be entitled to all of the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent under this Pledge Agreement in relation thereto.
- (c) <u>The Administrative Agent's Duty of Care</u>. Other than the exercise of reasonable care to assure the safe custody of the Pledged Collateral while being held by the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall have no duty or

liability to preserve rights pertaining thereto, it being understood and agreed that Pledgors shall be responsible for preservation of all rights in the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor, and the Administrative Agent shall be relieved of all responsibility for the Pledged Collateral upon surrendering it or tendering the surrender of it to the Pledgors. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of the Pledged Collateral in its possession if such Pledged Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Administrative Agent accords its own property, which shall be no less than the treatment employed by a reasonable and prudent agent in the industry, it being understood that the Administrative Agent shall not have responsibility for (i) ascertaining or taking action with respect to calls, conversions, exchanges, maturities, tenders or other matters relating to any Pledged Collateral, whether or not the Administrative Agent has or is deemed to have knowledge of such matters; or (ii) taking any necessary steps to preserve rights against any parties with respect to any Pledged Collateral.

## (d) Voting Rights in Respect of the Pledged Collateral.

- (i) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, to the extent permitted by law, each Pledgor may exercise any and all voting and other consensual rights pertaining to the Pledged Collateral of such Pledgor or any part thereof for any purpose not inconsistent with the terms of this Pledge Agreement or the Credit Agreement.
- (ii) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or an Event of Default and notice thereof from the Administrative Agent to the Pledgor, all rights of a Pledgor to exercise the voting and other consensual rights which it would otherwise be entitled to exercise pursuant to paragraph (i) of this subsection (d) shall cease and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Administrative Agent which shall then have the sole right to exercise such voting and other consensual rights, subject to the Burger King Rights.

# (e) Dividend and Distribution Rights in Respect of the Pledged Collateral.

- (i) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Pledgor may receive and retain any and all dividends (other than dividends payable in the form of Equity Interests and other dividends constituting Pledged Collateral which are required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 4 above), distributions or interest paid in respect of the Pledged Collateral to the extent they are allowed under the Credit Agreement.
  - (ii) Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default:
  - (A) all rights of a Pledgor to receive the dividends, distributions and interest payments which it would otherwise be authorized to receive

and retain pursuant to paragraph (i) of this subsection (e) shall cease and all such rights shall thereupon be vested in the Administrative Agent which shall then have the sole right to receive and hold as Pledged Collateral such dividends, distributions and interest payments; and

- (B) all dividends, distributions and interest payments which are received by a Pledgor contrary to the provisions of clause (A) of this subsection (ii) shall be received in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, shall be segregated from other property or funds of such Pledgor, and shall be forthwith paid over to the Administrative Agent as Pledged Collateral in the exact form received, to be held by the Administrative Agent as Pledged Collateral and as further collateral security for the Credit Party Obligations.
- (f) <u>Release of Pledged Collateral</u>. The Administrative Agent may release any of the Pledged Collateral from this Pledge Agreement or may substitute any of the Pledged Collateral for other Pledged Collateral without altering, varying or diminishing in any way the force, effect, Lien, pledge or security interest of this Pledge Agreement as to any Pledged Collateral not expressly released or substituted, and this Pledge Agreement shall continue as a first priority Lien on all Pledged Collateral not expressly released or substituted.
- 11. <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. After the exercise of remedies by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties pursuant to Section 7.2 of the Credit Agreement (or after the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts under the Credit Documents shall automatically become due and payable in accordance with the terms of such Section), any proceeds of the Pledged Collateral, when received by the Administrative Agent or any of the Secured Parties in cash or its equivalent, will be applied in reduction of the Credit Party Obligations in the order set forth in Section 2.11(b) of the Credit Agreement, and each Pledgor irrevocably waives the right to direct the application of such payments and proceeds and acknowledges and agrees that the Administrative Agent shall have the continuing and exclusive right to apply and reapply any and all such proceeds in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, notwithstanding any entry to the contrary upon any of its books and records, subject to the Burger King Rights.

# 12. Continuing Agreement.

(a) This Pledge Agreement shall be a continuing agreement in every respect and shall remain in full force and effect so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated, other than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement. Upon such payment and termination, this Pledge Agreement shall be automatically terminated and the

Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall, upon the request and at the expense of the Pledgors, forthwith release all of the Liens and security interests granted hereunder and shall deliver all UCC termination statements and/or other documents reasonably requested by the Pledgors evidencing such termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all releases and indemnities provided hereunder shall survive termination of this Pledge Agreement.

- (b) This Pledge Agreement shall continue to be effective or be automatically reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, in whole or in part, of any of the Credit Party Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party as a preference, fraudulent conveyance or otherwise under any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law, all as though such payment had not been made; provided that in the event payment of all or any part of the Credit Party Obligations is rescinded or must be restored or returned, all reasonable costs and expenses (including, without limitation, any reasonable legal fees and disbursements) incurred by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party in defending and enforcing such reinstatement shall be deemed to be included as a part of the Credit Party Obligations.
- 13. <u>Amendments; Waivers; Modifications</u>. This Pledge Agreement and the provisions hereof may not be amended, waived, modified, changed, discharged or terminated except as set forth in Section 9.1 of the Credit Agreement.
- 14. <u>Successors in Interest</u>. This Pledge Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Pledged Collateral and shall be binding upon each Pledgor, its successors and assigns and shall inure, together with the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent hereunder, to the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties and their successors and permitted assigns; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that none of the Pledgors may assign its rights or delegate its duties hereunder except as permitted by the Credit Agreement.
  - 15. Notices. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Pledge Agreement shall be in conformance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement.
- 16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Pledge Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which where so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Pledge Agreement to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. Delivery of executed counterparts of the Pledge Agreement by facsimile or other electronic means shall be effective as an original and shall constitute a representation that an original shall be delivered upon the request of the Administrative Agent.
- 17. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the sections and subsections hereof are provided for convenience only and shall not in any way affect the meaning, construction or interpretation of any provision of this Pledge Agreement.

- 18. <u>Governing Law; Submission to Jurisdiction and Service of Process; Waiver of Jury Trial; Venue</u>. THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. The terms of Sections 9.13 and 9.16 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, mutatis mutandis, and the parties hereto agree to such terms.
- 19. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Pledge Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be fully severable and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed without giving effect to the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions.
- 20. <u>Entirety</u>. This Pledge Agreement and the other Credit Documents represent the entire agreement of the parties hereto and thereto, and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, if any, including any commitment letters or correspondence relating to this Pledge Agreement, the other Credit Documents or the transactions contemplated herein and therein.
- 21. <u>Survival</u>. All representations and warranties of the Pledgors hereunder shall survive the execution and delivery of this Pledge Agreement, the other Credit Documents and the delivery of the Notes and the making of the Loans and the issuance of the Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement.

# 22. Joint and Several Obligations of Pledgors.

- (a) Each of the Pledgors is accepting joint and several liability hereunder in consideration of the financial accommodations to be provided by the Lenders under the Credit Agreement, for the mutual benefit, directly and indirectly, of each of the Pledgors and in consideration of the undertakings of each of the Pledgors to accept joint and several liability for the obligations of each of them.
- (b) Each of the Pledgors, jointly and severally hereby irrevocably and unconditionally accepts, not merely as a surety but also as a co-debtor, joint and several liability with the other Pledgors with respect to the payment and performance of all of the Credit Party Obligations arising under this Pledge Agreement, the other Credit Documents, it being the intention of the parties hereto that all the Credit Party Obligations shall be the joint and several obligations of each of the Pledgors without preferences or distinction among them.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any other of the Credit Documents, to the extent the obligations of a Pledgor shall be adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason (including, without limitation, because of any applicable state or federal law relating to fraudulent conveyances or transfers) then the obligations of such Pledgor hereunder shall be limited to the maximum

amount that is permissible under applicable law (whether federal or state and including, without limitation, the Bankruptcy Code).

23. Rights of Required Lenders. All rights of the Administrative Agent hereunder, if not exercised by the Administrative Agent, may be exercised by the Required Lenders.

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Each of the parties hereto has caused a counterpart of this Pledge Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

**BORROWER:** 

CARROLS LLC,

None

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

**GUARANTORS**:

Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written.

# WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Administrative Agent

By:/s/ Thomas P. TansiName:Thomas P. TansiTitle:Managing Director

### HOLDINGS PLEDGE AGREEMENT

THIS HOLDINGS PLEDGE AGREEMENT (this "Pledge Agreement") is entered into as of August 5, 2011, among CARROLS CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Pledgor") and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in its capacity as Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement referred to below (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") for the several banks and other financial institutions as may from time to time become parties to such Credit Agreement (individually a "Lender" and collectively the "Lenders").

#### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to that certain Credit Agreement dated as of the date hereof (as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Carrols LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), each of the Domestic Subsidiaries of the Borrower from time to time party thereto (the "<u>Guarantors</u>"), the Lenders party thereto and the Administrative Agent, the Lenders have agreed to make Loans to the Borrower and to issue and/or acquire participation interests in Letters of Credit upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a condition precedent to the effectiveness of the Credit Agreement and the obligations of the Lenders to make their respective Loans and to issue and/or acquire participation interests in Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement that the Pledgor shall have executed and delivered this Pledge Agreement to the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Lenders and the other Secured Parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of these premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Credit Agreement, and the following terms that are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code from time to time in effect in the State of New York (the "<u>UCC</u>") are used herein as so defined: Certificated Security, Entitlement Order, Financial Asset, Investment Company Security, Securities Account, Security, Security Entitlement, Securities Intermediary and Uncertificated Security.
- 2. <u>Pledge and Grant of Security Interest</u>. To secure the prompt payment and performance in full when due, whether by lapse of time or otherwise, of the Credit Party Obligations, the Pledgor hereby pledges and grants to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, a continuing security interest in any and all right, title and interest of the Pledgor in and to the following, whether now owned or existing or owned, acquired, or arising hereafter (collectively, the "<u>Pledged Collateral</u>"):

- (a) <u>Pledged Equity Interests</u>. 100% (or, if less, the full amount owned by such Pledgor) of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests owned by the Pledgor of the Borrower as set forth on Schedule 2(a) hereto (the "<u>Pledged Equity Interests</u>"), together with the certificates (or other agreements or instruments), if any, representing such Equity Interests, and all options and other rights, contractual or otherwise, with respect thereto, including, but not limited to, all shares, securities, membership interests or other equity interests representing a dividend on any of the Pledged Equity Interests, or representing a distribution or return of capital upon or in respect of the Pledged Equity Interests, or resulting from a stock split, revision, reclassification or other exchange therefor, and any subscriptions, warrants, rights or options issued to the holder of, or otherwise in respect of, the Pledged Equity Interests and, in the event of any consolidation or merger involving the issuer of any Pledged Equity Interest and in which such issuer is not the surviving entity, all shares of each class of the Equity Interests of the successor entity formed by or resulting from such consolidation or merger.
  - (b) Proceeds. All proceeds and products of the foregoing, however and whenever acquired and in whatever form.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is hereby specifically understood and agreed that the Pledgor may from time to time hereafter pledge and deliver additional shares of Equity Interests to the Administrative Agent as collateral security for the Credit Party Obligations. Upon such pledge and delivery to the Administrative Agent, such additional shares of Equity Interests shall be deemed to be part of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor and shall be subject to the terms of this Pledge Agreement whether or not Schedule 2(a) is amended to refer to such additional shares.

- 3. <u>Security for Credit Party Obligations</u>. The security interest created hereby in the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor constitutes continuing collateral security for all of the Credit Party Obligations, whether now existing or hereafter incurred.
  - 4. Delivery of the Pledged Collateral; Perfection of Security Interest. The Pledgor hereby agrees that:
  - (a) <u>Delivery of Certificates and Instruments</u>. The Pledgor shall deliver as security to the Administrative Agent (i) simultaneously with or prior to the execution and delivery of this Pledge Agreement, all certificates representing the Pledged Equity Interests owned by the Pledgor and (ii) promptly upon the receipt thereof by or on behalf of the Pledgor, all other certificates and instruments constituting Pledged Collateral owned by the Pledgor. Prior to delivery to the Administrative Agent, all such certificates and instruments constituting Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor shall be held in trust by the Pledgor for the benefit of the Administrative Agent pursuant hereto. All such certificates shall be delivered in suitable form for transfer by delivery or shall be accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, substantially in the form provided in Exhibit A attached hereto.

- (b) <u>Additional Securities</u>. If the Pledgor shall receive by virtue of its being the owner of any Pledged Collateral, any (i) certificate, including without limitation, any certificate representing a dividend or distribution in connection with any increase or reduction of capital, reclassification, merger, consolidation, sale of assets, combination of Equity Interests, stock splits, spin-off or split-off, promissory notes or other instruments; (ii) option or right, whether as an addition to, substitution for, or an exchange for, any Pledged Collateral or otherwise; (iii) dividends payable in Equity Interests; or (iv) distributions of Equity Interests in connection with a partial or total liquidation, dissolution or reduction of capital, capital surplus or paid-in surplus, then the Pledgor shall receive such certificate, instrument, option, right or distribution in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, shall segregate it from the Pledgor's other property and shall deliver it forthwith to the Administrative Agent in the exact form received accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, substantially in the form provided in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto, to be held by the Administrative Agent as Pledged Collateral and as further collateral security for the Credit Party Obligations.
- (c) <u>Financing Statements</u>; <u>Other Perfection Actions</u>. The Pledgor hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to prepare and file such financing statements (including continuation statements) or amendments thereof or supplements thereto or other instruments as the Administrative Agent may from time to time deem reasonably necessary in order to perfect and maintain the security interests granted hereunder in accordance with the UCC as the Administrative Agent deems reasonably necessary or advisable. The Pledgor shall also execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent and/or file such agreements, assignments or instruments (including affidavits, notices, reaffirmations, amendments and restatements of existing documents, and any documents as may be necessary if the law of any jurisdiction other than New York becomes or is applicable to the Collateral or any portion thereof, in each case as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request) and do all such other things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem necessary (i) to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interests hereunder, including such financing statements (including continuation statements) or amendments thereof or supplements thereto or other instruments as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to perfect and maintain the security interests granted hereunder in accordance with the UCC and any other personal property security legislation in the appropriate jurisdictions, (ii) to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and (iii) to otherwise protect and assure the Administrative Agent of its rights and interests hereunder. The Pledgor agrees to cause the issuer of the Pledged Equity Interests of the Pledgor to mark its books and records to reflect the security interest of the Administrative Agent in the Pledged Collateral.
- 5. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The Pledgor hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, that so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the

Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, other than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated:

- (a) <u>Authorization of Pledged Equity Interests</u>. The Pledged Equity Interests are duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are not subject to the preemptive rights of any Person.
- (b) <u>Title</u>. The Pledgor has good and indefeasible title to the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor and except as otherwise permitted by the Credit Agreement, the Pledgor will at all times be the legal and beneficial owner of such Pledged Collateral free and clear of any Lien, other than Permitted Liens. There exists no "adverse claim" within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC with respect to the Pledged Equity Interests of the Pledgor.
- (c) Exercising of Rights. The exercise by the Administrative Agent of its rights and remedies hereunder will not violate any law or governmental regulation or any material contractual restriction binding on or affecting the Pledgor or any of its property other than the Burger King Rights.
- (d) <u>Pledgor's Authority</u>. No authorization, approval or action by, and no notice or filing with any Governmental Authority, the issuer of any Pledged Equity Interests or third party is required either (i) for the pledge made by the Pledgor or for the granting of the security interest by the Pledgor pursuant to this Pledge Agreement or (ii) for the exercise by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties of their rights and remedies hereunder (except as may be required by the Franchise Agreements (as defined in the Credit Agreement) and by laws affecting the offering and sale of securities).
- (e) <u>Security Interest/Priority</u>. This Pledge Agreement creates a valid security interest in favor of the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Pledged Collateral. The taking possession by the Administrative Agent of the certificates (if any) representing the Pledged Equity Interests and all other certificates and instruments constituting Pledged Collateral will perfect and establish the first priority of the Administrative Agent's security interest in all certificated Pledged Equity Interests and such certificates and instruments. Upon the filing of UCC financing statements in the location of the Pledgor's state of organization, the Administrative Agent shall have a first priority perfected security interest in all uncertificated Pledged Equity Interests consisting of partnership or limited liability company interests that do not constitute a Security pursuant to Section 8-103(c) of the UCC. With respect to any Pledged Collateral consisting of an Uncertificated Security or a Security Entitlement or any Pledged Collateral held in a Securities Account, upon execution and delivery by the Pledgor, the Administrative Agent and the applicable Securities Intermediary or the applicable issuer of the Uncertificated Security of an agreement granting control to the

Administrative Agent over such Pledged Collateral, the Administrative Agent shall have a first priority perfected security interest in such Pledged Collateral.

- (f) No Other Equity Interests. Except as set forth on Schedule 2(a), the Pledgor does not own any Equity Interest of the Borrower or any of its Domestic Subsidiaries or any of its first-tier Foreign Subsidiaries.
- (g) <u>Partnership and Limited Liability Company Interests</u>. Except as previously disclosed in writing to the Administrative Agent, none of the Pledged Equity Interests consisting of partnership or limited liability company interests (i) is dealt in or traded on a securities exchange or in a securities market, (ii) by its terms expressly provides that it is a Security governed by Article 8 of the UCC, (iii) is an Investment Company Security, (iv) is held in a Securities Account or (v) constitutes a Security or a Financial Asset.
- 6. <u>Covenants</u>. The Pledgor hereby covenants, that so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, other than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated, the Pledgor shall:
  - (a) <u>Defense of Title</u>. Defend title to and ownership of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor at its own expense against the claims and demands of all other parties claiming an interest therein; keep the Pledged Collateral free from all Liens, other than Permitted Liens and the Burger King Rights; and not sell, exchange, transfer, assign, lease or otherwise dispose of Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor or any interest therein, except as permitted pursuant to the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.
  - (b) <u>Further Assurances</u>. Promptly execute and deliver at its expense all further instruments and documents and take all further action that may be reasonably necessary or that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in order to (i) perfect and protect the security interest created hereby in the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor (including, without limitation, execution and delivery of one or more control agreements reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, filing of UCC financing statements and any and all other actions reasonably necessary to satisfy the Administrative Agent that the Administrative Agent has obtained a first priority perfected security interest in all Pledged Collateral); (ii) subject to the Burger King Rights, enable the Administrative Agent to exercise and enforce its rights and remedies hereunder in respect of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor; and (iii) subject to the Burger King Rights, otherwise effect the purposes of this Pledge Agreement, including, without limitation, and if requested by the Administrative Agent, delivering to the Administrative Agent irrevocable proxies in respect of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor.

- (c) <u>Amendments</u>. Not make or consent to any amendment or other modification or waiver with respect to any of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledger or enter into any agreement or allow to exist any restriction with respect to any of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor.
- (d) <u>Compliance with Securities Laws</u>. File all reports and other information now or hereafter required to be filed by the Pledgor with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other state, federal or foreign agency in connection with the ownership of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor unless the failure to so file could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 7. Performance of Obligations; Advances by Administrative Agent. On failure of the Pledgor to perform any of the covenants and agreements contained herein, the Administrative Agent may, at its sole option and in its sole discretion, perform or cause to be performed the same and in so doing may expend such sums as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem advisable in the performance thereof, including, without limitation, a payment to obtain a release of a Lien (other than the Burger King Rights), expenditures made in defending against any adverse claim (other than the Burger King Rights) and all other expenditures which the Administrative Agent may make for the protection of the security interest hereof or may be compelled to make by operation of law. All such sums and amounts so expended shall be repayable by the Borrower promptly upon timely notice thereof and demand therefor, shall constitute additional Credit Party Obligations and shall bear interest from the date said amounts are expended at the Default Rate. No such performance of any covenant or agreement by the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Pledgor or the Borrower, and no such advance or expenditure therefor, shall relieve the Pledgor of any default under the terms of this Pledge Agreement or the other Credit Documents. The Administrative Agent may make any payment hereby authorized in accordance with any bill, statement or estimate procured from the appropriate public office or holder of the claim to be discharged without inquiry into the accuracy of such bill, statement or estimate or into the validity of any tax assessment, sale, forfeiture, tax lien, title or claim except to the extent such payment is being contested in good faith by the Pledgor in appropriate proceedings and against which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP.
- 8. Events of Default. The occurrence of an event which under the Credit Agreement would constitute an Event of Default shall be an event of default hereunder (an "Event of Default").

### 9. Remedies.

(a) <u>General Remedies</u>. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent shall have, in respect of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor, in addition to the rights and remedies provided herein, in the other Credit Documents, or by law, the rights and remedies of a secured party under the UCC or any other applicable law.

- (b) <u>Sale of Pledged Collateral</u>. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, without limiting the generality of this Section and without notice, the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, subject to the Burger King Rights, sell or otherwise dispose of or realize upon the Pledged Collateral, or any part thereof, in one or more parcels, at public or private sale, at any exchange or broker's board or elsewhere, at such price or prices and on such other terms as the Administrative Agent may deem commercially reasonable, for cash, credit or for future delivery or otherwise in accordance with applicable law. To the extent permitted by law, and subject to the Burger King Rights, any Secured Party may in such event, bid for the purchase of such securities. The Pledgor agrees that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by law and has not been waived by the Pledgor, any requirement of reasonable notice shall be met if notice, specifying the place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made, is personally served on or mailed, postage prepaid, to the Borrower, in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement at least ten (10) days before the time of such sale. The Administrative Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Administrative Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, and subject to the Burger King Rights, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned.
- (c) <u>Registration Rights</u>. Subject to the Burger King Rights, if the Administrative Agent shall determine to exercise its right to sell all or any of the Pledged Collateral, the Pledgor agrees that, upon request of the Administrative Agent (which request may be made by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), the Pledgor and the Borrower will, at their own expense:
  - (i) execute and deliver, and use its best efforts to cause each issuer of the Pledged Collateral contemplated to be sold and the directors and officers thereof to execute and deliver, all such instruments and documents, and do or cause to be done all such other acts and things, as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, advisable to file a registration statement covering such Pledged Collateral under the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and to use its best efforts to cause the registration statement relating thereto to become effective and to remain effective for such period as prospectuses are required by law to be furnished, and to make all amendments and supplements thereto and to the related prospectus which, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, are necessary or advisable, all in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission applicable thereto;
  - (ii) use its best efforts to qualify the Pledged Collateral under all applicable state securities or "Blue Sky" laws and to obtain all necessary governmental approvals for the sale of the Pledged Collateral, as requested by the Administrative Agent;

- (iii) cause each issuer to make available to its security holders, as soon as practicable, an earnings statement which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act of 1933; and
- (iv) use its best efforts to do or cause to be done all such other acts and things as may be necessary to make such sale of the Pledged Collateral or any part thereof valid and binding and in compliance with applicable law.

The Pledgor further agrees that a breach of any of the covenants contained in this Section 9(c) will cause irreparable injury to the Administrative Agent, that Administrative Agent has no adequate remedy at law in respect of such breach and, as a consequence, that each and every covenant contained in this Section 9(c) shall be specifically enforceable against the Pledgor, and the Pledgor hereby waives and agrees not to assert any defenses against an action for specific performance of such covenants except for a defense that no default has occurred giving rise to the Credit Party Obligations becoming due and payable prior to their stated maturities. Nothing in this Section 9(c) shall in any way alter the other rights of the Administrative Agent under this Pledge Agreement.

In the event of any public sale described in this Section 9(c), the Pledgor and the Borrower agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties and each of their respective directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any loss, fee, cost, expense, damage, liability or claim, joint or several, to which any such persons may become subject or for which any of them may be liable, under the Securities Act of 1933 or otherwise, insofar as such losses, fees, costs, expenses, damages, liabilities or claims (or any litigation commenced or threatened in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus, registration statement, prospectus or other such document published or filed in connection with such public sale, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and will reimburse the Administrative Agent and such other persons for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Administrative Agent and such other persons in connection with any litigation, of any nature whatsoever, commenced or threatened in respect thereof (including all fees, costs and expenses whatsoever reasonably incurred by the Administrative Agent and such other persons in investigating, preparing for, defending against or providing evidence, producing documents or taking any other action in respect of, any such commenced or threatened litigation or any claims asserted, other than with respect to information supplied in writing by or on behalf of the Administrative Agent for use herein). This indemnity shall be in addition to any liability which the Pledgor may otherwise have and shall extend upon the same terms and conditions to each person, if any, that controls the Administrative Agent or such persons within

(d) <u>Private Sale</u>. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Pledgor recognizes that the Administrative Agent may deem it

impracticable to effect a public sale of all or any part of the Pledged Collateral and that the Administrative Agent may, therefore, determine to make one or more private sales of any such Pledged Collateral to a restricted group of purchasers who will be obligated to agree, among other things, to acquire such Pledged Collateral for their own account, for investment and not with a view to the distribution or resale thereof. The Pledgor acknowledges that any such private sale may be at prices and on terms less favorable to the seller than the prices and other terms which might have been obtained at a public sale and, notwithstanding the foregoing, agrees that such private sale shall be deemed to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner and that the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to delay sale of any such Pledged Collateral for the period of time necessary to permit the issuer of such Pledged Collateral to register such Pledged Collateral for public sale under the Securities Act of 1933. The Pledgor further acknowledges and agrees that any offer to sell such Pledged Collateral which has been (i) publicly advertised on a bona fide basis in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation in the financial community of New York, New York (to the extent that such offer may be advertised without prior registration under the Securities Act of 1933), or (ii) made privately in the manner described above shall be deemed to involve a "public sale" under the UCC, notwithstanding that such sale may not constitute a "public offering" under the Securities Act of 1933, and the Administrative Agent may, in such event, bid for the purchase of such Pledged Collateral.

(e) <u>Retention of Pledged Collateral</u>. In addition to the rights and remedies hereunder, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and during the continuation thereof, the Administrative Agent may, after providing the notices required by Sections 9-620 and 9-621 of the UCC (or any successor sections of the UCC) or otherwise complying with the notice requirements of applicable law of the relevant jurisdiction and subject to the Burger King Rights, accept or retain all or any portion of the Pledged Collateral in satisfaction of the Credit Party Obligations. Unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have provided such notices, however, the Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have retained any Pledged Collateral in satisfaction of any Credit Party Obligations for any reason.

# (f) Reserved.

(g) Other Security. To the extent that any of the Credit Party Obligations are now or hereafter secured by property other than the Pledged Collateral (including, without limitation, real and other personal property owned by the Pledgor), or by a guarantee, endorsement or property of any other Person, then the Administrative Agent shall have the right to proceed against such other property, guarantee or endorsement upon the occurrence and during the continuation of any Event of Default, and the Administrative Agent shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine which rights, security, Liens, security interests or remedies the Administrative Agent shall at any time pursue, relinquish, subordinate, modify or take with respect thereto, without in any way modifying or affecting any of them or any of the Administrative Agent's rights

or the Credit Party Obligations under this Pledge Agreement or under any other of the Credit Documents.

### 10. Rights of the Administrative Agent.

- (a) <u>Power of Attorney</u>. The Pledgor hereby designates and appoints the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, and each of its designees or agents as attorney-in-fact of the Pledgor, irrevocably and with power of substitution, with authority to take any or all of the following actions upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default:
  - (i) to demand, collect, settle, compromise, adjust and give discharges and releases concerning the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor, all as the Administrative Agent may reasonably determine in respect of such Pledged Collateral;
  - (ii) to commence and prosecute any actions at any court for the purposes of collecting any of the Pledged Collateral and enforcing any other right in respect thereof;
  - (iii) to defend, settle, adjust or compromise any action, suit or proceeding brought with respect to the Pledged Collateral and, in connection therewith, give such discharge or release as the Administrative Agent may deem reasonably appropriate;
    - (iv) to pay or discharge taxes, Liens, security interests, or other encumbrances levied or placed on or threatened against the Pledged Collateral;
  - (v) to direct any parties liable for any payment under any of the Pledged Collateral to make payment of any and all monies due and to become due thereunder directly to the Administrative Agent or as the Administrative Agent shall direct;
  - (vi) to receive payment of and receipt for any and all monies, claims, and other amounts due and to become due at any time in respect of or arising out of any Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor;
  - (vii) to sign and endorse any drafts, assignments, proxies, stock powers, verifications, notices and other documents relating to the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor;
  - (viii) subject to the Burger King Rights, to execute and deliver and/or file all assignments, conveyances, statements, financing statements, continuation statements, pledge agreements, affidavits, notices and other agreements, instruments and documents that the Administrative Agent may determine

necessary in order to perfect and maintain the security interests and Liens granted in this Pledge Agreement and in order to fully consummate all of the transactions contemplated herein;

- (ix) subject to the Burger King Rights, to exchange any of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor or other property upon any merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization or other readjustment of the issuer thereof and, in connection therewith, deposit any of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor with any committee, depository, transfer agent, registrar or other designated agency upon such terms as the Administrative Agent may determine;
- (x) to vote for a shareholder, partner or member resolution, or to sign an instrument in writing, sanctioning the transfer of any or all of the Pledged Collateral of the Pledged rinto the name of the Administrative Agent or into the name of any transferee to whom the Pledged Collateral of the Pledger or any part thereof may be sold pursuant to Section 9 hereof; and
- (xi) to do and perform all such other acts and things as the Administrative Agent may reasonably deem to be necessary, proper or convenient in connection with the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor.

This power of attorney is a power coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable for so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding, any Credit Document is in effect, other than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated. The Administrative Agent shall be under no duty to exercise or withhold the exercise of any of the rights, powers, privileges and options expressly or implicitly granted to the Administrative Agent in this Pledge Agreement, and shall not be liable for any failure to do so or any delay in doing so. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any act or omission or for any error of judgment or any mistake of fact or law in its individual capacity or its capacity as attorney-in-fact except acts or omissions resulting from its gross negligence or willful misconduct. This power of attorney is conferred on the Administrative Agent solely to perfect, protect, preserve and realize upon its security interest in the Pledged Collateral.

- (b) <u>Assignment by the Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent may, in accordance with the Credit Agreement, from time to time assign the Credit Party Obligations or any portion thereof and/or the Pledged Collateral or any portion thereof to a successor Administrative Agent, and the assignee shall be entitled to all of the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent under this Pledge Agreement in relation thereto.
- (c) <u>The Administrative Agent's Duty of Care</u>. Other than the exercise of reasonable care to assure the safe custody of the Pledged Collateral while being held by

the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall have no duty or liability to preserve rights pertaining thereto, it being understood and agreed that the Pledgor shall be responsible for preservation of all rights in the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor, and the Administrative Agent shall be relieved of all responsibility for the Pledged Collateral upon surrendering it or tendering the surrender of it to the Pledgor. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of the Pledged Collateral in its possession if such Pledged Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Administrative Agent accords its own property, which shall be no less than the treatment employed by a reasonable and prudent agent in the industry, it being understood that the Administrative Agent shall not have responsibility for (i) ascertaining or taking action with respect to calls, conversions, exchanges, maturities, tenders or other matters relating to any Pledged Collateral, whether or not the Administrative Agent has or is deemed to have knowledge of such matters; or (ii) taking any necessary steps to preserve rights against any parties with respect to any Pledged Collateral.

### (d) Voting Rights in Respect of the Pledged Collateral.

- (i) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, to the extent permitted by law, the Pledgor may exercise any and all voting and other consensual rights pertaining to the Pledged Collateral of the Pledgor or any part thereof for any purpose not inconsistent with the terms of this Pledge Agreement or the Credit Agreement.
- (ii) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or an Event of Default and notice thereof from the Administrative Agent to the Pledgor, all rights of the Pledgor to exercise the voting and other consensual rights which it would otherwise be entitled to exercise pursuant to paragraph (i) of this subsection (d) shall cease and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Administrative Agent which shall then have the sole right to exercise such voting and other consensual rights, subject to the Burger King Rights.

### (e) Dividend and Distribution Rights in Respect of the Pledged Collateral.

- (i) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Pledgor may receive and retain any and all dividends (other than dividends payable in the form of Equity Interests and other dividends constituting Pledged Collateral which are required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 4 above), distributions or interest paid in respect of the Pledged Collateral to the extent they are allowed under the Credit Agreement.
  - (ii) Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default:

- (A) all rights of the Pledgor to receive the dividends, distributions and interest payments which it would otherwise be authorized to receive and retain pursuant to paragraph (i) of this subsection (e) shall cease and all such rights shall thereupon be vested in the Administrative Agent which shall then have the sole right to receive and hold as Pledged Collateral such dividends, distributions and interest payments; and
- (B) all dividends, distributions and interest payments which are received by the Pledgor contrary to the provisions of clause (A) of this subsection (ii) shall be received in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, shall be segregated from other property or funds of the Pledgor, and shall be forthwith paid over to the Administrative Agent as Pledged Collateral in the exact form received, to be held by the Administrative Agent as Pledged Collateral and as further collateral security for the Credit Party Obligations.
- (f) <u>Release of Pledged Collateral</u>. The Administrative Agent may release any of the Pledged Collateral from this Pledge Agreement or may substitute any of the Pledged Collateral for other Pledged Collateral without altering, varying or diminishing in any way the force, effect, Lien, pledge or security interest of this Pledge Agreement as to any Pledged Collateral not expressly released or substituted, and this Pledge Agreement shall continue as a first priority Lien on all Pledged Collateral not expressly released or substituted.
- 11. <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. After the exercise of remedies by the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties pursuant to Section 7.2 of the Credit Agreement (or after the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the Loans (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts under the Credit Documents shall automatically become due and payable in accordance with the terms of such Section), any proceeds of the Pledged Collateral, when received by the Administrative Agent or any of the Secured Parties in cash or its equivalent, will be applied in reduction of the Credit Party Obligations in the order set forth in Section 2.11(b) of the Credit Agreement, and the Pledgor irrevocably waives the right to direct the application of such payments and proceeds and acknowledges and agrees that the Administrative Agent shall have the continuing and exclusive right to apply and reapply any and all such proceeds in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, notwithstanding any entry to the contrary upon any of its books and records, subject to the Burger King Rights.

#### 12. Continuing Agreement.

(a) This Pledge Agreement shall be a continuing agreement in every respect and shall remain in full force and effect so long as any of the Credit Party Obligations (other than contingent indemnity obligations that survive termination of the Credit Documents pursuant to the stated terms thereof) remain outstanding or any Credit Document is in effect, and until all of the Commitments shall have been terminated, other

than Letters of Credit that extend beyond the Maturity Date and are properly treated in accordance with Section 2.3(k) of the Credit Agreement. Upon such payment and termination, this Pledge Agreement shall be automatically terminated and the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties shall, upon the request and at the expense of the Pledgor, forthwith release all of the Liens and security interests granted hereunder and shall deliver all UCC termination statements and/or other documents reasonably requested by the Pledgor evidencing such termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all releases and indemnities provided hereunder shall survive termination of this Pledge Agreement.

- (b) This Pledge Agreement shall continue to be effective or be automatically reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, in whole or in part, of any of the Credit Party Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party as a preference, fraudulent conveyance or otherwise under any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law, all as though such payment had not been made; provided that in the event payment of all or any part of the Credit Party Obligations is rescinded or must be restored or returned, all reasonable costs and expenses (including, without limitation, any reasonable legal fees and disbursements) incurred by the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party in defending and enforcing such reinstatement shall be deemed to be included as a part of the Credit Party Obligations.
- 13. <u>Amendments; Waivers; Modifications</u>. This Pledge Agreement and the provisions hereof may not be amended, waived, modified, changed, discharged or terminated except as set forth in Section 9.1 of the Credit Agreement.
- 14. <u>Successors in Interest</u>. This Pledge Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Pledged Collateral and shall be binding upon the Pledgor, its successors and assigns and shall inure, together with the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent hereunder, to the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties and their successors and permitted assigns; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Pledgor may not assign its rights or delegate its duties hereunder.
- 15. <u>Notices</u>. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Pledge Agreement shall be in conformance with Section 9.2 of the Credit Agreement, and if delivered to the Pledgor, shall be made to the following address:

Carrols Corporation 968 James Street Syracuse, New York 13203 Attention: General Counsel Telephone: (315) 424-0513 Fax: (315) 475-9616

Email: izirkman@carrols.com

- 16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Pledge Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which where so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Pledge Agreement to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. Delivery of executed counterparts of the Pledge Agreement by facsimile or other electronic means shall be effective as an original and shall constitute a representation that an original shall be delivered upon the request of the Administrative Agent.
- 17. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the sections and subsections hereof are provided for convenience only and shall not in any way affect the meaning, construction or interpretation of any provision of this Pledge Agreement.
- 18. <u>Governing Law; Submission to Jurisdiction and Service of Process; Waiver of Jury Trial; Venue</u>. THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. The terms of Sections 9.13 and 9.16 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, mutatis mutandis, and the parties hereto agree to such terms.
- 19. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Pledge Agreement is determined to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be fully severable and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed without giving effect to the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions.
- 20. <u>Entirety.</u> This Pledge Agreement and the other Credit Documents represent the entire agreement of the parties hereto and thereto, and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, if any, including any commitment letters or correspondence relating to this Pledge Agreement, the other Credit Documents or the transactions contemplated herein and therein.
- 21. <u>Survival</u>. All representations and warranties of the Pledgor hereunder shall survive the execution and delivery of this Pledge Agreement, the other Credit Documents and the delivery of the Notes and the making of the Loans and the issuance of the Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement.
- 22. <u>Rights of Required Lenders</u>. All rights of the Administrative Agent hereunder, if not exercised by the Administrative Agent, may be exercised by the Required Lenders.

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Each of the parties hereto has caused a counterpart of this Pledge Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

# **HOLDINGS:**

# CARROLS CORPORATION,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman
Name: Joseph A. Zirkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Acknowledged and Agreed:

# CARROLS LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

Name: Joseph A. Zirkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written.

# WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Administrative Agent

By:/s/ Thomas P. TansiName:Thomas P. TansiTitle:Managing Director

#### **VOTING AGREEMENT**

THIS VOTING AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of July 27, 2011, by and among Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), Jefferies Capital Partners IV L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("<u>Jefferies Capital Partners IV</u>"), Jefferies Employee Partners IV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Jefferies Employee Partners</u>") and JCP Partners IV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (together with Jefferies Capital Partners IV and Jefferies Employee Partners, "<u>Jefferies Capital Partners</u>").

#### RECITALS

- A. Jefferies Capital Partners owns 6,559,739 shares of Common Stock of the Company. Of such shares, 3,279,870 (the "<u>Subject Shares</u>"), representing approximately 15% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, shall initially be subject to this Agreement.
- B. The Company is contemplating the spin-off (the "Spin-Off") of certain of its operations, as more fully described in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum relating to the issuance of senior secured second lien notes of Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. The Spin-Off will be effected by the distribution to the holders of the Common Stock of shares of common stock (the "Fiesta Common Stock") of Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.
- C. Each of the parties hereto desires to enter into this Agreement to set forth their agreements and understandings with respect to how the Subject Shares will be voted while they are subject to this Agreement.

#### **AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Affiliate" with respect to a particular person means a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the particular person, but as used with respect to Jefferies Capital Partners shall be deemed to exclude the Company and its subsidiaries and as used with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries shall be deemed to exclude Jefferies Capital Partners.
  - (b) "Common Stock" means the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company.

- (c) "<u>Derivative Securities</u>" means securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or Fiesta Common Stock, as the case may be.
  - (d) "Fiesta Common Stock" has the meaning set forth in Recital A hereof.
- (e) "Fiesta Percentage" means at any time, 15% of the outstanding Fiesta Common Stock at such time, treating as outstanding Fiesta Common Stock issuable upon the conversion, exercise or exchange of Derivative Securities held by Jefferies Capital Partners and its Affiliates.
- (f) "Operative Percentage" means, at any time, 15% of the outstanding Common Stock of the Company at such time, treating as outstanding, Common Stock issuable upon conversion, exercise or exchange of Derivative Securities held by Jefferies Capital Partners.
  - (g) "Spin-Off" has the meaning set forth in Recital A hereof.
  - (h) "Spin-Off Effective Date" means the date on which the Spin-Off shall occur.
  - (i) "Subject Shares" has the meaning set forth in Recital A hereof.

### ARTICLE II VOTING; INDEPENDENCE

SECTION 2.1. VOTING ON PARTICULAR MATTERS. Jefferies Capital Partners hereby agrees at all times on and after the Spin-Off Effective Date to vote, or cause to be voted, all of the Subject Shares, or give consent in lieu thereof, as follows:

- (a) if the matter concerned is a proposed merger, consolidation, reorganization, dissolution or similar transaction of the Company, or a proposed sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets or business of the Company (in each case requiring the vote of the shareholders of the Company pursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware or otherwise), in the sole and absolute discretion of Jefferies Capital Partners; and
- (b) for all other matters, in the same proportions as the shares of Common Stock voted on such matters, or as to which consent shall have been given in lieu of such vote, by the holders of Common Stock other than Jefferies Capital Partners, taken as a whole.

SECTION 2.2. MERGER, ETC. If the Company is merged into or consolidated with another entity, or if it should sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets or business to another entity, the term "Company" for all purposes of this Agreement shall be taken to apply to such other entity, and any capital stock (which, if such entity is not a corporation, shall be deemed to mean the similar equity interests of such entity) having general voting power of such corporation received by Jefferies Capital Partners on account of the Subject Shares held by it immediately prior to the time of such merger, consolidation, sale or disposition shall be deemed to be Subject Shares subject to all of the terms and conditions of this

Agreement. In case the Common Stock of the Company shall be reclassified, any capital stock having general voting power of the Company received by Jefferies Capital Partners on account of the Subject Shares held by it immediately prior to the time of such reclassification shall be deemed to be Subject Shares subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE III TRANSFERS

SECTION 3.1. TRANSFERS TO THIRD PARTIES. Jefferies Capital Partners may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of the Subject Shares or Derivative Securities of the Company referred to in Article IV hereof to any third party and, upon such disposition, such Subject Shares, or the shares of Common Stock issuable upon the conversion, exercise or exchange of such Derivative Securities, as the case may be, shall cease, subject to Section 3.2, to be Subject Shares. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Jefferies Capital Partners should grant a security interest in any Subject Shares or Derivative Securities of the Company, the securities subject to the security interest shall continue to be Subject Shares or Derivative Securities, as applicable, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, except to the extent that the power to vote such securities as contemplated by Article II above shall not be exercisable by Jefferies Capital Partners.

SECTION 3.2. TRANSFERS AMONG AFFILIATES. Jefferies Capital Partners may at any time transfer all or any portion of the Subject Shares within Jefferies Capital Partners or to any Affiliate of Jefferies Capital Partners; provided that, as a condition to any such transfer to an Affiliate of Jefferies Capital Partners that does not already hold an interest in Subject Shares, such Affiliate shall execute and deliver to the Company a written instrument reasonably satisfactory to the Company agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE IV STOCK DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS; STOCK ACQUISITIONS

In the event that Jefferies Capital Partners shall receive, as a dividend or other distribution upon any Subject Shares, any shares of Common Stock or Derivative Securities of the Company, the shares of Common Stock issuable or issued upon such dividend or distribution or upon the conversion, exercise or exchange of such Derivative Securities shall be deemed to be Subject Shares subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

In the event that Jefferies Capital Partners should acquire additional shares of Common Stock or Derivative Securities otherwise than as a dividend or distribution as referred to in the preceding paragraph, such additional shares, or shares issuable upon the conversion, exercise or exchange of such Derivative Securities, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be Subject Shares to the extent necessary to prevent the percentage of outstanding shares of Common Stock held by Jefferies Capital Partners that are not Subject Shares from exceeding the Operative Percentage.

# ARTICLE V TERMINATION

This Agreement shall terminate at the option of Jefferies Capital Partners exercisable by notice to the Company in accordance with Section 6.3 if the Spin-Off Effective Date does not occur on or prior to December 31, 2012. This Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the earlier of (a) a sale, transfer or other disposition by Jefferies Capital Partners (in one or a series of transactions) of all of the Subject Shares in accordance with Section 3.1, or (b) the percentage ownership of Common Stock held by Jefferies Capital Partners falling below the Operative Percentage or (c) the percentage ownership of Fiesta Common Stock held by Jefferies Capital Partners falling below the Fiesta Percentage.

#### ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 6.1. SUCCESSORS. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and each of their successors and permitted assigns. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of this Agreement shall not be binding on any transferee or purchaser of Subject Shares or Derivative Securities from Jefferies Capital Partners (other than a person who is an Affiliate of Jefferies Capital Partners).

SECTION 6.2. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS. No amendment, modification, supplement, termination, consent or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, nor consent to any departure herefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same is in writing and is signed by the party against whom enforcement of the same is sought. Any waiver of any provision of this Agreement and any consent to any departure from the terms of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given. No failure or delay by any party hereto in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any other right, power or privilege under this Agreement preclude any other or further exercise thereof, or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

SECTION 6.3. NOTICES. All notices, consents, requests, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been duly given or made: (i) when delivered in person; (ii) three (3) days after deposited in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid; (iii) in the case of overnight courier services, one (1) business day after delivery to the overnight courier service with payment provided; (iv) in the case of fax, when sent, verification received or (v) when sent by email (with confirmation); in each case addressed as follows, or in the case of any addressee, to such other address as may be designated by such addressee in accordance with this Section 6.4:

# if to the Company:

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. 968 James Street Syracuse, New York 13203 Attention: Joseph A. Zirkman

Fax: (315) 475-9616

Email: jzirkman@carrols.com

### with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP 575 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022 Attention: Wayne A. Wald, Esq. Fax: (212) 894-5508

Email: wayne.wald@kattenlaw.com

# if to Jefferies Capital Partners:

Jefferies Capital Partners IV L.P. Jefferies Employee Partners IV LLC JCP Partners IV LLC 520 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor New York, New York 10022 Attention: Brian P. Friedman Fax: (212) 284-1717

Email: bfriedman@jefferies.com

# with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP 180 Maiden Lane New York, New York 10038 Attention: Melvin Epstein, Esq. Fax: (212) 806-7864

Email: mepstein@stroock.com

SECTION 6.4. GOVERNING LAW; JURISDICTION; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without reference to conflicts of laws principles. Each of the parties hereto hereby (i) irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York located in The Borough of Manhattan, or the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York over any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, (ii) agrees that service of any process, summons, notice or document by U.S. registered mail addressed to such party shall be effective service of process for any action, suit or proceeding brought against such party in any such court, (iii) irrevocably and unconditionally waives any objection to the laying of 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, (iv) agrees that a final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon such party and may be enforced in any other courts to whose jurisdiction such party is or may become subject, by suit upon such judgment or in any other manner provided by law and (v) expressly agrees herein to waive any right to have any issue relating to this Agreement determined by a jury trial. Subsection (v) of this Section 6.4 is a material inducement for each of the parties hereto to enter into this Agreement.

SECTION 6.5. EFFECT OF HEADINGS. The section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

SECTION 6.6. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto regarding the subject matter hereof and thereof, and supersedes all prior agreements, representations, warranties, statements, promises, information, arrangements and understandings, whether oral or written, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof.

SECTION 6.7. SEVERABILITY. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, then a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid, void or unenforceable provision and the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

SECTION 6.8. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original of the party executing it, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and shall become effective when one or more such counterparts have been signed and delivered, including via facsimile, by each of the parties.

SECTION 6.9. FURTHER ASSURANCES. Each of the parties to this Agreement shall execute any and all further documents, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the fling and recording of any other documents), which may be required under any applicable law, or which any other party hereto may reasonably request, to give effect to the intents and purposes of this Agreement.

SECTION 6.10. MANNER OF VOTING. The voting by Jefferies Capital Partners, or giving of consent in lieu thereof, of the Subject Shares pursuant to this Agreement may be effected in person, by proxy, by written consent or in any other manner permitted by applicable law. For the avoidance of doubt, voting by Jefferies Capital Partners, or giving of consent in lieu thereof, of the Subject Shares pursuant to this Agreement need not make explicit reference to the terms of this Agreement.

SECTION 6.11. IRREVOCABLE PROXY AND POWER OF ATTORNEY. Jefferies Capital Partners hereby appoints as the proxy of Jefferies Capital Partners, and hereby

grants a power of attorney to, the President of the Company, with full power of substitution, with respect to the matters set forth in Section 2.1(b), and hereby authorizes the President of the Company to represent and to vote, if and only if Jefferies Capital Partners attempts to vote (whether by proxy, in person or by written consent), in a manner which is inconsistent with Section 2.1(b), any or all of the Subject Shares. The proxy and power of attorney granted pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence is given in consideration of the agreements and covenants of the parties hereto in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and, as such, is coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable unless and until this Agreement terminates pursuant to Article V or is amended in accordance with Section 6.3. Jefferies Capital Partners hereby revokes any and all previous proxies or powers of attorney with respect to the Subject Shares and shall not hereafter, unless and until this Agreement terminates pursuant to Article V or is amended in accordance with Section 6.3, purport to grant any other proxy or power of attorney with respect to any of the Subject Shares, deposit any of the Subject Shares into a voting trust or enter into any agreement (other than this Agreement), arrangement or understanding with any person, directly or indirectly, to vote, grant any proxy or give instructions with respect to the voting of any of the Subject Shares, in each case, with respect to any of the matters set forth herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

# CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph Zirkman
Name: Joseph Zirkman
Title: Vice President

JEFFERIES CAPITAL PARTNERS IV L.P., JEFFERIES EMPLOYEE PARTNERS IV LLC, JCP PARTNERS IV LLC

By: Jefferies Capital Partners IV LLC, as Manager

By: /s/ Brian P. Friedman
Name: Brian P. Friedman
Title: Managing Member

[Signature Page to Voting Agreement]

July 18, 2011

#### VIA OVERNIGHT AND E-MAILL

Mr. Timothy Taft 5606 Palomar Dallas, Texas 75229

#### Dear Tim:

We are pleased that you have decided to join Fiesta Restaurant Group. Below are the terms of the offer of employment. Your signature at the end of this letter will acknowledge your agreement to those terms.

# Position:

The position is Chief Executive Officer of Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Fiesta"). As you know Fiesta is currently a subsidiary of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc ("CRG"). It is expected that Fiesta will become an independent public entity before year end. At that time you will be made a member of the Board of Directors of Fiesta. In the interim you will report to the Board of Directors of CRG.

#### Start Date:

Your employment with Fiesta will commence on Monday August 15, 2011.

#### Salary/Bonus:

Your annual Base Salary will be \$500,000. You will be eligible for annual merit increases beginning in January 2013, based upon the recommendations of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Fiesta. You will also participate in the Executive Bonus Plan pursuant to which you will be eligible to receive a bonus of up to One Hundred Percent (100%) of your Base Salary. Fifty Percent (50%) of the bonus will be based upon attainment of objectives established by the Compensation Committee and Fifty Percent (50%) will be based upon increases in "shareholder value" as that term is defined in the Executive Bonus Plan. Shortly after the commencement of your employment, the Board of Directors will discuss with you your objectives for the balance of 2011 as well as the details of the Executive Bonus Plan as they relate to you.

#### Benefits:

You and your dependents (as defined in the various plans), will be eligible to participate in the Company's benefits plans, which include medical, dental, vision, life insurance and long/short term disability. A comprehensive benefits package will be sent to your home which will provide details and description of these plans.

#### **Restricted Stock:**

One (1) month after Fiesta shares are publically traded you will receive a grant of restricted stock of Fiesta with an aggregate value of \$2 million based upon the average trading price of the stock for the first (4) four weeks the shares commence trading publicly. The shares will vest over four (4) years, at the rate of 25% per annum beginning one year after the date of grant. The Shares will be further subject to the terms, and conditions of the Fiesta Stock Incentive Plan.

#### Vacation:

You will be eligible for three (3) weeks of vacation each year (prorated for calendar 2011). At the end of your fifth (5th) year of employment you will be eligible for four (4) weeks of vacation per year.

#### **Relocation:**

You have agreed to relocate to Fiesta's corporate offices, which are currently located in Miami, Florida on or prior to July 15, 2012. In the interim, Fiesta will be responsible for costs associated with your commuting to and from your home in Dallas. This includes airfare, meals, lodging and vehicle expenses. Upon your relocation, Fiesta will pay to have you professionally moved. This will include packing and unpacking and transport of your automobile(s). You will be expected to use a mover acceptable to the Company. By May 15, 2012, you will be required to confirm to the Board of Directors of Fiesta your commitment to relocate proximate to Fiesta's corporate offices. Failure to do so and/or failure to relocate as provided herein will result in forfeiture of your restricted Stock, and discharge for cause.

#### Severance:

If you are discharged without "Cause" (as defined in Exhibit A to this letter) you will receive twelve (12) months' Base Salary and you will be entitled to receive the prorated portion of your bonus (provided a bonus would otherwise have been payable) that will be based upon year end results for the Company. There will be no severance in the event of a termination for "cause" and such termination will result in the forfeiture of any unvested restricted stock.

#### **Business Travel:**

Customary and necessary travel and entertainment expenses will be reimbursed subject to Fiesta's policies. Business Class will be permitted for air travel greater than six (6) hours.

Once again I am very pleased that you have elected to join our Company. I am confident you will find Fiesta a fulfilling and gratifying place to work. If this confirms your understanding of the terms of your employment please provide me with your acknowledgement by signing below and returning a copy of this letter to Joseph A. Zirkman, General Counsel of the Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. via e- mail at <u>JZirkman@carrols.com</u> or via facsimile to 315-475-9616.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Alan Vituli

Alan Vituli

Chairman, Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.

Acknowledged by:

/s/ Timothy Taft

Timothy Taft

Clayton Wilhite Brian Friedman Jack Smith Joel Handel

Rich Routhier (Spencer Stuart)
Bob DeVries (Spencer Stuart)
Joseph Zirkman
Jerry DiGenova

# Exhibit A

"Cause" means (i) the commission by employee of any act or omission that would constitute a felony or any crime of moral turpitude under Federal law or the law of the state or foreign law in which such action occurred, (ii) dishonesty, disloyalty, fraud, embezzlement, theft, disclosure of trade secrets or confidential information or other acts or omissions that result in a breach of fiduciary or other material duty to the Company and/or a Subsidiary, (iii) continued reporting to work or working under the influence of alcohol, an illegal drug, an intoxicant or a controlled substance which renders employee incapable of performing his or her material duties to the satisfaction of the Company and/or its Subsidiaries, or (iv) the employee's substantial disregard in the performance of the employee's duties and/or responsibilities with respect to the Company and/or a Subsidiary, which disregard shall continue after notice to the employee and a reasonable opportunity to cure such behavior.

#### MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

This MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of August 5, 2011, between Carrols Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("<u>Carrols</u>"), and Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Fiesta</u>").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Fiesta is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Carrols;

WHEREAS, Fiesta owns and operates the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurant business through its direct and indirect subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, Fiesta has entered into a Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 28, 2011, between Fiesta and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representative for the initial purchasers identified therein, in connection with the issuance of \$200,0000,000 of 8.875% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2016 (the "Notes");

WHEREAS, Fiesta has entered into an Indenture, dated as of August 5, 2011, among Fiesta, certain subsidiaries of Fiesta and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the "<u>Indenture</u>"), which governs the terms and conditions of the Notes;

WHEREAS, Fiesta has entered into a Credit Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, among Fiesta, certain domestic subsidiaries of Fiesta from time to time party thereto, the lenders party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and lender (the "Revolving Credit Facility"); and

WHEREAS, Carrols has agreed to continue to provide Fiesta with certain services on the terms set forth herein and pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Indenture and the Revolving Credit Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and promises herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- Section 1. <u>Provision of Services</u>. From the date hereof, Carrols shall provide to Fiesta and its subsidiaries the services set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto in connection with operating the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurant businesses (collectively, the "Services").
- Section 2. <u>Term.</u> This Agreement shall terminate (i) automatically on the (1) date of the consummation of a spin-off transaction whereby the parent company of Carrols, Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., and Fiesta are two separate publicly traded companies, or (2) date on which the Notes are no longer outstanding and the Revolving Credit Facility has been terminated, or (ii) upon mutual agreement of the parties.
- Section 3. <u>Payment and Reimbursement</u>. Fiesta agrees to pay or reimburse Carrols for all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by Carrols in connection with the provision of the

Services, including, without limitation, all payroll, benefits and legal, accounting and other third party costs and expenses incurred by Carrols. All such amounts to be paid or reimbursed to Carrols shall be determined by Carrols, in its sole and absolute discretion, substantially consistent with past practices. Fiesta shall pay all such costs and expenses either in advance or otherwise and on a recurring basis as determined by Carrols in its sole and absolute discretion, in cash, by check or ACH fund transfer promptly upon request by Carrols.

Section 4. <u>Standard of Care</u>. Carrols shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Services in substantially the same manner and to an extent that is substantially in the same manner as they were provided to Fiesta and its subsidiaries prior to the entry of this Agreement and substantially consistent with past practices in connection with operating the Pollo Tropical and Taco Cabana restaurant businesses; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the parties acknowledge that Carrols and its personnel will not devote their full time and attention to providing the Services and Carrols shall only devote such time and attention to providing the Services as it determines in its sole and absolute discretion. Fiesta acknowledges that Carrols is not in the business of providing services such as the Services to third parties.

#### Section 5. Indemnification.

- (a) Fiesta hereby agrees to indemnify Carrols and its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, complaints, lawsuits, actions, proceedings, liabilities, losses, damages and all costs and expenses, including legal fees arising out of, resulting from or related to any fraud, willful misconduct, bad faith or material breach by Fiesta of this Agreement.
- (b) Carrols hereby agrees to indemnify Fiesta and its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, complaints, lawsuits, actions, proceedings, liabilities, losses, damages and all costs and expenses, including legal fees arising out of, resulting from or related to any fraud, willful misconduct, bad faith or material breach by Carrols of this Agreement.
- Section 6. Force Majeure. Each party shall be excused from its obligations hereunder while and to the extent that its performance of such obligations is prevented by governmental regulation or order, or by war (or any escalation thereof), declared or undeclared, or other calamites such as fire, earthquake, flood, epidemic or similar acts of God, or as a result of a terrorist act (or threat thereof), riot, fire or explosion, or by reason of strike, lockout or labor controversy, or because of other similar or dissimilar causes in each case that is beyond the control of such party. In the event of such events described in the preceding sentence, each party shall be responsible for making its own alternate arrangements with respect to the services provided to it which were interrupted; however, the parties agree to cooperate with one another to restore any such interruption as soon as reasonably practicable.
- Section 7. <u>Amendment and Waiver</u>. This Agreement may not be altered, extended or amended, nor may rights hereunder be waived, except by an instrument in writing executed by the party or parties to be charged with such amendment or waiver. The waiver or failure of any party to exercise in any respect any right provided hereunder shall not be deemed a waiver of such right in the future or a waiver of any other rights established under this Agreement.

Section 8. Notice. All notices, requests, demand, and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given and made upon being delivered either by courier or fax delivery to the party for whom it is intended, provided that a copy thereof is deposited, postage prepaid, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, in the United States mail, bearing the address shown in this section for, or such other address as may be designated in writing hereafter by, such party:

#### If to Carrols:

Carrols Corporation 968 James Street

Syracuse, New York 13203

Attention: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Facsimile: (315) 475-9616 Telephone: (315) 424-0513

#### If to Fiesta:

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. 968 James Street

Syracuse, New York 13203

Attention: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Facsimile: (315) 475-9616 Telephone: (315) 424-0513

Section 9. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings relative to such subject matter.

Section 10. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision hereof shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction or arbitration tribunal or as a result of future legislative action, such holding or action shall be strictly construed and shall not affect the validity or effect of any other provision hereof, as long as the remaining provisions, taken together, are sufficient to carry out the overall intentions of the parties as evidenced hereby.

Section 11. <u>Assignment; Binding Agreement</u>. This Agreement and various rights and obligations arising hereunder shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their successors and permitted assigns. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be transferred, delegated or assigned by the parties hereto without the prior written consent of the other party, which such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 12. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed wholly within said State, without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles thereof.

Section 13. <u>Schedules</u>. All Schedules attached hereto are incorporated herein and expressly made a part of this Agreement as fully as though completely set forth herein. All references herein to Schedules mean the Schedules hereto.

Section 14. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in multiple counterparts, and in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature Page To Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date first written above.

# CARROLS CORPORATION

# /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

By: Joseph A. Zirkman

Title: Vice President, Secretary and General

Counsel

# FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

# /s/ Paul R. Flanders

By: Paul R. Flanders

Title: Vice President, Chief Executive Officer and

Treasurer

#### Services

- Executive management services, including Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel and Controller.
- Accounting services, including financial reporting, payroll, accounts payable, sales and inventory accounting, tax accounting and preparation of
  income tax return, sales tax return, payroll tax return and personal property tax return filings.
- Information systems support services, including maintenance and support of ERP systems, restaurant and POS systems, help desk and POS repair facility.
- · Treasury functions and services, including cash management, banking and debt administration, including lender relationships and loan compliance.
- · Legal functions and services, including corporate matters, litigation management and contract administration.
- Human resources services, including employee compensation and benefits management.
- Risk management services and oversight of all insurance arrangements.
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- Investor and debt holder relations services.

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This MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of August 5, 2011, between Carrols Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("<u>Carrols</u>"), and Carrols LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Carrols LLC</u>").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Carrols LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Carrols;

WHEREAS, Carrols LLC owns and operates, as franchisee, the Burger King restaurant business;

WHEREAS, Carrols LLC has entered into a Credit Agreement, dated as of August 5, 2011, among Carrols LLC, certain domestic subsidiaries of Carrols LLC from time to time party thereto, the lenders party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and lender, M&T Bank, as syndication agent and Regions Bank, as documentation agent (the "Senior Credit Facility"); and

WHEREAS, Carrols has agreed to continue to provide Carrols LLC with certain services on the terms set forth herein and pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Senior Credit Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and promises herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- Section 1. <u>Provision of Services</u>. From the date hereof, Carrols shall provide to Carrols LLC and its subsidiaries the services set forth on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto in connection with operating the Burger King restaurant businesses (collectively, the "<u>Services</u>").
- Section 2. <u>Term.</u> This Agreement shall terminate (i) automatically on the (1) date of the consummation of a spin-off transaction whereby the parent company of Carrols, Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., and Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Carrols, are two separate publicly traded companies, or (2) date on which the Senior Credit Facility has been terminated, or (ii) upon mutual agreement of the parties.
- Section 3. <u>Payment and Reimbursement</u>. Carrols LLC agrees to pay or reimburse Carrols for all costs and expenses reasonably incurred by Carrols in connection with the provision of the Services, including, without limitation, all payroll, benefits and legal, accounting and other third party costs and expenses incurred by Carrols. All such amounts to be paid or reimbursed to Carrols shall be determined by Carrols, in its sole and absolute discretion, substantially consistent with past practices. Carrols LLC shall pay all such costs and expenses either in advance or otherwise and on a recurring basis as determined by Carrols in its sole and absolute discretion, in cash, by check or ACH fund transfer promptly upon request by Carrols.
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same manner as they were provided to Carrols LLC and its subsidiaries prior to the entry of this Agreement and substantially consistent with past practices in connection with operating the Burger King restaurant businesses; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the parties acknowledge that Carrols and its personnel will not devote their full time and attention to providing the Services and Carrols shall only devote such time and attention to providing the Services as it determines in its sole and absolute discretion. Carrols LLC acknowledges that Carrols is not in the business of providing services such as the Services to third parties.

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# CARROLS CORPORATION

# /s/ Joseph A. Zirkman

By: Joseph A. Zirkman

Title: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

# CARROLS LLC

# /s/ Paul R. Flanders

By: Paul R. Flanders

Title: Vice President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer

#### Services

- Executive management services, including Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel and Controller.
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#### I, Alan Vituli, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 3, 2011 of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 12, 2011

/s/ Alan Vituli

Alan Vituli

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

#### I, Paul R. Flanders, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 3, 2011 of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
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  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
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- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 12, 2011

/s/ PAUL R. FLANDERS

Paul R. Flanders

Vice President – Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

#### I, Alan Vituli, certify that:

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- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
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  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
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- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 12, 2011

/s/ Alan Vituli

Alan Vituli

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

# I, Paul R. Flanders, certify that:

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Date: August 12, 2011 /s/ PAUL R. FLANDERS

Paul R. Flanders

Vice President – Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

The undersigned, Alan Vituli, Chief Executive Officer of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 3, 2011, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Quarterly Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Quarterly Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Alan Vituli

Alan Vituli Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer August 12, 2011

The undersigned, Paul R. Flanders, Chief Financial Officer of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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- (2) The information contained in the Quarterly Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

# /s/ PAUL R. FLANDERS

Paul R. Flanders
Vice President – Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
August 12, 2011

The undersigned, Alan Vituli, Chief Executive Officer of Carrols Corporation (the "Company"), hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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- (2) The information contained in the Quarterly Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ ALAN VITULI

Alan Vituli Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer August 12, 2011

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# /s/ PAUL R. FLANDERS

Paul R. Flanders
Vice President – Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
August 12, 2011