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

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

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 Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box: ☐

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box: ☒ x

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

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering: ☐

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box: ☐

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box: ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if smaller reporting company)	<input type="checkbox"/> Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered (1)(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (3)(4)	Amount of Registration Fee (5)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	\$—	\$—
Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value	—	—
Debt Securities	—	—
Guarantees of Debt Securities (6)	—	—
Total	\$125,000,000	\$12,588

- (1) Not specified as to each class of securities to be registered pursuant to General Instruction II.D of Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")
- (2) We are registering such indeterminate number of principal amount and number of each identified class of our securities as we may offer and sell from time to time, which will have an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$125,000,000.
- (3) The proposed maximum aggregate offering price per class of security will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance of the securities registered hereunder.
- (4) Pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act and as further described below under the heading "Statement Pursuant to Rule 429 of the Securities Act", this registration statement covers up to a maximum aggregate offering price of \$125,000,000 of the registrant's common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and/or guarantees of debt securities, including \$28,700,000 of such securities registered on the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 first filed on March 6, 2014, (File No.333-194377) (the "Prior Registration Statement"), which was declared effective on April 9, 2014, that have not yet been sold and are included in this registration statement.
- (5) The registration fee has been calculated in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act, the registrant is applying \$3,696.56 of the registration fee paid in connection with the Prior Registration Statement, representing the aggregate total amount of the filing fee associated with the unsold securities registered on the Prior Registration Statement, to offset \$3,696.56 of the registration fee due hereunder.
- (6) No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees. Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act, no separate fee is payable with respect to the guarantees.

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

TABLE OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS

Exact Name of Additional Registrants as Specified in their Respective Charters*	State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization	Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number	IRS Employer Identification Number
Carrols Corporation	Delaware	5812	16-0958146
Carrols LLC	Delaware	5812	26-2614958

* The address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, of each additional registrant is: 968 James Street, Syracuse, New York 13203, (315) 424-0513.

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 429 OF THE SECURITIES ACT

The registrant is filing a single base prospectus in this registration statement pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act, in order to satisfy the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder for (i) the offering, issuance and sale by the registrant of up to a maximum aggregate offering price of \$96,300,000 of the registrant's common stock, preferred stock, debt securities (including debt securities that may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or other debt securities) and guarantees of debt securities being registered in this new registration statement and (ii) the offering, issuance and sale by the registrant of up to a maximum aggregate offering price of \$28,700,000 of the registrant's common stock, preferred stock, debt securities (including debt securities that may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or other debt securities) and guarantees of debt securities registered in the Prior Registration Statement, to enable an aggregate of \$125,000,000 of securities to be offered pursuant to the combined base prospectus. The combined base prospectus in this registration statement, which is a new registration statement, also constitutes a post-effective amendment to the Prior Registration Statement. Such post-effective amendment shall hereafter become effective concurrently with the effectiveness of this registration statement and in accordance with Section 8(c) of, and Rule 429 under, the Securities Act.

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

Subject to completion, dated January 22, 2016

PROSPECTUS



CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

\$ 125,000,000

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Debt Securities

Guarantees of Debt Securities

We may offer and sell from time to time common stock, preferred stock, debt securities (including debt securities that may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or other debt securities) and guarantees of debt securities. The common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and guarantees may be offered separately or together, in multiple series, in amounts, at prices and on terms that will be set forth in one or more prospectus supplements to this prospectus. Certain subsidiaries may fully and unconditionally guarantee any debt securities that are issued.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that may be offered. Each time securities are offered and sold pursuant to this prospectus, a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering will be provided. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully and any document we incorporate by reference into this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement before you invest in the securities.

We may offer and sell the securities described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the sections of this prospectus entitled "About this Prospectus" and "Plan of Distribution" for more information. No securities may be sold without delivery of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

Our common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "TAST." On January 21, 2016 the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market was \$12.83 per share.

An investment in these securities involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" on page 2 of this prospectus and under any similar headings in any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that is incorporated by reference herein.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus is dated , 2016

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the "SEC", using the "shelf" registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may, from time to time, sell our securities in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$125,000,000.

Each time that we offer and sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the securities being offered and sold and the specific terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described under the headings "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Information Incorporated by Reference."

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We will not make an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement is accurate as of the date on its respective front cover, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date given in the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any sale of our securities. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

We urge you to read carefully this prospectus (as supplemented and amended), together with the information incorporated herein by reference as described under the heading "Information Incorporated by Reference," before deciding whether to invest in any of the securities being offered.

Throughout this prospectus, 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 "Fiesta Restaurant Group" refers to Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation and formerly our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary prior to our spin-off of Fiesta Restaurant Group which occurred on May 7, 2012, and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires. Any reference to "Carrols" refers to our wholly-owned subsidiary, Carrols Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires. Any reference to "Carrols LLC" refers to the wholly-owned subsidiary of Carrols, Carrols LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires.

Any reference to BKC in this prospectus refers to Burger King Worldwide, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including Burger King Corporation, and its parent company Restaurant Brands International Inc.

BURGER KING® is a registered trademark and service mark and WHOPPER® is a registered trademark of BKC. Neither BKC nor any of its subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, agents, employees, accountants or attorneys are in any way participating in, approving or endorsing this offering, any of the underwriting (if any) or accounting procedures used in this offering, or, any representations made in connection with this offering. The grant by BKC of any franchise or other rights to us is not intended as, and should not be interpreted as, an express or implied approval, endorsement or adoption of any statement regarding financial or other performance which may be contained in this prospectus. All financial information in this prospectus is our sole responsibility.

Any review by BKC of this prospectus has been conducted solely for the benefit of BKC to determine conformance with BKC internal policies, and not to benefit or protect any other person. No investor should interpret such review by BKC as an internal approval, endorsement, acceptance or adoption of any representation, warranty, covenant or projection contained in this prospectus.

The enforcement or waiver of any obligation of ours under any agreement between us and BKC or BKC affiliates is a matter of BKC or BKC affiliates' sole discretion. No investor should rely on any representation, assumption or belief that BKC or BKC affiliates will enforce or waive particular obligations of ours under those agreements.

MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA

In this prospectus, we refer to information, forecasts and statistics regarding the restaurant industry and to information, forecasts and statistics from Nation's Restaurant News, the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Unless

otherwise indicated, information regarding BKC in this prospectus has been made publicly available by BKC. The information, forecasts and statistics we use may reflect rounding adjustments.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Because it is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our securities. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the section entitled “Risk Factors,” any prospectus supplement and the documents that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus, before making an investment decision.

About Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.

Overview

We are the largest Burger King® franchisee in the United States, based on number of restaurants, and have operated Burger King restaurants since 1976. As of January 3, 2016, we owned and operated 705 Burger King restaurants located in 16 Northeastern, Midwestern and Southeastern states. Burger King restaurants feature the popular flame-broiled Whopper® sandwich, as well as a variety of hamburgers, chicken and other specialty sandwiches, french fries, salads, breakfast items, snacks, smoothies, frappes and other offerings. We believe that our size, seasoned management team, extensive operating infrastructure, experience and proven operating disciplines differentiate us from many of our competitors as well as many other Burger King operators.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol “TAST.”

Corporate Information

We are a Delaware corporation, incorporated in 1986. We conduct all of our operations through our indirect subsidiary, Carrols LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. We have no assets other than the shares of Carrols. Our principal executive offices are located at 968 James Street, Syracuse, New York 13203 and our telephone number at that address is (315) 424-0513. Our corporate website is www.carrols.com. Our website address is a textual reference only, meaning that the information contained on our website is not a part of this prospectus and is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Prior to making a decision about investing in our securities, you should consider carefully the specific risk factors discussed in the sections entitled “Risk Factors” contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2014 or the most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the SEC, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety, as well as any amendment or updates to our risk factors reflected in subsequent filings with the SEC. If any of the risks or uncertainties described in our SEC filings or any additional risks and uncertainties actually occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow could be materially and adversely affected and you might lose all or part of your investment.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the registration statement of which it forms a part contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the “Securities Act” and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the “Exchange Act.” 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, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2014 or the most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as filed with the SEC, as well as in subsequent filings with the SEC:

- Effectiveness of the Burger King® advertising programs and the overall success of the Burger King brand;
- Increases in food costs and other commodity costs;
- Competitive conditions;
- Our ability to integrate any restaurant we acquire;
- Regulatory factors;
- Environmental conditions and regulations;
- General economic conditions, particularly in the retail sector;
- Weather conditions;
- 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, including the effects of increases in minimum wage rates and healthcare reform;
- The outcome of pending or future legal claims or proceedings;
- Our ability to manage our growth and successfully implement our business strategy;
- Our inability to service our indebtedness;
- Our borrowing costs and credit ratings, which may be influenced by the credit ratings of our competitors;
- The availability and terms of necessary or desirable financing or refinancing and other related risks and uncertainties;
- The effect of our tax-free spin-off of Fiesta in 2012, including any potential tax liability that may arise;

- 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, 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; and
- Other factors discussed under “Risk Factors” and elsewhere herein.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus which reflect management’s opinions only as of their respective dates. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to revise or publicly release the results of any revisions to any forward-looking statements. You are advised, however, to consult any additional disclosures we have made or will make in our reports to the SEC on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained in this prospectus.

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS

All of our domestic subsidiaries (which we refer to as the “subsidiary guarantors” in this prospectus) fully and unconditionally guarantee our payment obligations under any series of debt securities offered by this prospectus. Financial information concerning our subsidiary guarantors will be included in our consolidated financial statements filed as part of our periodic reports filed pursuant to the Exchange Act to the extent required by the rules and regulations of the SEC.

Additional information concerning our subsidiaries and us is included in our periodic reports and other documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Please read “Where You Can Find More Information.”

USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities for general corporate purposes unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges on a historical basis for each of the periods indicated. You should read these ratios in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes to those statements, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Year Ended					Nine Months Ended
	January 2, 2011	January 1, 2012	December 30, 2012	December 29, 2013	December 28, 2014	September 27, 2015
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.16x	—	—	—	—	—

Our earnings were insufficient to cover our fixed charges for the years ended January 1, 2012, December 30, 2012, December 29, 2013, December 28, 2014 and the nine months ended September 27, 2015 by \$2,185, \$28,909, \$23,916, \$26,352 and \$7,014, respectively. As of the date of this prospectus, we have no shares of preferred stock outstanding that require us to accrue or pay dividends, and consequently, our ratio of earnings to preferred share dividends and ratio of earnings to fixed charges would be identical.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a description of the material terms of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, as amended, and of specific provisions of Delaware law. The following description is intended as a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws, as amended, and the Delaware General Corporation Law, or “DGCL.”

Authorized Capitalization

Our authorized capital stock consists of (i) 100,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and (ii) 20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of January 21, 2016, we had issued and outstanding 35,827,660 shares of our common stock and 100 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, which we refer to as "Series A Preferred Stock".

Common Stock

Voting Rights. Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted for a vote by the common stockholders, except as otherwise required by law and subject to the rights of any preferred stock we may issue in the future. The holders of common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. Accordingly, the holders of more than 50% of the shares of common stock can, if they choose to do so, elect all the directors to be elected by our common stockholders to each remove and replace one director. In such event, the holders of the remaining shares of common stock will not be able to elect any directors.

Dividend Rights. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably dividends if, as and when dividends are declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose, after payment of dividends required to be paid on any outstanding preferred stock ranking prior to the common stock as to the payment of dividends. We do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. In addition, 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 need to rely on dividends or distributions to us from Carrols and indirectly from subsidiaries of Carrols. The indenture governing our 8.00% Senior Secured Second Lien Notes due 2022 and our senior credit facility limits, and debt instruments that we and our subsidiaries may enter into in the future may limit, our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders.

Liquidation Rights. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably the assets available for the distribution to the common stockholders after payment of, or provision for, all of our liabilities and amounts due in respect of any outstanding preferred stock ranking prior to the common stock with respect to distributions under such circumstances.

Other Matters. Holders of common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights and are not subject to further calls or assessment by us. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to our common stock. All outstanding shares of our common stock are, and the shares of common stock being offered by us in this prospectus will, upon issuance, be, fully paid and non-assessable.

Preferred Stock

Our restated certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock. Unless required by law or by any stock exchange on which our common stock is listed, the authorized shares of preferred stock will be available for issuance at the discretion of our board of directors without further action by our stockholders. Our board of directors is able to determine, with respect to any series of preferred stock, the terms and rights of that series including:

- the designation of the series;
- the number of shares of the series;
- whether dividends, if any, will be cumulative or non-cumulative and the dividend rate, if any, of the series;
- the dates at which dividends, if any, will be payable;
- the redemption rights and price or prices, if any, for shares of the series;
- the terms and amounts of any sinking fund provided for the purchase or redemption of shares of the series;
- the amounts payable on shares of the series in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the affairs of our company;
- whether the shares of the series will be convertible into shares of any other class or series, or any other security, of our company or any other entity, and, if so, the specification of the other class or series or other security, the conversion price or prices or rate or rates and provisions for any adjustments to such prices or rates, the date or dates as of which the shares will be convertible and all other terms and conditions upon which the conversion may be made;
- the ranking of such series with respect to dividends and amounts payable on our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, which may include provisions that such series will rank senior to our common stock with respect to dividends and those distributions;
- restrictions on the issuance of shares of the same series or any other class or series; and
- voting rights, if any, of the holders of the series.

The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect, among other things, the voting power of holders of common stock and the likelihood that stockholders will receive dividend payments and payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up. The issuance of preferred stock could also have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of us. See “—Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock” below.

A prospectus supplement relating to any series of preferred stock being offered will include specific terms relating to the offering. They will include, where applicable:

- the title and stated value of the series of shares of preferred stock and the number of shares constituting that series;
- the number of shares of the series of preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the offering price of the shares of preferred stock;
- the dividend rate(s), period(s) and/or payment date(s) or the method(s) of calculation for those values relating to the shares of preferred stock of the series;
- the date from which dividends on shares of preferred stock of the series shall cumulate, if applicable;
- our right, if any, to defer payment of dividends and the maximum length of any such deferral period;
- the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any, for shares of preferred stock of the series;
- the provision for a sinking fund, if any, for shares of preferred stock of the series;
- the provision for redemption or repurchase, if applicable, of shares of preferred stock of the series;
- any listing of the series of shares of preferred stock on any securities exchange;

- the terms and conditions, if applicable, upon which shares of preferred stock of the series will be convertible into shares of preferred stock of another series or common stock, including the conversion price, or manner of calculating the conversion price;
- whether the preferred stock will be exchangeable into debt securities, and, if applicable, the exchange period, the exchange price, or how it will be calculated, and under what circumstances it may be adjusted;
- voting rights, if any, of the preferred stock;
- restrictions on transfer, sale or other assignment, if any;
- whether interests in shares of preferred stock of the series will be represented by global securities;
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights, limitations or restrictions of the series of shares of preferred stock;
- a discussion of any material United States federal income tax consequences of owning or disposing of the shares of preferred stock of the series;
- the relative ranking and preferences of shares of preferred stock of the series as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs; and
- any limitations on issuance of any series of shares of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with the series of shares of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs.

If we issue shares of preferred stock under this prospectus, the shares will be fully paid and nonassessable and will not have, or be subject to, any preemptive or similar rights.

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock

In May 2012, we issued 100 shares of Series A Preferred Stock to Burger King Corporation in connection with our purchase of 278 Burger King restaurants from BKC, which we refer to as the "acquisition", including BKC's assignment of its right of first refusal on franchise restaurant transfers in 20 states and a grant, on a non-exclusive basis, of franchise pre-approval rights to acquire restaurants from Burger King franchisees in such 20 states until we operate 1,000 Burger King restaurants. The Series A Preferred Stock was issued pursuant to the certificate of designation and are convertible into an aggregate of 20.8% of the shares of our common stock outstanding, on a fully diluted basis, as of January 21, 2016 after giving effect to the issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock (or 9,414,580 shares of our common stock in the aggregate, which we refer to as the "conversion shares"). So long as the number of shares of our common stock into which the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by BKC are then convertible constitutes greater than 10% of the outstanding shares of our common stock (on an as-converted basis), BKC has certain approval rights with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock including, among other things: (a) changes to the restaurant remodeling plan agreed to at the time of the closing of the acquisition; (b) modifying our organizational documents; (c) amending the size of our board of directors; (d) the authorization or consummation of any liquidation event, except as permitted pursuant to the operating agreement; (e) engaging in any business other than the acquisition and operation of Burger King restaurants, except following a bankruptcy filing, reorganization or insolvency proceeding by or against BKC or its parent company, Burger King Worldwide, Inc., which filing has not been dismissed within 60 days; (f) issuing, in any single transaction or series of related transactions, shares of our common stock in an amount exceeding 35% of the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately prior to the time of such issuance; and (g) entering into certain affiliated transactions. The Series A Preferred Stock votes with our common stock on an as-converted basis and provides for the right of BKC to elect two members of our board of directors as Class A members until the date on which the number of shares of our common stock into which the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by BKC are then convertible constitutes less than 14.5% of the total number of outstanding shares of our common stock, which we refer to as the "director step-down date". From the director step-down date to the date on which the number of shares of our common stock into which the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by BKC are then convertible constitute less than 10% of the total number of outstanding shares of our common stock, BKC will have the right to elect one member to our board of directors as a Class A member. The Series A Preferred Stock ranks senior to our common stock with respect to rights on liquidation, winding-up and dissolution of us up to its stated value of \$0.01 per share and thereafter pro rata with our common stock on an as converted basis. The Series A Preferred Stock receives dividends pro rata with our common stock on an as converted basis. The Series A Preferred Stock does not pay interest, is perpetual and has no mandatory redemption features.

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock Registration Rights

Upon the closing of the acquisition, in May 2012 we and BKC entered into a registration rights agreement, which we refer to as the "BKC registration rights agreement," pursuant to which we agreed to file one shelf registration statement on Form

S-3 under the Securities Act covering the resale of at least 30% of the conversion shares as promptly as possible upon written request of BKC at any time after the 36-month anniversary of the closing of the acquisition. The BKC registration rights agreement also provides that BKC may make up to three demands to register for the resale of at least 33.3% of the conversion shares held by BKC under the Securities Act on the date of the closing of the acquisition upon the written request by BKC at any time following the 30-month anniversary of the closing of the acquisition. The BKC registration rights agreement also provides that whenever we register shares of our common stock under the Securities Act (other than on a Form S-4 or Form S-8), BKC has the right as specified therein to register its conversion shares as part of that registration, provided, however, that such registration rights are subject to the rights of the managing underwriters, if any, to reduce or exclude certain conversion shares owned by BKC from an underwritten registration (and subject to certain rights of certain persons, including members of our management that have piggyback registration rights). Except as otherwise provided in the BKC registration rights agreement, the BKC registration rights agreement requires us to pay for all costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts, commissions and underwriters' counsel fees, incurred in connection with the registration of our common stock, stock transfer taxes and the expenses of BKC's legal counsel in connection with the sale of the conversion shares, provided that we will pay the reasonable fees and expenses of one counsel for BKC up to \$50,000 in the aggregate for any registration thereunder, subject to the limitations set forth therein. We will also agree to indemnify BKC against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. We have also agreed, to the extent a shelf registration is effective, to file up to two prospectus supplements in connection with a block sale or non-marketed underwritten offering by BKC of our common stock held by BKC and pay one half of the accounting and printing fees related thereto to the extent such sale or offering is for a sales price of no less than 90% of the average closing price of our common stock for the five trading days ending immediately prior to such sale or offering and is not less than 300,000 shares of common stock.

Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock

The DGCL does not require stockholder approval for any issuance of authorized shares. Additional shares of our common stock or preferred stock may be used for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings, to raise additional capital or to facilitate acquisitions.

One of the effects of the existence of unissued and unreserved common stock or preferred stock may be to enable our board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, which issuance could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our company by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of our management and possibly deprive the stockholders of opportunities to sell their shares of common stock at prices higher than prevailing market prices.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Provisions of the Delaware General Corporate Law and Certain Provisions of Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated By-laws

Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We are a Delaware corporation subject to Section 203 of the DGCL. In general, Section 203 provides that, subject to certain exceptions, we may not engage in certain "business combinations" with any "interested stockholder" for a three-year period following the time that the stockholder became an interested stockholder unless:

- prior to such time, our board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding (but not the voting stock owned by the interested stockholder) those shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers, and employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine whether shares held under the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- at or subsequent to that time, the business combination is approved by our board of directors at an annual or special meeting of stockholders and not by written consent, and by the affirmative vote of holders of at least 66²/₃% of our outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Generally, a "business combination" includes, among other things, a merger, asset sale or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to certain exceptions, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with that person's affiliates and associates, owns, or is an affiliate or associate of us and within the previous three years did own, 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock.

Section 203 generally makes it more difficult for a person who is or would be an “interested stockholder” to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period. The provisions of Section 203 may encourage companies interested in acquiring our company to negotiate in advance with our board of directors because the stockholder approval requirement would be avoided if our board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction that results in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder. These provisions also may make it more difficult to accomplish transactions that our stockholders may otherwise deem to be in our and their best interests.

Classified Board of Directors. Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors be divided into three classes of directors, as nearly equal in size as is practicable, serving staggered three-year terms.

Calling of Special Meeting of Stockholders. Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws, as amended, provide that special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by (1) our board of directors or chief executive officer for any purpose or (2) by the secretary if directed by the board of directors. Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws provide that business transacted at any special meeting of stockholders shall be limited to matters relating to the purpose or purposes stated in the notice of such special meeting. Accordingly, our stockholders will not be entitled to take action by calling special meetings.

Adjournment of Stockholder Meetings. Our amended and restated bylaws, as amended, provide that only the Chairman of the Board or other person presiding over any stockholder meeting may adjourn the meeting whether or not a quorum is present at the meeting.

Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations. Our amended and restated by-laws, as amended, provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before or to nominate candidates for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders must provide timely notice of their proposal in writing to the corporate secretary. To be timely, a stockholder’s notice must be delivered or mailed and received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 nor more than 120 days in advance of the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced by more than thirty days, or delayed by more than seventy days, from such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered (a) not more than the one hundred twentieth day prior to such annual meeting and (b) not less than (i) the close of business on the later of the ninetieth day prior to such annual meeting or (ii) the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by us. Our amended and restated by-laws will also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder’s notice. Stockholder nominations for the election of directors at a special meeting must be received by our corporate secretary by the later of ten days following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting or 90 days prior to the date that meeting is proposed to be held. These provisions may impede stockholders’ ability to bring matters before an annual meeting of stockholders or make nominations for directors at an annual or special meeting of stockholders.

Amendment or Alteration of Bylaws. Stockholders may amend, alter, change or repeal provisions of our amended and restated bylaws, as amended, only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66²/₃% of the shares entitled to vote at an election of directors. This may make it more difficult for stockholders to alter our amended and restated by-laws.

No Cumulative Voting. Holders of our common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. Accordingly, holders of more than 50% of the shares of our common stock can, if they choose to do so, elect all of our directors to be elected by our common stockholders. In such event, holders of the remaining shares of our common stock will not be able to elect any directors.

Removal of Directors. The board of directors may only remove a director from the board for cause and then only by action of a majority of the board. Subject to those rights, stockholders may only remove a director from our board of directors for cause, and then only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66²/₃% of the shares entitled to vote at an election of directors.

Amendment or Alteration of Restated Certificate of Incorporation. Stockholders may amend, alter, change or repeal certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66²/₃% of the shares entitled to vote at an election of directors. This may make it more difficult for stockholders to alter those provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation.

No Stockholder Action by Written Consent. Our restated certificate of incorporation requires 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.

Limitation on Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The DGCL authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties as directors. Our restated certificate of incorporation includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

- for breach of duty of loyalty;
- for acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law;
- under Section 174 of the DGCL (relating to unlawful dividends or stock repurchases or redemption); or
- for transactions from which the director derived improper personal benefit.

Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws, as amended, provide that we must indemnify and advance expenses to our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL. We will also be expressly authorized to, and do, carry directors' and officers' insurance for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer and Trust Company, Inc.

Listing

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "TAST."

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplement and in any related free writing prospectuses, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any debt securities that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any debt securities in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any debt securities offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

When describing any debt securities, references to "issuer" refers to Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.

We have filed, as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, the form of indenture pursuant to which the debt securities will be issued and will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from reports that we file with the SEC, a form of debt security that describes the terms of the particular debt securities we are offering before the issuance of the related debt securities. We may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more distinct series. The debt securities may be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities. Senior debt securities may be issued under a senior indenture and subordinated debt securities may be issued under a subordinated indenture. If we issue debt securities pursuant to an indenture, we will specify the trustee under such indenture in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will include in a supplement to this prospectus the specific terms of debt securities being offered, including the terms, if any, on which debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or other debt securities. The statements and descriptions in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement regarding provisions of debt securities and any indentures are summaries of those provisions, do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the debt securities and the indentures (including any amendments or supplements we may enter into from time to time which are permitted under the debt securities or any indenture).

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be our direct unsecured obligations. Any debt securities designated as senior will rank equally with any of our other senior and unsubordinated debt. Any debt securities designated as subordinated will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to any senior indebtedness. There may be subordinated debt securities that are senior or junior to other series of subordinated debt securities.

The payment obligations of the issuer under any series of debt securities may be guaranteed by one or more of our direct or indirect subsidiaries. If a series of debt securities is so guaranteed, the guarantors will execute the applicable indenture, a supplemental indenture or a notation of guarantee as further evidence of their guarantee. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any guarantee.

The obligations of each guarantor under its guarantee may be limited to the maximum amount that will not result in such guarantee obligations constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under federal or state law, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of that subsidiary and any collections from or payments made by or on behalf of any other guarantor in respect to its obligations under its guarantee.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the debt securities or any series thereof, including, if applicable:

- the title of the debt securities and whether the debt securities will be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities;
- any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;
- the date or dates on which the principal amount of the debt securities will mature;
- if the debt securities bear interest, the rate or rates at which the debt securities bear interest, or the method for determining the interest rate, and the date or dates from which interest will accrue;
- if the debt securities bear interest, the dates on which interest will be payable, or the method for determining such dates, and the regular record dates for interest payments;
- the place or places where the payment of principal, any premium and interest will be made, where the debt securities may be surrendered for transfer or exchange and where notices or demands to or upon us may be served;
- any optional redemption provisions, which would allow us to redeem the debt securities in whole or in part;
- any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to redeem, repay or purchase the debt securities;
- if the currency in which the debt securities will be issuable is United States dollars, the denominations in which any registered securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;
- if other than the entire principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of debt securities which will be payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the debt securities;
- the events of default and covenants relevant to the debt securities, including, the inapplicability of any event of default or covenant set forth in the indenture relating to the debt securities, or the applicability of any other events of defaults or covenants in addition to the events of default or covenants set forth in the indenture relating to the debt securities;
- the name and location of the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee under the indenture for such debt securities;
- if other than United States dollars, the currency in which the debt securities will be paid or denominated;
- if the debt securities are to be payable, at our election or the election of a holder of the debt securities, in a currency other than that in which the debt securities are denominated or stated to be payable, the terms and conditions upon which that election may be made, and the time and manner of determining the exchange rate between the currency in which the debt securities are denominated or stated to be payable and the currency in which the debt securities are to be so payable;
- the designation of the original currency determination agent, if any;
- if the debt securities are issuable as indexed securities, the manner in which the amount of payments of principal, any premium and interest will be determined;
- if the debt securities do not bear interest, the dates on which we will furnish to the applicable trustee the names and addresses of the holders of the debt securities;
- any provisions for the satisfaction and discharge or defeasance or covenant defeasance of the indenture under which the debt securities are issued;
- the date as of which any bearer securities and any global security will be dated if other than the date of original issuance of the first debt security of a particular series to be issued;
- whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts to non-United States holders in respect of any tax assessment or government charge;

- whether the debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of a global security or securities and, in that case, any depositary and global exchange agent for the global security or securities, whether the global form shall be permanent or temporary;
- if debt securities are to be issuable initially in the form of a temporary global security, the circumstances under which the temporary global security can be exchanged for definitive debt securities and whether the definitive debt securities will be registered securities and provisions relating to the payment of interest in respect of any portion of a global security payable in respect of an interest payment date prior to the exchange date;
- the extent and manner to which payment on or in respect of debt securities will be subordinated to the prior payment of our other liabilities and obligations;
- whether payment of any amount due under the debt securities will be guaranteed by one or more guarantors, including one or more of our subsidiaries;
- whether the debt securities will be secured or unsecured;
- whether the debt securities will be convertible and the terms of any conversion provisions;
- the forms of the debt securities;
- a discussion of any material United States federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of the debt securities; and
- any other terms of the debt securities, which terms shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that provides that we may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more series under one or more indentures, in each case with the same or various maturities, at par or at a discount. Unless indicated in a prospectus supplement, we may issue additional debt securities of a particular series without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of such series outstanding at the time of the issuance. Any such additional debt securities, together with all other outstanding debt securities of that series, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the applicable indenture.

We intend to disclose any restrictive covenants for any issuance or series of debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities covered in this prospectus from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods, through underwriters or dealers, through agents and/or directly to one or more purchasers or any other method permitted by applicable law. The securities may be distributed from time to time in one or more transactions at fixed prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, or at negotiated prices.

Each time that we sell securities covered by this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement or supplements that will describe the method of distribution and set forth the terms and conditions of the offering of such securities, including the offering price of the securities and the proceeds to us, if applicable.

Offers to purchase the securities being offered by this prospectus may be solicited directly. Agents may also be designated to solicit offers to purchase the securities from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of our securities will be identified in a prospectus supplement.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, the securities will be sold to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale.

If an underwriter is utilized in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, an underwriting agreement will be executed with the underwriter at the time of sale and the name of any underwriter will be provided in the prospectus supplement that the underwriter will use to make resales of the securities to the public. In connection with the sale of the securities, we or the purchasers of securities for whom the underwriter may act as agent, may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell the securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for which they may act as agent. Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, an agent will be acting on a best efforts basis and a dealer will purchase securities as a principal, and may then resell the securities at varying prices to be determined by the dealer.

Any compensation paid to underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering of the securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers will be provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act in this prospectus, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions. We may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments they may be required to make in respect thereof and to reimburse those persons for certain expenses.

Any common stock will be listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol “TAST.” To facilitate the offering of securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. This may include over-allotments or short sales of the securities, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more securities than were sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option, if any. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of the securities by bidding for or purchasing securities in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if securities sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, underwriters or other persons acting as agents may be authorized to solicit offers by institutions or other suitable purchasers to purchase the securities at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement, pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date or dates stated in the prospectus supplement. These purchasers may include, among others, commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions. Delayed delivery contracts will be subject to the condition that the purchase of the securities covered by the delayed delivery contracts will not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of any jurisdiction in the United States to which the purchaser is subject. The underwriters and agents will not have any responsibility with respect to the validity or performance of these contracts.

We may engage in at the market offerings into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act. In addition, we may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement so indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment). In addition, we may otherwise loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities short using this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement. Such financial institution or other third party may transfer its economic short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a concurrent offering of other securities.

The specific terms of any lock-up provisions in respect of any given offering will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with us, or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business for which they receive compensation.

LEGAL MATTERS

Akerman LLP, New York, New York, will pass upon for us the validity of the securities offered hereby.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements, and the related consolidated financial statement schedule, incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. (the “Company”), and the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and consolidated financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are a reporting company and we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. We have filed with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to the securities offered hereby. This prospectus, which constitutes a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement or the exhibits which are part of the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and the securities offered by this prospectus, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits filed as part of the registration statement. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC’s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. We maintain a website at www.carrols.com. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference herein and is not part of this prospectus.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus certain information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC, except that information furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of our Current Reports on Form 8-K or any other filing where we indicate that such information is being furnished and not “filed” under the Exchange Act, is not deemed to be filed and not incorporated by reference herein:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2014, filed on March 4, 2015;
- our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 24, 2015;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 29, 2015, June 28, 2015 and September 27, 2015, filed on May 6, 2015, August 5, 2015 and November 4, 2015, respectively;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 2, 2015, March 30, 2015, April 29, 2015, and June 15, 2015; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A as filed with the SEC on November 30, 2006 and any further amendment or report filed hereafter for the purpose of updating such description.

We also incorporate by reference into this prospectus additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the completion or termination of the offering, including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, but excluding any information deemed furnished and not filed with the SEC. Any statements contained in a previously filed document incorporated by reference into this prospectus is deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, or in a subsequently filed document also incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes that statement.

This prospectus may contain information that updates, modifies or is contrary to information in one or more of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of this prospectus or the date of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, at no cost to the requester, a copy of any and all of the information that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost to you, by telephoning us at (315) 424-0513 or by writing us at the following address:

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
968 James Street
Syracuse, New York 13203
Attn: Investor Relations

You may also access the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus through our website at www.carrols.com. The reference to our website is an inactive textual reference only and, except for the specific incorporated documents listed above, no information available on or through our website shall be deemed to be incorporated in this prospectus or the registration statement of which it forms a part.

PART II
INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by us in connection with the offering of the securities being registered. All amounts are estimates except the registration fee.

	Amount to Be Paid
SEC registration fee	\$ 12,588
Legal fees and expenses *	*
Accounting fees and expenses *	*
Printing and miscellaneous *	*
Trustee fee	*
FINRA fee	*
Total	*

* These fees are calculated based on the number of issuances and amount of securities offered and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The following subparagraphs briefly describe indemnification provisions for our directors, officers and controlling persons against liability, including liability under the Securities Act.

Under Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware, a Delaware corporation has the power, under specified circumstances, to indemnify its directors, officers, employees and agents in connection with actions, suits or proceedings brought against them by a third party (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that they were or are such directors, officers, employees or agents, against expenses incurred in any action, suit or proceeding. Our certificate of incorporation allows for indemnification of directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

Section 102(b)(7) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides that a certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the company or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 (relating to liability for unauthorized acquisitions or redemptions of, or dividends on, capital stock) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Our certificate of incorporation contains such a provision.

We have directors' and officers' liability insurance covering certain liabilities incurred by our directors and officers in connection with the performance of their respective duties.

Reference is made to Item 17 for our undertakings with respect to indemnification for liabilities under the Securities Act.

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(a) The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference:

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** Filed herewith.

Item 17. Undertakings

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;
provided, however, that subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3, Form SF-3 or Form F-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
 - (i) If the Registrant is relying on Rule 430B:
 - (a) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (b) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or
 - (ii) If the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

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

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement on Form S-3 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Syracuse, State of New York, on the 22nd day of January, 2016.

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel T. Accordino
Daniel T. Accordino
President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Paul R. Flanders and William E. Myers, and each of them individually, as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign the Registration Statement filed herewith and any or all amendments to said Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments and registration statements filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 and otherwise), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents the full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the foregoing, as full to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his or her substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Daniel T. Accordino</u> Daniel T. Accordino	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)	January 22, 2016
<u>/s/ Paul R. Flanders</u> Paul R. Flanders	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	January 22, 2016
<u>/s/ William E. Myers</u> William E. Myers	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	January 22, 2016
<u>/s/ Timothy J. LaLonde</u> Timothy J. LaLonde	Vice President, Controller	January 22, 2016
<u>/s/ Hannah S. Craven</u> Hannah S. Craven	Director	January 22, 2016
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<u>/s/ David S. Harris</u> David S. Harris	Director	January 22, 2016
<u>/s/ Manuel A. Garcia III</u> Manuel A. Garcia III	Director	January 22, 2016
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DEBT SECURITIES

FORM OF INDENTURE

Dated as of []

[]

Trustee

CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE*

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(a)(2)	7.10
(a)(3)	N.A.
(a)(4)	N.A.
(a)(5)	7.10
(b)	7.10
(c)	N.A.
311(a)	7.11
(b)	7.11
(c)	N.A.
312(a)	2.07
(b)	13.03
(c)	13.03
313(a)	7.06
(b)(1)	7.06
(b)(2)	7.07
(c)	7.06, 13.02
(d)	7.06
314(a)	N.A.
(b)	N.A.
(c)(1)	13.04
(c)(2)	13.04
(c)(3)	N.A.
(d)	N.A.
(e)	13.05
(f)	N.A.
315(a)	7.01
(b)	7.05, 13.02
(c)	7.01
(d)	7.01
(e)	6.11
316(a) (last sentence)	2.11
(a)(1)(A)	6.05
(a)(1)(B)	6.04
(a)(2)	N.A.
(b)	6.07
(c)	6.10
317(a)(1)	6.08
(a)(2)	6.09
(b)	2.06
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INDENTURE dated as of [] between CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and [], as trustee (the "Trustee").

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture (as defined herein) to provide for the issuance from time to time of its debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (herein called the "Securities") to be issued in one or more series as provided in this Indenture.

For and in consideration of the premises and purchase of the Securities by the Holders (as defined herein) thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed, for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities of each series thereof as follows:

ARTICLE 1.
DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION
BY REFERENCE

Section 1.01 Definitions.

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person, directly or indirectly, controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent or co-registrar.

"Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company (or any duly authorized committee thereof).

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors.

"Business Day" means each day that is not a Legal Holiday.

"Capital Stock" of any Person means any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) equity of such Person, including any Preferred Stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Company" means Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., and any and all successors thereto.

"Company Order" means a written order signed in the name of the Company by an Officer or, with respect to Sections 2.04, 2.08, 2.09, 2.12 and 9.05, any other employee of the Company named in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee" shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 13.02 hereof or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Company.

"Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Depository" means, with respect to the Securities issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified pursuant to Section 2.03(a) hereof as the Depository with respect to the Securities, and any and all successors thereto appointed as depository hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"Dollars" or "\$" means the lawful currency of the United States of America.

"Exchange Act" means the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States 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 have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect on the Issue Date.

"Global Security" or "Global Securities" means any Security or Securities, as the case may be, in the form established pursuant to Section 2.02 hereof evidencing all or a part of a series of Securities issued to the Depositary of such series or its nominee and registered in the name of such Depositary or nominee.

"Government Securities" means (1) direct obligations of the United States of America for the timely payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged, or (2) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America.

"Guarantee" means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any indebtedness of any other Person and any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person:

- (1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreements to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to take-or-pay or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise); or
- (2) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part);

provided, however, that the term "Guarantee" shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term "Guarantee" used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Holder" means the Person in whose name a Security is registered on the Registrar's books.

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

"Interest Payment Date," when used with respect to any Security, means the stated maturity of an installment of interest on such Security.

"Issue Date" means the date on which any series of Securities is originally issued hereunder.

"Legal Holiday" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which commercial banking institutions are not required to be open in New York City.

"Lien" means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien or charge of any kind (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or lease in the nature thereof); provided that in no event shall an operating lease be deemed to constitute a Lien.

"Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer and President, the Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, or any Vice President of the Company.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by two Officers.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion from legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or the Trustee.

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

"Preferred Stock," as applied to the Capital Stock of any Person, means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) which is preferred as to the payment of dividends or distributions, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such Person, over shares of Capital Stock of any other class of such Person.

"Redemption Date," when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, shall mean the date specified for redemption of such Security in accordance with the terms of such Security and this Indenture.

"Redemption Price," when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to the terms of such Security and this Indenture.

"Registered Security," means any Security in the form (to the extent applicable thereto) established pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof which is registered on the books of the Registrar.

"Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date on the Registered Securities of any series means the date specified for that purpose as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof.

"Responsible Officer," when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Corporate Trust Administration of the Trustee (or any successor group of the Trustee) with direct responsibility for the administration of the Indenture or any other officer of the Trustee with direct responsibility for the administration of the Indenture customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Restricted Subsidiary," means any Subsidiary of the Company that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Securities" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble to this Indenture.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary that would be a "Significant Subsidiary" of the Company within the meaning of Rule 1-02 under Regulation S-X promulgated by the SEC.

"Special Record Date" for the payment of any Defaulted Interest on the Registered Securities of any issue means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 2.14 hereof.

"Stated Maturity," means, with respect to any Security, the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the final payment of principal of such security is due and payable, including pursuant to any mandatory redemption provisions (but excluding any provision providing for the repurchase of such Security at the option of the Holder thereof upon the happening of any contingency unless such contingency has occurred).

"Subsidiary," means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Voting Stock is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by:

- (3) such Person;
- (4) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person; or
- (5) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. §§ 77aaa-77bbbb) as amended.

"Trustee" means the party named as such above until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.

["Unrestricted Subsidiary," means [].]

"Voting Stock" of a Person means all classes of Capital Stock of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof.

Section 1.02 Other Definitions.

Term	Defined in Section
" <u>Covenant Defeasance</u> "	8.03
" <u>Defaulted Interest</u> "	2.14
" <u>Defeased Securities</u> "	8.01
" <u>Event of Default</u> "	6.01
" <u>Legal Defeasance</u> "	8.02
" <u>Paying Agent</u> "	2.05
" <u>Registrar</u> "	2.05
" <u>Successor Company</u> ."	5.01

Section 1.03 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture.

The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"indenture securities" means the Securities;

"indenture security holder" means a Holder;

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture;

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee; and

"obligor" on the Securities means the Company and any successor obligor upon the Securities.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA have the meanings so assigned to them.

Section 1.04 Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (c) "or" is not exclusive;
- (d) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
- (e) provisions apply to successive events and transactions; and
- (f) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time.

ARTICLE 2. THE SECURITIES

Section 2.01 Form Generally.

The Securities of each series shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto or in such other form as shall be established by delivery to the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in each case with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may be required to comply with the rules of any securities exchange or as may,

consistently herewith, be determined by the Officers executing such Securities as evidenced by their execution of the Securities.

The certificated Securities shall be printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods or may be produced in any other manner, provided that such method is permitted by the rules of any securities exchange on which such Securities may be listed, all as determined by the Officers executing such Securities as evidenced by their execution of such Securities.

Section 2.02 Securities in Global Form.

If Securities of a series are issuable as a Global Security, as specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof, then, notwithstanding clause (11) of Section 2.03(a) hereof and the provisions of Section 2.03(b) hereof, any such Global Security shall represent such of the outstanding Securities of such series as shall be specified therein and may provide that it shall represent the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Securities from time to time endorsed thereon or otherwise notated on the books and records of the Registrar and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Security to reflect the aggregate principal amount of any increase or decrease in the amount of outstanding Securities represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee in such manner and upon instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.08 hereof.

Global Securities may be issued in either temporary or permanent form. Permanent Global Securities will be issued in definitive form.

The provisions of the last sentence of Section 2.04 hereof shall apply to any Security represented by a Global Security if such Security was never issued and sold by the Company, and the Company delivers to the Trustee the Security in global form together with written instructions (which need not comply with Section 13.04 or 13.05 hereof and need not be accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel) with regard to the reduction in the principal amount of Securities represented thereby, together with the written statement contemplated by the last sentence of Section 2.04 hereof.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 2.14 and 2.15 hereof, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof, payment of principal of and any interest on any Global Security shall be made to the Person or Persons specified therein.

None of the Company, the Trustee of such series of Securities, any Paying Agent or Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of a Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Section 2.03 Title and Terms.

(a) The aggregate principal amount of Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is . The Securities may be issued in one or more series. There shall be established and, subject to Section 2.04 hereof, set forth, or determined in the manner provided, in an Officers' Certificate or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuances of Securities of any series, any or all of the following, as applicable:

- (1) the title of the Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from the Securities of all other series);
- (2) if there is to be a limit, the limit on the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered on registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the series pursuant to Section 2.08, 2.09, 2.12, 3.06 or 9.05 and except for any Securities that, pursuant to Section 2.02 or 2.04, are deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder); provided, however, that unless otherwise provided in the terms of the series, the authorized aggregate principal amount of that series may be increased before or after the issuance of any Securities of the series by a Board Resolution (or action pursuant to a Board Resolution) to that effect;

- (3) whether the Securities are senior Securities or subordinated Securities and, if subordinated Securities, the subordination provisions and the applicable definition of "Senior Indebtedness";
- (4) whether any Securities of the series are to be issuable initially in temporary global form and whether any Securities of the series are to be issuable in permanent global form, as Global Securities or otherwise, and, if so, whether beneficial owners of interests in any such Global Security may exchange those interests for Securities of that series and of like tenor of any authorized form and denomination and the circumstances under which those exchanges may occur, if other than in the manner provided in Section 2.02, and the initial Depositary for any Global Security or Securities of that series;
- (5) (i) if other than provided herein, the Person to whom any interest on Securities of the series shall be payable, and (ii) the manner in which any interest payable on a temporary Global Security on any Interest Payment Date will be paid if other than in the manner provided in Section 2.14;
- (6) the date or dates on which the principal of (and premium, if any, on) the Securities of the series is payable or the method of determination thereof;
- (7) the rate or rates, or the method of determination thereof, at which the Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which that interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which that interest shall be payable and the Regular Record Date for the interest payable on any Securities on any Interest Payment Date;
- (8) the place or places where, subject to the provisions of Section 4.02, the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on the Securities of the series shall be payable;
- (9) the period or periods within which, the price or prices (whether denominated in cash, securities or otherwise) at which and the terms and conditions on which Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company, if the Company is to have that option, and the manner in which the Company may exercise any such option, if different from those set forth herein;
- (10) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, purchase or repay Securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices (whether denominated in cash, securities or otherwise) at which and the terms and conditions on which Securities of the series shall be redeemed, purchased or repaid in whole or in part pursuant to that obligation;
- (11) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denomination in which any Securities of that series shall be issuable;
- (12) if other than Dollars, the currency or currencies (including composite currencies) or the form, including equity securities, other debt securities (including Securities), warrants or any other securities or property of the Company or any other Person, in which payment of the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on the Securities of the series shall be payable;
- (13) if the principal of, premium (if any) or interest on the Securities of the series are to be payable, at the election of the Company or a Holder thereof, in a currency or currencies (including composite currencies) other than that in which the Securities are stated to be payable, the currency or currencies (including composite currencies) in which payment of the principal of, premium (if any) and interest on the Securities of that series as to which that election is made shall be payable, and the periods within which and the terms and conditions on which that election is to be made;
- (14) if the amount of payments of principal, premium (if any) and interest on the Securities of the series may be determined with reference to any commodities, currencies or indices, values, rates or prices or any other index or formula, the manner in which those amounts shall be determined;

- (15) if other than the entire principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of the series that shall be payable on declaration of acceleration of the Stated Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.02;
- (16) any additional means of satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture and any additional conditions or limitations to discharge with respect to Securities of the series pursuant to Article 8 or Article 12 or any modifications of or deletions from those conditions or limitations;
- (17) any deletions or modifications of or additions to the Events of Default set forth in Section 6.01 or covenants of the Company set forth in Article 4 pertaining to the Securities of the series;
- (18) any restrictions or other provisions with respect to the transfer or exchange of Securities of the series, which may amend, supplement, modify or supersede those contained in this Article 2;
- (19) if the Securities of the series are to be convertible into or exchangeable for Capital Stock, other debt securities (including Securities), warrants, other equity securities or any other securities or property of the Company or any other Person, at the option of the Company or the Holder or on the occurrence of any condition or event, the terms and conditions for that conversion or exchange;
- (20) if the Securities of the series shall have the benefits of any Guarantee and, if so, the identity of the guarantor or guarantors and the terms and provisions applicable to any such Guarantee;
- (21) if the Securities shall be secured or unsecured and the terms and provisions applicable to any such security arrangements; and
- (22) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be prohibited by the provisions of this Indenture).

All Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination, the rate or rates of interest, if any, Stated Maturity, the date from which interest, if any, shall accrue and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to an Officers' Certificate pursuant to this Section 2.03(a) or in any indenture supplemental hereto.

All Securities of any one series need not be issued at the same time and, unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened for issuances of additional Securities of such series or for the establishment of additional terms with respect to the Securities of such series.

If any of the terms of the series are established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of any appropriate record of such action shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officers' Certificate setting forth the terms of the series.

- (b) Unless otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to any series of Securities, the Securities of such series shall be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 or integral multiples thereof.

Section 2.04 Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating.

Two Officers shall sign the Securities for the Company by manual or facsimile signature. If an Officer whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time a Security is authenticated, the Security shall nevertheless be valid.

A Security shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual or facsimile signature of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture (and subject to delivery of an Officers' Certificate or a supplemental indenture as set forth in Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to the initial issuance of Securities of any series), the Company may deliver Securities of any series executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such

Securities; and the Trustee in accordance with such Company Order shall authenticate and deliver such Securities. If the forms or terms of the Securities of the series have been established in or pursuant to one or more Officers' Certificates as permitted by Sections 2.01 and 2.03(a) hereof, in authenticating such Securities, and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating:

- (a) that the form or forms and terms of such Securities have been duly authorized by the Company and established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture; and
- (b) that such Securities when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee or its authenticating agent and issued by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to customary qualifications and exceptions, including enforceability exceptions.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.03(a) hereof and of the preceding paragraph, if all Securities of a series are not to be originally issued at one time, it shall not be necessary to deliver the Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture otherwise required pursuant to Section 2.03(a) hereof and the Opinion of Counsel required by the preceding paragraph at or prior to the time of authentication of each Security of such series if such documents are delivered at or prior to the authentication upon original issuance of the first Security of such series to be issued.

Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.

No Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Security a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein duly executed by the Trustee by manual signature of an authorized signatory, and such certificate upon any Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder. The Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be in substantially the following form:

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

[],

as Trustee

By: _____
Authorized Officer

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Security shall have been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Company, and the Company shall deliver such Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 2.13 hereof together with a written statement (which need not comply with Section 13.04 or 13.05 hereof and need not be accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel) stating that such Security has never been issued and sold by the Company, for all purposes of this Indenture such Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

Section 2.05 Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Company shall maintain, with respect to each series of Securities, an office or agency where such Securities may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange ("Registrar") and an office or agency where Securities may be presented for payment ("Paying Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Securities and of their transfer and exchange. The Company may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and Paying Agent.

Section 2.06 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust for the benefit of holders of Securities of any series or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on such series of Securities, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Company 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 Company 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 Company or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company 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 any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Company, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Securities.

Section 2.07 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 of each series of Securities and shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may reasonably request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of such series of Securities and the Company shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a).

Section 2.08 Registration, Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Securities of a series at an office or agency of the Company designated pursuant to Section 4.02 hereof for such purpose, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Securities of the same series of any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount. The Company shall not charge a service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to pay all taxes, assessments or other governmental charges that may be imposed in connection with the transfer or exchange of the Securities from the Holder requesting such transfer or exchange (other than any exchange of a temporary Security for a permanent Security not involving any change in ownership or any exchange pursuant to Section 2.12, 3.06 or 9.05 hereof, not involving any transfer).

Notwithstanding any other provisions (other than the provisions set forth in the fourth and fifth paragraphs) of this Section 2.08, a Global Security representing all or a portion of the Securities of a series may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary for such series to a nominee of such Depositary or by a nominee of such Depositary to such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by such Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary for such series or a nominee of such successor Depositary.

At the option of the holder of Securities of any series, Securities of such series may be exchanged for other Securities of the same series of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor, upon surrender of the Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof, if the Securities of any series shall have been issued in the form of one or more Global Securities, such series of Securities in global form will be exchanged for Securities of such series in certificated form only if (i) the Depositary for the Securities of such series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for the Securities of such series or if at any time the Depositary ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and the Company fails within 90 days thereafter to appoint a successor Depositary, (ii) the Company in its sole discretion determines that the Securities of such series shall no longer be represented by such Global

Security or Securities or (iii) a Default with respect to the Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing. In any such event the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of certificated Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver Securities of such series in certificated form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Security or

Securities in global form representing such series in exchange for such Security or Securities in global form. In any such instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in either Global Security will be entitled to physical delivery in certificated form equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest and to have such Securities registered in its name. Securities so issued in certificated form will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 or any larger amount that is an integral multiple thereof, and will be issued in registered form only, without coupons.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as otherwise specified in the preceding paragraph or as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof, any Global Security shall be exchangeable only as provided in this paragraph. If the beneficial owners of interests in a Global Security are entitled to exchange such interests for certificated Securities of such series and of like principal amount and tenor but of another authorized form and denomination, as specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof, then without unnecessary delay but in any event not later than the earliest date on which such interests may be so exchanged, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee certificated Securities in aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Global Security, executed by the Company. On or after the earliest date on which such interests may be so exchanged, such Global Security shall be surrendered by the Depositary with respect thereto to the Trustee, as the Company's agent for such purpose, to be exchanged, in whole or from time to time in part, for certificated Securities without charge and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for each portion of such Global Security, an equal aggregate principal amount of certificated Securities of the same series of authorized denominations and of like tenor as the portion of such Global Security to be exchanged which shall be in the form of Securities, or any combination thereof, as shall be specified by the beneficial owner thereof; provided, however, that notwithstanding the last paragraph of this Section 2.08, no such exchanges may occur during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before any selection of Securities of that series to be redeemed and ending on the relevant Redemption Date. If a Registered Security is issued in exchange for any portion of a Global Security after the close of business at the office or agency where such exchange occurs on (i) any Regular Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the relevant Interest Payment Date, or (ii) any Special Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the related proposed date for payment of Defaulted Interest (as defined herein), interest or Defaulted Interest, as the case may be, will not be payable on such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be, in respect of such Security, but will be payable on such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be, only to the Person to whom interest in respect of such portion of such Global Security is payable in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

Upon the exchange of a Security in global form for Securities in certificated form, such Security in global form shall be cancelled by the Trustee. All cancelled Securities held by the Trustee shall be destroyed by the Trustee and a certificate of their destruction delivered to the Company. Securities issued in exchange for a Security in global form pursuant to this Section 2.08 hereof shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary for such Security in global form, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee in writing. The Trustee shall deliver such Securities as instructed in writing by the Depositary.

All Securities issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Securities surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

Every Security presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange shall be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Registrar duly executed, by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

The Company shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of 15 Business Days before any selection of Securities of such series to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of the mailing of the relevant notice of redemption or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Security of any series so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part.

Section 2.09 Replacement Securities.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee or the Company and the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security, the Company shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order, shall authenticate a replacement Security if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Company, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Company to protect the Company, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from

any loss that any of them may suffer if a Security is replaced. The Company may charge for its expenses in replacing a Security.

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

Section 2.10 Outstanding Securities.

The Securities of any series outstanding at any time are all the Securities of such series authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Security effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this Section as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 2.11 hereof, a Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Security. Subject to the foregoing, only Securities outstanding at the time of such determination shall be considered in any such determination (including, without limitation, determinations pursuant to Articles 6 and 9 hereof). In addition, in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding Securities have given or concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, the principal amount of a Security denominated in a foreign currency or currencies shall be the dollar equivalent, as determined on the date of original issuance of such Security, of the principal amount of such Security.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.09 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Security is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the principal amount of any Security is considered paid under Section 4.01 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

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

Section 2.11 Treasury Securities.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Securities of any series have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Securities of such series owned by the Company, or by any Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company, 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, only Securities of that series that the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

Section 2.12 Temporary Securities.

Until certificates representing Securities of any series are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order, shall authenticate temporary Securities. Temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of certificated Securities but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Securities and as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Securities of the same series in exchange for temporary Securities.

Holders of temporary Securities of any series shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture as permanent Securities of the same series.

Section 2.13 Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else shall cancel all Securities surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall destroy canceled Securities (subject to the record retention requirements of the Exchange Act). Certification of the destruction of all canceled Securities shall be delivered to the Company. The Company may not issue new Securities to replace Securities that it has paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Section 2.14 Payment of Interest.

Unless otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to any series of Securities, interest on any Security which is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the person in whose name that Security (or one or more predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on the Securities of any series which is payable ("Defaulted Interest"), 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 of the series on a subsequent Special Record Date, in each case at the rate provided in the Securities of that series and in Section 4.01 hereof. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Securities of a series and the date of the proposed payment. The Company shall fix or cause to be fixed each such Special Record Date and payment date, provided that no such Special Record Date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such Defaulted Interest. At least 15 days before the Special Record Date, the Company (or, upon the written request of the Company, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company) shall mail or cause to be mailed to Holders of the series a notice that states the Special Record Date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.14 and Section 2.08 hereof, each Security delivered under this Indenture upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Security.

Section 2.15 Persons Deemed Owners.

Prior to due presentment of a Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the person in whose name such Security is registered as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and (except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof and subject to Sections 2.08 and 2.14 hereof) interest on such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

None of the Company, the Trustee, any Paying Agent or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of a Security in global form or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Section 2.16 Computation of Interest.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof for Securities of any series, (i) interest on any Securities which bear interest at a fixed rate shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months and (ii) interest on any Securities which bear interest at a variable rate shall be computed on the basis of the actual number of days in an interest period divided by 360.

Section 2.17 CUSIP Numbers.

The Company, in issuing the Securities, may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use) and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities of a series or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities of such series, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company will promptly notify the Trustee of any change in the "CUSIP" numbers.

ARTICLE 3. REDEMPTION AND PREPAYMENT

Section 3.01 Right to Redeem; Notices to Trustee.

Securities of any series which are redeemable before their Stated Maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof for Securities of any

series) in accordance with this Article 3. If the Company elects to redeem Securities of any series, it shall furnish to the Trustee, at least 30 days (or such shorter period as may be acceptable to the Trustee) but not more than 60 days before a Redemption Date, an Officers' Certificate setting forth (i) the clause of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur, (ii) the Redemption Date, (iii) the principal amount of Securities of such series to be redeemed, (iv) any other information necessary to identify the Securities of such series to be redeemed and (v) the Redemption Price.

Section 3.02 Selection of Securities to Be Redeemed.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to any series of Securities, if less than all of the Securities of a series are to be redeemed or purchased in an offer to repurchase at any time, the Trustee will select the Securities to be redeemed or purchased among the Holders of the Securities of that Series in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Securities are listed or, if the Securities are not so listed, on a pro rata basis, by lot or in accordance with any other method the Trustee in its sole discretion shall deem to be fair and appropriate. In the event of partial redemption by lot, the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee from the outstanding Securities not previously called for redemption.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Security selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof, Securities and portions of Securities selected will be in amounts of \$1,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities called for redemption also apply to portions of Securities called for redemption.

Section 3.03 Notice of Redemption to Holders.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to any series of Securities, at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a Redemption Date, the Company shall mail or cause to be mailed a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Securities are to be redeemed at its registered address.

The notice shall identify the Securities to be redeemed and shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price;
- (c) if less than all the outstanding Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification (and in the case of partial redemption, the principal amount) of the particular Security to be redeemed;
- (d) that, after the Redemption Date upon surrender of such Security, a new Security or Securities in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion shall be issued upon cancellation of the original Security;
- (e) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (f) that Securities called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the Redemption Price;
- (g) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment, interest, if any, on Securities called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the Redemption Date;
- (h) the paragraph of the Securities and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Securities called for redemption are being redeemed;
- (i) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if such is the case; and
- (j) 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 Securities.

At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at its expense; provided, however, that the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee, at least 35 days prior to the

Redemption Date (or such shorter period as may be acceptable to the Trustee), an Officers' Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a redemption notice may be mailed more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Securities or satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

Section 3.04 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed in accordance with Section 3.03 hereof, Securities called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the Redemption Date at the Redemption Price; provided, that a notice of redemption may specify that the redemption provided for therein is conditional upon the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, including the completion of any merger, acquisition or financing transaction.

Section 3.05 Deposit of Redemption Price.

Prior to 12:00 noon (Eastern Standard Time) on the Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of and accrued interest on all Securities of a series to be redeemed on that date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the Redemption Price of, and accrued interest on, all Securities to be redeemed.

If the Company complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the Redemption Date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Securities or the portions of Securities called for redemption. If a Security is redeemed on or after a Regular Record Date but on or prior to the related Interest Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Security was registered at the close of business on such Regular Record Date. If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Company to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal from the Redemption Date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Securities and in Section 4.01 hereof.

Section 3.06 Securities Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part, the Company shall issue and, upon the Company's written request, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Company a new Security equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered.

ARTICLE 4. COVENANTS

Section 4.01 Payment of Securities.

The Company shall pay or cause to be paid the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities on the dates and in the manner provided in the Securities. Principal, premium, if any, and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Standard Time on the due date money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.

Section 4.02 Maintenance of Office or Agency.

The Company shall maintain in each place of payment for any series of Securities an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Securities of a series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such series and this Indenture may be served. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Company also may from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Securities of a series may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in each place of payment for Securities of any series for such purposes. The Company 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.

With respect to any Global Security, and except as otherwise may be specified for such Global Security as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof, the Corporate Trust Office for the Trustee shall be the place of payment where such Global Security may be presented or surrendered for payment or for registration of transfer or exchange, or where successor Securities may be delivered in exchange therefore, provided, however, that any such payment, presentation, surrender or delivery effected pursuant to the procedures of the Depositary for such Global Security shall be deemed to have been effected at the place of payment for such Global Security in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

The Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with Section 2.04 hereof.

Section 4.03 [Reserved.]

Section 4.04 Compliance Certificate.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company following the Issue Date a brief certificate from the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer as to his or her knowledge of the Company's compliance with all conditions and covenants under this Indenture.

ARTICLE 5. SUCCESSORS

Section 5.01 Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof, the Company will not, consolidate with or merge with or into or convey, transfer or lease, in one transaction or a series of transactions, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of its assets to, any Person; unless:

- (1) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person (the "Successor Company") shall be a Person organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any State thereof, the District of Columbia or any territory thereof and the Successor Company (if not the Company) shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental thereto, executed and delivered to the trustee, in form reasonably satisfactory to the trustee, all of the obligations of the Company under the Securities and this Indenture provided that in the case where the Successor Company is not a corporation, a co-obligor of the Securities is a corporation;
- (2) immediately after giving pro forma effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (3) the Successor Company (if other than the Company) shall have delivered to the trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the indenture.

For purposes of this covenant, the conveyance, transfer or lease of all or substantially all of the assets of one or more Subsidiaries of the Company, which assets, if held by the Company instead of such Subsidiaries, would constitute all or substantially all of the assets of the Company on a consolidated basis, shall be deemed to be the conveyance, transfer or lease, as applicable, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing clause (2) of this Section 5.01, (A) any Restricted Subsidiary may merge, consolidate or amalgamate with or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to the Company, and (B) the Company may merge, consolidate or amalgamate with an Affiliate incorporated solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Issuer in another state of the United States, the District of Columbia or any territory of the United States or may convert

into a limited liability company, so long as the amount of indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries is not increased thereby. This Article 5 will not apply to a transfer, conveyance or lease of assets between or among the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

Section 5.02 Successor Company Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any conveyance, transfer or lease in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.01 hereof, the Successor Company formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made, shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such Successor Company had been named as the Company therein. When a Successor Company assumes all the obligations of its predecessor under this Indenture and the Securities following a consolidation or merger, or any conveyance, transfer or lease of the assets of the predecessor in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the predecessor, except in the case of a lease, shall be released from the obligations to pay the principal of and interest on the Securities.

ARTICLE 6. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.01 Events of Default.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to any series of Securities, an "Event of Default" occurs, with respect to each series of Securities individually, if:

- (a) the Company defaults in the payment when due of interest on the Securities of such series and such default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (b) the Company defaults in the payment when due of principal or premium, if any, on the Securities of such series when the same becomes due and payable at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption, upon required repurchase, upon declaration of acceleration or otherwise;
- (c) the Company fails to comply with any of the provisions of Section 5.01 hereof;
- (d) the Company fails to observe or perform any other covenant or other agreement in this Indenture applicable to such series of Securities or the Securities of such series for 60 days after notice to the Company by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series then outstanding voting as a single class;
- (e) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary, pursuant to or within the meaning of Bankruptcy Law:
 - (i) commences a voluntary case,
 - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
 - (iii) consents to the appointment of a custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its assets, or
 - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;
- (f) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
 - (i) is for relief against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary in an involuntary case;
 - (ii) appoints a custodian of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary; or
 - (iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary;

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days; or

- (g) any other Event of Default provided with respect to the Securities of that series, which is specified in a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate, in accordance with Section 2.03(a) hereof.

Section 6.02 Acceleration.

If any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (e) or (f) of Section 6.01 hereof with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of that series may declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on all the Securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. Upon any such declaration, the Securities of that series shall become due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Event of Default specified in clause (e) or (f) of Section 6.01 hereof occurs and is continuing with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary, the principal of and interest on all outstanding Securities of that series shall be ipso facto immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holders of the Securities. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of a series by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all of the Holders of such series of Securities rescind an acceleration and its consequences if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

Section 6.03 Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default with respect to a series of Securities occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities of such series or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Securities of such series or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Securities of a series or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Security of such series 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 6.04 Waiver of Past Defaults.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of a series by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Securities of such series waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Securities of that series (including in connection with an offer to repurchase) (provided, however, that pursuant to Section 6.02 of this Indenture the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of a series may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.05 Control by Majority.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or that the Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of such Securities or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability.

Section 6.06 Limitation on Suits.

Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium (if any) or interest when due, no Holder of any Security of any series may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or such series of Securities unless:

- (a) the Holder of a Security of such series has previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default;
- (b) the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such series make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
- (c) the Holder of a Security of such series or Holders of Securities of such series offer and, if accepted, provide to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity 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 offer of security or indemnity; and
- (e) during such 60-day period the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such series do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

A Holder of any Security may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder.

Section 6.07 Rights of Holders of Securities to Receive Payment and Convert.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the Holder of any Security shall have the right to receive payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Security, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Security (including in connection with an offer to repurchase), 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 6.08 Collection Suit by Trustee.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(a) or (b) 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 Company for the whole amount of principal of, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on the Securities of any series 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 6.09 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 of the Securities of any series allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor upon the Securities of that series), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable 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 7.07 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 7.07 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 Securities 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.

If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this Article 6, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

First: to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.07 hereof, including payment of all compensation, expense and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: to Holders of Securities for amounts due and unpaid on the Securities of any series for principal, premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Securities of that series for principal, premium, if any and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Company 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 of Securities 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 of a Security of any series pursuant to Section 6.07 hereof, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any series.

ARTICLE 7. TRUSTEE

Section 7.01 Duties of Trustee.

- (a) If an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of any series has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs. Other than with respect to an Event of Default in the payment when due of interest or an Event of Default in the payment when due of principal or premium, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of Events of Default unless a Responsible Officer has actual knowledge or receives written notice of such Event of Default in accordance with Section 13.02 and such notice references the Securities and this Indenture.
- (b) With respect to the Securities of any series, except during the continuance of an Event of Default with respect to Securities of such series:
 - (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 (it being agreed that the permissive right of the Trustee to do things enumerated in this Indenture shall not be construed as a duty); 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 examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities 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 paragraph (b) of this Section 7.01;
 - (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, 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 6.05 hereof.
- (d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this Section 7.01.
- (e) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request of any Holders, unless such Holder shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense and then only to the extent required by the terms of this Indenture.
- (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 Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

Section 7.02 Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon 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 the 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.
- (c) The Trustee may consult with counsel of its own selection and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters relating to this Indenture and the Securities shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (d) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Company shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the Company.
- (g) 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 reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (h) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.
- (i) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted by it in good faith at the direction of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Securities as to the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings for any remedy available to the Trustee or the exercising of any power conferred by this Indenture.
- (j) Any action taken, or omitted to be taken, by the Trustee in good faith pursuant to this Indenture upon the request or authority or consent of any Person who, at the time of making such request or giving such authority or consent, is the Holder of any Security shall be conclusive and binding upon future Holders of Securities and upon Securities executed and delivered in exchange therefor or in place thereof.

- (k) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, lost profits) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.
- (l) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software and hardware) services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

Section 7.03 Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or any Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest, it must either eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as Trustee or resign. 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 7.04 Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities or any money paid to the Company or upon the Company's direction under any provision of this Indenture, it shall not 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 Securities or any other document in connection with the sale of the Securities or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

Section 7.05 Notice of Defaults.

If a Default occurs and is continuing with respect to a series of Securities and the Trustee has notice of such Default as described in Section 7.01(a) hereof, the Trustee shall mail to holders of Securities of such series a notice of the Default within 90 days after it occurs; provided, however, that in any event the Trustee shall not be required to mail such notice until 10 days after a Responsible Officer of the Trustee receives notice of such Default as described in Section 7.01(a) hereof of such Default. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Security, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the best interests of the Holders of the Securities. In addition, the Company is required to deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, a certificate indicating whether the signers thereof know of any Default that occurred during the previous year. The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee, within 30 days after the occurrence thereof, written notice of any event which would constitute certain Defaults, their status and what action it is taking or proposes to take in respect thereof.

Section 7.06 Reports by Trustee to Holders of the Securities.

Within 60 days after each January 31 beginning with the January 31 following the date of this Indenture, and for so long as Securities of any series remain outstanding, the Trustee shall mail to the Holders of the Securities of such series 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)(1). The Trustee also shall transmit by mail all reports as required by TIA § 313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to the Holders of Securities shall be mailed to the Company and filed with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Securities are listed in accordance with TIA § 313(d). The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee when the Securities are listed on any stock exchange.

Section 7.07 Compensation and Indemnity.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company 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 Company shall indemnify the Trustee against any and all losses, liabilities or expenses 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 Company (including this Section 7.07) and defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company 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, liability or expense may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith. The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The obligations of the Company under this Section 7.07 shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section 7.07, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Securities on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Securities.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(e) or (f) 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.

The Trustee shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 313(b)(2) to the extent applicable.

Section 7.08 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 7.08.

The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any series may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company in writing. The Company 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 Company 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 Securities of any series may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company, or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any series 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 Company. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, provided all sums owing to the retiring Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07 hereof. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Company's obligations under Section 7.07 hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

Section 7.09 Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

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 trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$100 million as set forth in its most recent published 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).

Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

The Trustee is subject to TIA § 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA § 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA § 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

ARTICLE 8.
LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Section 8.01 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to Securities of a particular series, the Company may elect, at its option, at any time, to have either Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof be applied to all outstanding Securities of any series designated pursuant to Section 2.03(a) hereof as being defeasible (the "Defeased Securities") in accordance with any additional requirements provided pursuant to Section 2.03(a) hereof and upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article 8. Any such election shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution set forth in an Officers' Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof for such Securities.

Section 8.02 Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option (if any) to have this Section 8.02 applied to any Securities of any series, the Company shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to all outstanding Defeased Securities on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by the outstanding Defeased Securities, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 hereof and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in (a) and (b) below, and to have satisfied all its other obligations under such Defeased Securities and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, 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 Defeased Securities to receive solely from the trust fund under Section 8.04 hereof, and as more fully set forth in such Section, payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such

Deceased Securities when such payments are due, (b) the Company's obligations with respect to such Deceased Securities under Article 2 and Section 4.01 hereof, (c) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Company's obligations in connection therewith and (d) this Article 8. Subject to compliance with this Article 8, the Company may exercise its option under this Section 8.02 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 8.03 hereof. If the Company exercises its Legal Defeasance option, payment of the Securities of the applicable series may not be accelerated because an Event of Default with respect thereto.

Section 8.03 Covenant Defeasance.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option (if any) to have this Section 8.03 applied to any Securities of any series the Company shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, be released from its obligations under Articles 5, Section 6.01(c), Section 6.01(d) and Sections 6.01(e) and 6.01(f) hereof with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries and such other provisions as may be provided as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to Securities of a particular series and with respect to the outstanding Deceased Securities on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and the Deceased Securities shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders of such Deceased Securities (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 Deceased Securities shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Deceased Securities, the Company 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 6.01 hereof, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Deceased Securities shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, Sections 6.01(c) and (d), and Sections 6.01(e) and (f) with respect only to Significant Subsidiaries, hereof shall not constitute Events of Default.

Section 8.04 Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

The following shall be the conditions to the application of either Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof to a series of outstanding Securities:

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) hereof with respect to any series of Securities, in order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

- (a) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders, cash, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Securities of such series on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable Redemption Date, as the case may be;
- (b) in the case of an election under Section 8.02 hereof, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that (A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (B) since the date this Indenture was first executed, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;
- (c) in the case of an election under Section 8.03 hereof, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that the Holders of the outstanding Securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred; and

- (d) the Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance, as applicable, shall not result in or constitute a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture.

Section 8.05 Deposited Money and Government Securities to be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to Section 8.06 hereof, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.05, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 8.04 hereof in respect of the outstanding Defeased Securities shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Defeased Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Defeased Securities 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 Company shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or non-callable Government Securities deposited pursuant to Section 8.04 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 Defeased Securities.

Anything in this Article 8 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon the request of the Company any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in Section 8.04 hereof which in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee 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 8.06 Repayment to Company.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Securities of a series and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such series of Securities shall thereafter look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company 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 will be repaid to the Company.

Section 8.07 Reinstatement.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any cash or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03 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 Company's obligations under this Indenture and the Defeased Securities shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof, as the case may be; provided, however, that, if the Company makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Defeased Securities following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Defeased Securities to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE 9.
AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

Section 9.01 Without Consent of Holders of Securities.

Notwithstanding Section 9.02 hereof, the Company and the Trustee at any time and from time to time may amend this Indenture or enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto without the consent of any Holder of a Security for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities (provided that the uncertificated Securities are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the Code, or in a manner such that the uncertificated Securities are described in Section 163(f)(2)(B) of the Code);
- (c) to provide for the assumption by a Successor Company of the Company's obligations to the Holders of the Securities or a series by a successor pursuant to Article 5;
- (d) to add to the covenants of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of any series or to surrender any right or power herein conferred on the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (e) to add any additional Events of Default with respect to all or any series of the Securities (and, if any such Event of Default is applicable to less than all series of Securities, specifying the series to which that Event of Default is applicable);
- (f) to supplement any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03; provided, however, that any such action shall not adversely affect the interest of the Holders of Securities of that series or any other series of Securities;
- (g) to comply with requirements of the SEC in connection with the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA;
- (h) to add Guarantees with respect to Securities of any series;
- (i) to make changes relating to the transfer and legending of the Securities;
- (j) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.08 hereof;
- (k) to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest for the benefit of the Holders of Securities of any series as additional security for the payment and performance of the Company's obligations herein in any property or assets;
- (l) to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture (which addition, change or elimination may apply to one or more series of Securities), provided that, any such addition, change or elimination (A) shall neither (i) apply to any Security of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor (ii) modify the rights of the Holder of any such Security with respect to such provision or (B) shall become effective only when there is no such outstanding Security;
- (m) to establish the form and terms of Securities of any series permitted by Sections 2.01 and 2.03(a) hereof, respectively;
- (n) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder; or
- (o) to effect any provision of this Indenture or to make certain changes to this Indenture to provide for the issuance of additional Securities of an existing or new series.

Upon the request of the Company, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02 hereof, the Trustee shall join with the Company in the execution of any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and

stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

Section 9.02 With Consent of Holders of Securities.

Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, the Company and the Trustee may amend this Indenture with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities of each series then outstanding and may amend the Securities of any series with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series (in any case including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, such Securities), and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07 hereof and except as otherwise provided below in this Section 9.02, any existing Default or Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Securities (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on such Securities, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or such Securities may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such series voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, such Securities).

Upon the request of the Company, and upon delivery to the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Securities as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02 hereof, the Trustee shall join with the Company in the execution of such amended or supplemental Indenture unless such amended or supplemental Indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Securities under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders of Securities affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental indenture or waiver.

Notwithstanding anything provided herein or otherwise, without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not (with respect to any Securities of such series held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (a) reduce the amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment, or waiver;
- (b) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest, including default interest, on any Security;
- (c) reduce the principal of, premium on or any mandatory sinking fund payment with respect to, or change the Stated Maturity of, any Security;
- (d) reduce the premium, if any, payable on the redemption of any Security or change the time at which any Security may or shall be redeemed;
- (e) make any Security payable in money other than that stated in the Security;
- (f) impair the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal, premium (if any) and interest on any Security on or after the due date therefor or to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on any Security pursuant to Sections 6.07 and 6.08, except as limited by Section 6.06;
- (g) make any change in the percentage of principal amount of Securities necessary to waive compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture pursuant to Section 6.04 or 6.07 or make any change in this sentence of Section 9.02;

- (h) waive a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on the Securities;
- (i) modify the provisions relating to the ranking or priority of any of the Securities in a manner adverse to the Holder of that Security; or
- (j) change such other matters as may be specified pursuant to Section 2.03(a) hereof.

Section 9.03 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Securities of any series shall be set forth in an amended or supplemental Indenture that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.04 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Security is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Security and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder of a Security or subsequent Holder of a Security may revoke the consent as to its Securities if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the waiver, supplement or amendment becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

Section 9.05 Notation on or Exchange of Securities.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Security of a series thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for all Securities of a series may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of a Company Order, authenticate new Securities of such series that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver. Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Security shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

Section 9.06 Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.

The Trustee shall sign any amended or supplemental Indenture authorized pursuant to this Article 9 if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive and (subject to Section 7.01 hereof) shall be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 13.04 hereof, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

Section 9.07 Effect of Supplemental Indentures.

Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture under this Article 9, this Indenture shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental indenture shall form a part of this Indenture for all purposes; and every Holder of Securities theretofore or thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder shall be bound thereby, except to the extent otherwise set forth thereon.

ARTICLE 10.
[RESERVED.]

ARTICLE 11.
[RESERVED.]

ARTICLE 12.
SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 12.01 Satisfaction and Discharge.

Except as otherwise contemplated by 2.03(a) hereof, this Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect with respect to any series of Securities specified by the Company, and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, will execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture as to such series when:

- (a) either:
 - (i) all Securities of such series theretofore authenticated and delivered (except lost, stolen or destroyed Securities of such series that have been replaced or paid and Securities of such series for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
 - (ii) all Securities of such series that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (A) have become due and payable, (B) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year or (C) if redeemable at the option of the Company, have been called for redemption or are to be called for redemption 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 Company, and the Company has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee funds in an amount sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal of, premium, if any, and accrued interest on the Securities of such series to the date of maturity or redemption together with irrevocable instruction from the Company directing the Trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof at maturity or redemption, as the case may be;
- (b) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by it under this Indenture; and
- (c) the Company has delivered an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee stating that all conditions precedent under this Indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been satisfied or waived.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (ii) of clause (a) of this Section 12.01, the provisions of Sections 12.02 and 8.06 hereof shall survive.

Section 12.02 Application of Trust Money.

Subject to the provisions of Section 8.06 hereof, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 12.01 hereof shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities of a series and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any funds in accordance with Section 12.01 hereof by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's obligations under this Indenture and the Securities of such series shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 12.01 hereof; provided that if the Company has made any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Securities of such series because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series to receive such payment from the funds held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE 13. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.01 Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by TIA § 318(c), the imposed duties shall control. If any provision of this Indenture modifies or excludes any provision of the TIA that may be so modified or excluded, the latter provision shall be deemed to apply to this Indenture as so modified or excluded, as the case may be.

Section 13.02 Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company or the Trustee to the other is duly given if in writing and delivered in Person or mailed by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), facsimile or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

If to the Company:

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
968 James Street

Syracuse, New York 13203

Facsimile: (315) 475-9616

Attention: General Counsel

If to the Trustee:

[]

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[]

[]

Facsimile: []

Attention: []

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

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be mailed by first class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication also shall be so mailed to any Person described in TIA § 313(c), to the extent required by the TIA. 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 the Company mails a notice or communication to Holders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Section 13.03 Communication by Holders of Securities with Other Holders of Securities.

Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA § 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA § 312(c).

Section 13.04 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee at the request of the Trustee:

- (a) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 13.05 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 or waived; and

- (b) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 13.05 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied or waived.

Section 13.05 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA § 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 314(e) and 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 complied with; and
- (d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

Any certificate or opinion of an Officer of the Company may be based insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel, unless such Officer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which his certificate or opinion or representations is based are erroneous. Any such certificate or Opinion of Counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an officer or officers of the Company stating that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Company, unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.

Section 13.06 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 13.07 No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders.

No director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of the Company or any shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities, this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Securities.

Section 13.08 Governing Law.

THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SHALL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE AND THE SECURITIES, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

Section 13.09 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 13.10 Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Securities shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors.

Section 13.11 Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities 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 13.12 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 13.13 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.

[Signatures on following page]

SIGNATURES

Dated as of []

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest:

Name:
Title:

[]

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest:

Authorized Signatory
Date:

[Face of Security]

CUSIP _____

[TITLE OF SECURITIES]

No. ____

\$ _____

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

promises to pay to _____ or registered assigns, the principal sum of _____

Interest Payment Dates [] and [], commencing on []

Record Dates: [] and []

Dated: _____, ____

CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

By:

Name:
Title:

By:

Name:
Title:

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

[_____],

as Trustee

By:

Authorized Signatory

[TITLE OF SECURITIES]

[Insert the Global Security Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture]

[Insert any legend required by the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder]

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in this Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

1. Interest.

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (herein the “Company” which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture hereinafter referred to), for value received, hereby promises to pay to _____, or registered assigns, the principal sum of _____ [Dollars] [if other than Dollars, substitute other currency units] on _____, _____ [if the Security is to bear interest prior to Stated Maturity, insert - , and to pay interest thereon from _____ or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for], [semiannually] [if other than semi-annual interest at a fixed rate, insert frequency of payment and payment dates] on and _____ in each year, commencing _____, and at the Stated Maturity thereof, at [if the Security is to bear interest at a fixed rate, insert - the rate of ____ % per annum], [if the Security is to bear interest at a rate determined with reference to one or more formula, refer to description index below] until the principal hereof is paid or made available for payment] [if applicable, insert - , and (to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable) at [if the Security is to bear interest at a fixed rate, insert - the rate of % per annum on any overdue principal and premium and on any overdue installment of interest from the dates such amounts are due until they are paid or made available for payment]. Interest shall be computed on the basis of [a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months] [if another basis of calculating interest is to be different, insert a description of such method.]

2. Method of Payment.

The Company will pay interest on the Securities on each [] and [] to the Persons who are registered Holders of the relevant Securities at the close of business on the [] or [] next preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if such Securities are canceled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.14 of this Indenture with respect to Defaulted Interest. The Securities will be payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose in [], [if applicable, insert -; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the list provided by the Company to the Registrar and provided, further, that if this Security is a Global Security, payment may be made pursuant to the applicable procedures of the Depositary as permitted in said Indenture]. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of [the United States of America] [insert other currency or currency unit, if applicable] as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

3. Paying Agent and Registrar.

Initially, the Trustee under this Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

4. Indenture.

This Security is one of a duly authorized issue of Securities of the Company issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture, dated as of _____, _____ (herein called the “Indenture”), between the Company and _____, as Trustee (herein called the “Trustee” which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities and of the terms upon which the Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. The terms of the Securities include those stated in this Indenture and those made part of this Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (15 U.S. Code §§ 77aaa-77bbb). The Securities are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to this Indenture and such Act for a statement

of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Security conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

5. Redemption.

[If applicable, insert - The Securities of this series are subject to redemption upon not less than 30 days notice by mail, [if applicable, insert - (1) on _____ in any year commencing with the year _____ and ending with the year _____ through operation of the sinking fund for this series at a Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount, and (2)] at any time [if applicable, insert - on or after _____], as a whole or in part, at the election of the Company, at the following Redemption Prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount): if redeemed [if applicable insert - on or before _____, ____%, and if redeemed] during the 12-month period beginning of the _____ years indicated,

Year	Redemption Price	Year	Redemption Price
and thereafter at a Redemption Price equal to _____% of the principal amount, together in the case of any such redemption [if applicable, insert - (whether through operation of the sinking fund or otherwise)] with accrued interest to the Redemption Date, but interest installments whose stated maturity is on or prior to such Redemption Date will be payable to the Holders of such Securities, or one or more Predecessor Securities, of record at the close of business on the relevant Record Dates referred to on the face hereof, all as provided in the Indenture.]			

[If applicable, insert - The Securities of this series are subject to redemption upon not less than 30 days notice by mail, (1) on _____ in any year commencing with the year and ending with the year _____ through operation of the sinking fund for this series at the Redemption Prices for redemption through operation of the sinking fund (expressed as percentages of the principal amount) set forth in the table below, and (2) at any time [if applicable, insert - on or after _____], as a whole or in part, at the election of the Company, at the Redemption Prices for redemption otherwise than through operation of the sinking fund (expressed as percentages of the principal amount) set forth in the table below: If redeemed during the 12-month period beginning _____ of the years indicated,

Year	Redemption Price for Redemption Through Operation of the Sinking Fund	Redemption Price for Redemption Otherwise Than Through Operation of the Sinking Fund
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and thereafter at a Redemption Price equal to _____% of the principal amount, together in the case of any such redemption (whether through operation of the sinking fund or otherwise) with accrued interest to the Redemption Date, but interest installments whose stated maturity is on or prior to such Redemption Date will be payable to the Holders of such securities, or one or more Predecessor Securities, of record at the close of business on the relevant Record Date referred to on the face hereof, all as provided in the Indenture.]

[If applicable, insert - The sinking fund for this series provides for the redemption on in each year beginning with the year _____ and ending with the year _____ of [if applicable, insert - not less than \$_____ ("mandatory sinking fund") and not more than] \$ aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series. Securities of this series acquired or redeemed by the Company otherwise than through [mandatory] sinking fund payments may be credited against subsequent [if applicable, insert - mandatory] sinking fund payments otherwise required to be made [if applicable, insert - in the inverse order in which they become due].]

[If applicable, insert - The Securities are subject to redemption, as a whole at any time or in part from time to time, at the sole election of the Company, upon not less than 30 or more than 60 days notice by mail to the Trustee at a Redemption Price equal to \$.]

[If applicable, insert - The Holder of this Security shall have the right to require the Company to pay this Security in full on _____, _____ by giving the Company or the Registrar written notice of the exercise of such right not less than 30 or more than 60 days prior to such date.]

[If the Security is subject to redemption, insert - In the event of redemption of this Security in part only, a new Security or Securities of this series and of like tenor for the unredeemed portion hereof will be issued in the name of the Holder hereof upon the cancellation hereof.]

[If applicable, insert - This Security is not subject to redemption prior to maturity.]

6. Denominations, Transfer, Exchange.

[If applicable, insert - The Securities of this series are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$_____ and any integral multiple thereof.] As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth, Securities of this series are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Securities of this series and of like tenor of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same. A Holder may register the transfer or exchange of the Security as provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations therein set forth. The Registrar may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture.

[If applicable, insert - The Securities of this series will be represented by one or more Global Securities registered in the name of _____, (the "Depository"), or a nominee of the Depository. So long as the Depository, or its nominee, is the registered holder and owner of this Global Security, the Depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner and holder of the Securities for all purposes under the Indenture. The Global Security may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to the Depository or another nominee of the Depository. The Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the Securities represented by such Global Security to the accounts of institutions that have accounts with the Depository or its nominee ("participants"). Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected through, records maintained by the Depository (with respect to participants' interests) and such participants (with respect to the owners of beneficial interests in such Global Security).]

[If applicable, insert - The Securities represented by this Global Security are exchangeable for Securities in certificated form of like tenor as such Global Security in denominations of \$1,000 and in any greater amount that is an integral multiple thereof if (i) the Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for this Global Security or if at any time the Depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (ii) the Company in its discretion at any time determines not to have all of the Securities of this series represented by the Global Security and notifies the Trustee thereof, or (iii) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the Securities. Any Security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence is exchangeable only for Securities of this series.]

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

7. Persons Deemed Owners.

The registered Holder of a Security may be treated as its owner for all purposes.

8. Amendment, Supplement and Waiver.

Except as provided in Section 9.02 of the Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may amend this Indenture with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities of each series then outstanding and may amend the Securities of any series with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series (in any case including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, such Securities), and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07 of the Indenture and except as otherwise provided in Section 9.02 of the Indenture, any existing Default or Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Securities (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on such Securities, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or such Securities may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such series voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, such Securities).

Notwithstanding Section 9.02 of the Indenture, the Company and the Trustee at any time and from time to time may amend this Indenture or enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto without the consent of any Holder of a Security for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities (provided that the uncertificated Securities are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the Code, or in a manner such that the uncertificated Securities are described in Section 163(f)(2)(B) of the Code);
- (c) to provide for the assumption by a Successor Company of the Company's obligations to the Holders of the Securities or a series by a successor pursuant to Article 5 of the Indenture;
- (d) to add to the covenants of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of any series or to surrender any right or power herein conferred on the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (e) to add any additional Events of Default with respect to all or any series of the Securities (and, if any such Event of Default is applicable to less than all series of Securities, specifying the series to which that Event of Default is applicable);
- (f) to supplement any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03 of the Indenture; provided, however, that any such action shall not adversely affect the interest of the Holders of Securities of that series or any other series of Securities;
- (g) to comply with requirements of the SEC in connection with the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA;
- (h) to add Guarantees with respect to Securities of any series;
- (i) to make changes relating to the transfer and legending of the Securities;
- (j) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.08 of the Indenture;
- (k) to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest for the benefit of the Holders of Securities of any series as additional security for the payment and performance of the Company's obligations herein in any property or assets;
- (l) to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture (which addition, change or elimination may apply to one or more series of Securities), provided that, any such addition, change or elimination (A) shall neither (i) apply to any Security of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor (ii) modify the rights of the Holder of any such Security with respect to such provision or (B) shall become effective only when there is no such outstanding Security;
- (m) to establish the form and terms of Securities of any series permitted by Sections 2.01 and 2.03(a) of the Indenture, respectively;
- (n) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder; or
- (o) to effect any provision of this Indenture or to make certain changes to this Indenture to provide for the issuance of additional Securities of an existing or new series.

Except as provided in Section 9.02 of the Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may amend the Indenture with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities of each series then outstanding and may amend the Securities of any series with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series (in any case including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, such Securities), and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07 of the Indenture and except as otherwise provided in Section 9.02 of the Indenture, any existing Default or Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Securities (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of,

premium, if any, or interest on such Securities, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or such Securities may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such series voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, such Securities).

Notwithstanding anything provided herein or otherwise, without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment or waiver under Section 9.02 of Indenture may not (with respect to any Securities of such series held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (a) reduce the amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment, or waiver;
- (b) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest, including default interest, on any Security;
- (c) reduce the principal of, premium on or any mandatory sinking fund payment with respect to, or change the Stated Maturity of, any Security;
- (d) reduce the premium, if any, payable on the redemption of any Security or change the time at which any Security may or shall be redeemed;
- (e) make any Security payable in money other than that stated in the Security;
- (f) impair the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal, premium (if any) and interest on any Security on or after the due date therefor or to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on any Security pursuant to Sections 6.07 and 6.08, except as limited by Section 6.06;
- (g) make any change in the percentage of principal amount of Securities necessary to waive compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture pursuant to Section 6.04 or 6.07 or make any change in this sentence of Section 9.02;
- (h) waive a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, premium (if any) or interest on the Securities;
- (i) modify the provisions relating to the ranking or priority of any of the Securities in a manner adverse to the Holder of that Security; or
- (j) change such other matters as may be specified pursuant to Section 2.03(a) hereof.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of a series by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Securities of such series waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, the Securities of that series (including in connection with an offer to repurchase) (provided, however, that pursuant to Section 6.02 of the Indenture the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of a series may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

9. Defaults and Remedies.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.03(a) of the Indenture, with respect to any series of Securities, an "Event of Default" occurs, with respect to each series of Securities individually, if:

- (a) the Company defaults in the payment when due of interest on the Securities of such series and such default continues for a period of 30 days;

- (b) the Company defaults in the payment when due of principal of or premium, if any, on the Securities of such series when the same becomes due and payable at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption, upon required repurchase, upon declaration of acceleration or otherwise;
- (c) the Company fails to comply with any of the provisions of Section 5.01 of the Indenture;
- (d) the Company fails to observe or perform any other covenant or other agreement in this Indenture applicable to such series of Securities or the Securities of such series for 60 days after notice to the Company by the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series then outstanding voting as a single class;
- (e) the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary, pursuant to or within the meaning of Bankruptcy Law:
 - (i) commences a voluntary case,
 - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
 - (iii) consents to the appointment of a custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its assets, or
 - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;
- (f) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
 - (i) is for relief against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary in an involuntary case;
 - (ii) appoints a custodian of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary; or
 - (iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary;

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days; or

- (g) any other Event of Default provided with respect to the Securities of that series, which is specified in a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate, in accordance with Section 2.03(a) of the Indenture.

If any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (e) or (f) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of that series may declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on all the Securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. Upon any such declaration, the Securities of that series shall become due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an Event of Default specified in clause (e) or (f) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture occurs and is continuing with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary, the principal of and interest on all outstanding Securities of that series shall be ipso facto immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holders of the Securities. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of a series by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all of the Holders of such series of Securities rescind an acceleration and its consequences if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

10. Trustee Dealings with Company.

The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may make loans to, accept deposits from, and perform services for the Company or its Affiliates, and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates, as if it were not the Trustee.

11. No Recourse Against Others.

A director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of the Company, as such, shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities or this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Securities.

12. [Reserved.]

13. Authentication.

This Security shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent.

14. Abbreviations.

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).

15. CUSIP Numbers.

Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP numbers to be printed on the Securities and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of this Indenture. Requests may be made to:

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.

968 James Street

Syracuse, New York 13203

Facsimile: (315) 475-9616

Attention: General Counsel

ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Security, fill in the form below:

(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Security to:

(Insert assignee's legal name)

(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 Security on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute another to act for him.

Date: _____

Your Signature:

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of ____ this Security)

Signature Guarantee*: _____

* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL SECURITY*

The following exchanges of a part of this Global Security for an interest in another Global Security or for a Definitive Security, or exchanges of a part of another Global Security or Definitive Security for an interest in this Global Security, have been made:

Date of Exchange	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Security	Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Security	Principal Amount of this Global Security following such decrease (or increase)	Signature of authorized officer of Trustee or Security Custodian
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* *This schedule should be included only if the Security is issued in global form.*



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January 22, 2016

Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc.
968 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13203

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion letter is being furnished in connection with the filing, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on or about the date hereof, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-) (the "Registration Statement") of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), Carrols Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Carrols"), and Carrols LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Carrols LLC" and together with Carrols, the "Subsidiary Guarantors"), and the prospectus contained in such Registration Statement (the "Prospectus"). The Registration Statement relates to the proposed issuance, offer and sale of up to \$125,000,000 in the aggregate offering price of securities that may be offered from time to time by the Company in one or more offerings of (i) shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), (ii) shares of the Company's preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock") (iii) debt securities of the Company (the "Debt Securities") and (iv) guarantees by the Subsidiary Guarantors of the Debt Securities (the "Guarantees," and collectively with the Common Stock, Preferred Stock and Debt Securities, the "Securities"). The Debt Securities and Guarantees may be issued pursuant to an indenture (the "Indenture") among the Company, as issuer, the Subsidiary Guarantors, as guarantors, and a trustee to be named therein.

This opinion letter is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

We have examined and relied on originals or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction of such documents, corporate records, certificates of public officials and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion letter. In such examination, we have assumed (a) the authenticity of original documents and the genuineness of all signatures; (b) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies; (c) the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information, representations and warranties contained in the records, documents, instruments and certificates we have reviewed; (d) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), will have become effective under the Securities Act; (e) a prospectus supplement will have been filed with the SEC describing the Securities offered thereby; (f) all Securities will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the applicable prospectus supplement; (g) a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement with

respect to any Securities offered will have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto; (h) any Debt Securities and Guarantees that may be issued will be issued in a form that complies with the Indenture, and the Indenture and any supplemental indenture to be entered into in connection with the issuance of such Debt Securities will be manually signed or countersigned, as the case may be, by duly authorized officers of the trustee named therein; and (i) any Securities issuable upon conversion, exchange, redemption or exercise of any Securities being offered will be duly authorized, created and, if appropriate, reserved for issuance upon such conversion, exchange, redemption or exercise. We have further assumed that the terms of the Securities will have been established so as not to, and that the execution and delivery by the parties thereto and the performance of such parties' obligations under, the Securities will not, violate, conflict with or constitute a default under (i) any agreement or instrument to which the parties thereto are subject, (ii) any law, rule or regulation to which the parties thereto are subject, (iii) any judicial or regulatory order or decree of any governmental authority or (iv) any consent, approval, license, authorization or validation of, or filing, recording or registration with any governmental authority. As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others.

We are members of the Bar of the State of New York, and we have not considered, and we express no opinion as to, the laws of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") and the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, in each case as in effect on the date hereof. We neither express nor imply any obligation with respect to any other laws or the laws of any other jurisdiction or of the United States. For purposes of this opinion, we assume that the Securities will be issued in compliance with all applicable state securities or blue sky laws.

Based upon and subject to the qualifications set forth elsewhere in this opinion letter, we are of the opinion that:

(1) With respect to any shares of Common Stock to be offered by the Company pursuant to the Registration Statement (including shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of or exchange of any Preferred Stock or Debt Securities, the "Offered Common Shares"), (i) when the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including all necessary post-effective amendments), has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) when an appropriate prospectus supplement with respect to the Offered Common Shares has been prepared, delivered and filed in compliance with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder, (iii) if the Offered Common Shares are to be sold pursuant to a firm commitment underwritten offering, the underwriting agreement with respect to the Offered Common Shares has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto, (iv) when the Board of Directors, including any appropriate committee appointed thereby, and appropriate officers of the Company have taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance of the Offered Common Shares, the consideration to be received therefor and related matters, and (v) when certificates in the form required under the DGCL representing the Offered Common Shares are duly executed, countersigned, registered and delivered upon payment of the agreed upon consideration therefor, provided that the consideration therefor is not less than \$0.01 per share of Common Stock, the Offered Common Shares, when issued and sold in accordance with the applicable underwriting agreement, or any other duly authorized, executed and delivered valid and binding agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

(2) With respect to the shares of any series of Preferred Stock to be offered by the Company pursuant to the Registration Statement (the "Offered Preferred Shares"), (i) when the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including all necessary post-effective amendments), has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) when an appropriate prospectus supplement with respect to the Offered Preferred Shares has been prepared, delivered and filed in compliance with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder, (iii) if the Offered Preferred Shares are to be sold pursuant to a firm commitment underwritten offering, the underwriting agreement with respect to the Offered Preferred Shares has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto, (iv) when the Board of Directors, including any appropriate committee appointed thereby, and appropriate

officers of the Company have taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance, sale and terms of the Offered Preferred Shares, the consideration to be received therefor and related matters, including the adoption of a certificate of designation for the Offered Preferred Shares in accordance with the applicable provisions of the DGCL (the “Certificate of Designation”), (v) when the filing of the Certificate of Designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware has duly occurred, and (vi) when certificates in the form required under the DGCL representing the Offered Preferred Shares are duly executed, countersigned, registered and delivered upon payment of the agreed upon consideration therefor, provided that the consideration therefor is not less than \$0.01 per share of Preferred Stock, the Offered Preferred Shares, when issued and sold in accordance with the applicable underwriting agreement, or any other duly authorized, executed and delivered valid and binding agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

(3) With respect to any series of Debt Securities offered by the Company pursuant to the Registration Statement (the “Offered Debt Securities”), (i) when the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including all necessary post-effective amendments), has become effective under the Securities Act and the Indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “Trust Indenture Act”), (ii) when an appropriate prospectus supplement with respect to the Offered Debt Securities has been prepared, delivered and filed in compliance with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder, (iii) if the Offered Debt Securities are to be sold pursuant to a firm commitment underwritten offering, an underwriting agreement or purchase agreement with respect to the Offered Debt Securities has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto, (iv) when the Board of Directors of the Company, including any appropriate committee appointed thereby, and appropriate officers of the Company have taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance, sale and terms of the Offered Debt Securities, the consideration received therefor and related matters, and (v) when the Offered Debt Securities have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and any supplemental indenture relating to such Offered Debt Securities and delivered to the purchasers thereof upon payment of the agreed upon consideration therefor, the Offered Debt Securities, when issued and sold or otherwise distributed in accordance with the Indenture and any supplemental indenture relating to such Offered Debt Securities and the applicable underwriting agreement or purchase agreement, if any, or any other duly authorized, executed and delivered valid and binding agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their respective terms.

(4) With respect to any Guarantee by any of the Subsidiary Guarantors with respect to a series of Offered Debt Securities issued pursuant to the Registration Statement (collectively, the “Offered Guarantees”), (i) when the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including all necessary post-effective amendments), has become effective under the Securities Act and the Indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, (ii) when an appropriate prospectus supplement with respect to the Offered Debt Securities has been prepared, delivered and filed in compliance with the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder, (iii) if the Offered Debt Securities and related Offered Guarantees are to be sold pursuant to a firm commitment underwritten offering, an underwriting agreement or purchase agreement with respect to the Offered Debt Securities and related Offered Guarantees has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto, (iv) when the Board of Directors and/or the board, other applicable body or members of each applicable Subsidiary Guarantor of the Company, including any appropriate committee appointed thereby, and appropriate officers, members or managers of the Company and/or each Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable have taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance, sale and terms of the Offered Debt Securities, including the Offered Guarantees, the consideration received therefor and related matters, and (v) when the Offered Debt Securities have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and any supplemental indenture relating to such Offered Debt Securities, including the Offered Guarantee, and delivered to the purchasers thereof upon payment of the agreed upon consideration therefor, each Offered Guarantee, when issued and sold in accordance with the Indenture, any supplemental indenture to be entered into in connection with the issuance of such Offered Debt Securities, including such Offered Guarantee, and the applicable underwriting agreement, if any, or any other duly authorized, executed and delivered valid and binding

purchase or agency agreement, will be a valid and binding obligation of the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor, enforceable against the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with its respective terms.

The opinions set forth above are subject to the effects of (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, (b) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), (c) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, (d) provisions of law that require that a judgment for money damages rendered by a court in the United States be expressed only in United States dollars, (e) limitations by any governmental authority that limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States and (f) generally applicable laws that (i) provide for the enforcement of oral waivers or modifications where a material change of position in reliance thereon has occurred or provide that a course of performance may operate as a waiver, (ii) limit the availability of a remedy under certain circumstances where another remedy has been elected, (iii) limit the enforceability of provisions releasing, exculpating or exempting a party from, or requiring indemnification of a party for, liability for its own action or inaction, to the extent the action or inaction involves gross negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or unlawful conduct, (iv) may, where less than all of a contract may be unenforceable, limit the enforceability of the balance of the contract to circumstances in which the unenforceable portion is not an essential part of the agreed exchange, (v) may limit the enforceability of provisions providing for compounded interest, imposing increased interest rates or late payment charges upon delinquency in payment or default or providing for liquidated damages or for premiums upon acceleration or (vi) limit the waiver of rights under usury laws.

We express no opinion as to whether, or the extent to which, the laws of any particular jurisdiction apply to the subject matter hereof, including, without limitation, the enforceability of the governing law provision contained in any Securities and their governing documents.

We assume no obligation to update or supplement this opinion letter if any applicable laws change after the date of this opinion letter or if we become aware after the date of this opinion letter of any facts, whether existing before or arising after the date hereof, that might change the opinions expressed above. This opinion letter is limited to the matters expressly stated herein and no opinions are to be inferred or may be implied beyond the opinions expressly so stated. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, we neither express nor imply any opinion regarding the contents of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the Securities.

No portion of this letter may be quoted, circulated or referred to in any other document for any other purpose without our prior written consent.

We hereby consent to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement. We further consent to your filing a copy of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving such permission, we do not admit hereby that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Akerman LLP

AKERMAN LLP

Carrols Restaurant Group Inc.
Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
(In thousands)

	Year Ended					Nine months Ended
	January 2, 2011	January 1, 2012	December 30, 2012	December 29, 2013	December 28, 2014	September 27, 2015
Earnings:						
Income from continuing operations before income tax	\$ 2,617	\$ (2,185)	\$ (28,909)	\$ (23,916)	\$ (26,352)	\$ (7,014)
Add fixed charges:						
Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs	8,957	7,353	12,764	18,841	18,801	14,026
Portion of rents representative of interest factor	7,723	7,555	12,628	15,733	16,288	14,367
Total earnings	<u>\$ 19,297</u>	<u>\$ 12,723</u>	<u>\$ (3,517)</u>	<u>\$ 10,658</u>	<u>\$ 8,737</u>	<u>\$ 21,379</u>
Fixed charges:						
Interest expense, including amortization of deferred financing costs	\$ 8,957	\$ 7,353	\$ 12,764	\$ 18,841	\$ 18,801	\$ 14,026
Portion of rents representative of interest factor	7,723	7,555	12,628	15,733	16,288	14,367
	<u>\$ 16,680</u>	<u>\$ 14,908</u>	<u>\$ 25,392</u>	<u>\$ 34,574</u>	<u>\$ 35,089</u>	<u>\$ 28,393</u>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (1)	1.16x	—	—	—	—	—

(1) For purposes of determining the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are defined as earnings from continuing operations before income taxes plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense on all indebtedness, amortization of deferred financing costs and one-third of rental expense on operating leases, representing that portion of rental expense that we deemed to be attributable to interest. Our earnings were insufficient to cover our fixed charges for the years ended January 1, 2012, December 30, 2012, December 29, 2013, December 28, 2014 and the nine months ended September 27, 2015 by \$2,185, \$28,909, \$23,916, \$26,352 and \$7,014, respectively. As of the date hereof, we have no shares of preferred stock outstanding that require us to accrue or pay dividends, and consequently, our ratio of earnings to preferred share dividends and ratio of earnings to fixed charges would be identical.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our reports dated March 4, 2015, relating to the consolidated financial statements and consolidated financial statement schedule of Carrols Restaurant Group, Inc. and subsidiary (the “Company”), and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 28, 2014, and to the reference to us under the heading “Experts” in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte and Touche LLP

Rochester, New York
January 22, 2016