

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

**Amendment No. 1**  
**to**  
**FORM 10**

**GENERAL FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Victoria's Secret & Co.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**86-3167653**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**4 Limited Parkway East  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**43068**

(Zip Code)

**(614) 577-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

New York Stock Exchange

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer ☐  
Non-accelerated Filer ☒

Accelerated Filer ☐  
Smaller reporting company ☐  
Emerging growth company ☐

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

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET BETWEEN INFORMATION STATEMENT AND ITEMS OF FORM 10

Certain information required to be included herein is incorporated by reference to specifically identified portions of the body of the information statement filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 (the "information statement"). None of the information contained in the information statement shall be incorporated by reference herein or deemed to be a part hereof unless such information is specifically incorporated by reference.

**Item 1. Business.**

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Summary," "Risk Factors," "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," "The Separation," "Capitalization," "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Business," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Management," "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions," "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Index to Combined Financial Statements" (and the statements referenced therein) of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Risk Factors" and "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Financial Information.**

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Summary," "Risk Factors," "Capitalization," "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements," "Selected Historical Combined Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Index to Combined Financial Statements" (and the statements referenced therein) of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 3. Properties.**

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Business—Properties" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 4. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.**

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Ownership of Common Stock by Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5. Directors and Executive Officers.**

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Management" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 6. Executive Compensation.**

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Management" of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.**

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "The Separation—Agreements with LB," "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions," "Management," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Ownership of Common Stock by Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 8. Legal Proceedings.**

The information required by this item is contained in the section “Business—Legal Proceedings” of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9. Market Price of and Dividends on the Registrant’s Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters.**

The information required by this item is contained in the sections “Summary,” “Risk Factors,” “The Separation,” “Dividend Policy,” “Capitalization” and “Description of Capital Stock” of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 10. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.**

The information required by this item is contained in the section “Description of Capital Stock—Distributions of Securities” of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 11. Description of Registrant’s Securities to Be Registered.**

The information required by this item is contained in the section “Description of Capital Stock” of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 12. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

The information required by this item is contained in the section “Description of Capital Stock” of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 13. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

The information required by this item is contained in the section “Index to Combined Financial Statements” (and the statements referenced therein) of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 14. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.**

Not applicable.

**Item 15. Financial Statements and Exhibits.****(a) Financial Statements**

The information required by this item is contained in the sections “Index to Combined Financial Statements” (and the statements referenced therein) of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

**(b) Exhibits**

The following documents are filed as exhibits hereto:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>
<a href="#"><u>2.1</u></a>	Form of Separation and Distribution Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and Victoria’s Secret & Co.
<a href="#"><u>3.1**</u></a>	Form of Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Victoria’s Secret & Co.
<a href="#"><u>3.2**</u></a>	Form of Amended and Restated Bylaws of Victoria’s Secret & Co.
<a href="#"><u>4.1</u></a>	Form of Senior Notes Indenture by and between Victoria’s Secret & Co. and U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee
<a href="#"><u>10.1</u></a>	Form of L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and Victoria’s Secret & Co.
<a href="#"><u>10.2</u></a>	Form of VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and Victoria’s Secret & Co.
<a href="#"><u>10.3</u></a>	Form of Tax Matters Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and Victoria’s Secret & Co.
<a href="#"><u>10.4**</u></a>	Form of Employee Matters Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and Victoria’s Secret & Co.
<a href="#"><u>10.5**</u></a>	Form of Domestic Transportation Services Agreement between Mast Logistics Services, LLC and Victoria’s Secret & Co.
<a href="#"><u>10.6</u></a>	Form of Victoria’s Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan
<a href="#"><u>10.7</u></a>	Form of Victoria’s Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement
<a href="#"><u>10.8</u></a>	Form of Victoria’s Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan Stock Option Award Agreement
<a href="#"><u>10.9</u></a>	Form of Victoria’s Secret & Co. 2021 Cash Incentive Compensation Performance Plan
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<a href="#"><u>10.12</u></a>	Form of Victoria’s Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan Performance Share Unit Award Agreement
<a href="#"><u>10.13</u></a>	Form of Registration Rights Agreement by and among Victoria’s Secret & Co., Leslie H. Wexner and Abigail S. Wexner
<a href="#"><u>10.14</u></a>	Form of First Lien Credit Agreement by and among Victoria’s Secret & Co. and the Lenders named therein and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
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<a href="#"><u>10.16</u></a>	Form of Executive Employment Agreement by and between VS Service Company LLC and Martin Waters, dated as of May 22, 2021
<a href="#"><u>10.17</u></a>	Retention Bonus Agreement by and between L Brands, Inc. and Amy Hauk, dated as of June 1, 2020
<a href="#"><u>10.18</u></a>	Executive Severance Agreement by and between VS Service Company, LLC and Amy Hauk, dated as of June 28, 2021
<a href="#"><u>10.19</u></a>	Retention Agreement by and between L Brands, Inc. and Greg Unis, dated as of September 15, 2020
<a href="#"><u>10.20</u></a>	Executive Severance Agreement by and between VS Service Company, LLC and Greg Unis, dated as of June 28, 2021
<a href="#"><u>10.21</u></a>	Executive Severance Agreement by and between VS Service Company, LLC and Timothy Johnson, dated as of June 28, 2021
<a href="#"><u>21.1</u></a>	Subsidiaries of the Registrant
<a href="#"><u>99.1</u></a>	Preliminary Information Statement dated July 1, 2021
<a href="#"><u>99.2</u></a>	Form of Notice of Internet Availability of Information Statement Materials

**\*\* Previously filed.**

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Victoria's Secret & Co.

By: /s/ Martin Waters

Name: Martin Waters

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 1, 2021

**FORM OF SEPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

by and between

L BRANDS, INC.

and

VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.

Dated as of [—]

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## SEPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

SEPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT dated as of [—] (as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms and together with the schedules and exhibits hereto, this “**Agreement**”) between L Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**L Brands**”), and Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation (“**VS**”) (each, a “**Party**” and together, the “**Parties**”).

### W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of L Brands has determined that it is in the best interests of L Brands and its stockholders to separate the VS Business from the L Brands Business;

WHEREAS, VS is a wholly owned Subsidiary of L Brands that has been incorporated for the sole purpose of, and has not engaged in activities except in preparation for, the Distribution and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Board of Directors of L Brands has determined that it is in the best interests of L Brands and its stockholders to distribute to the holders of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.50 per share, of L Brands (the “**L Brands Common Stock**”) as of the Record Date, by means of a *pro rata* dividend, 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of VS (the “**VS Common Stock**”), on the basis of one share of VS Common Stock for every [—] then issued and outstanding shares of L Brands Common Stock (the “**Distribution**”);

WHEREAS, L Brands and VS have prepared, and VS has filed with the Commission, the Form 10, which includes the Information Statement, and which sets forth appropriate disclosure concerning VS and the Distribution, and the Form 10 has become effective under the Exchange Act;

WHEREAS, the Distribution will be preceded by, among other things, (i) the Restructuring, pursuant to which, among other things, all of the equity interests of the VS First-Tier Subsidiaries will be contributed to VS (the “**Contribution**”), (ii) the entry by VS into the VS Financing Arrangements and (iii) the payment of the Special Cash Payment;

WHEREAS, for United States federal and state income tax purposes, it is intended that (i) the Contribution, the Special Cash Payment and the Distribution, taken together, will qualify as a “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and each of L Brands and VS will be a “party to the reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code, (ii) the Distribution will qualify as a tax-free transaction under Sections 355(a) and 361(c) of the Code, and (iii) the L Brands Cash Distribution should qualify as money distributed to L Brands creditors or stockholders in connection with the reorganization for purposes of Section 361(b) of the Code (in each case, qualifying for such treatment under the corresponding provisions of state law), and it is a condition to the Distribution that L Brands will have obtained the Tax Opinion to such effect as contemplated by Section 3.01(a)(ix);

WHEREAS, this Agreement, together with the Ancillary Agreements and other documents implementing the Contribution and the Distribution, is intended to be, and is hereby adopted as, a “plan of reorganization” within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.368-2(g);

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined to set forth the principal actions required to effect the Distribution and to set forth certain agreements that will govern the relationship between the Parties following the Distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge that this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements represent the integrated agreement of L Brands and VS relating to the Distribution, are being entered into together, and would not have been entered into independently.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. *Definitions.* (a) As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the following meanings:

“**Action**” means any demand, claim, suit, action, arbitration, inquiry, investigation or other proceeding by or before any Governmental Authority or any arbitration or mediation tribunal.

“**Affiliate**” means, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such other Person. For the purposes of this definition, “**control**” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by Contract or otherwise, and the terms “**controlling**” and “**controlled**” have meanings correlative to the foregoing. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary (except where the relevant provision states explicitly to the contrary), no member of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and no member of the VS Group, on the other hand, shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of the other.

**“Ancillary Agreement”** means each of the Aviation Agreement, the Campus Security and Emergency Operations Services Agreement, the DC2 Lease, the Domestic Transportation Services Agreement, the Employee Matters Agreement, the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement, the Restructuring Agreements, the Tax Matters Agreement, the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement, the Letter Agreement and any other agreements, instruments, or certificates related thereto or to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (in each case, together with the schedules, exhibits, annexes and other attachments thereto).

**“Applicable Law”** means, with respect to any Person, any federal, state, local or foreign law (statutory, common or otherwise), constitution, treaty, convention, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order, injunction, judgment, decree, ruling, directive, guidance, instruction, direction, permission, waiver, notice, condition, limitation, restriction or prohibition or other similar requirement enacted, adopted, promulgated, imposed, issued or applied by a Governmental Authority that is binding upon or applicable to such Person, its properties or assets or its business or operations.

**“Aviation Agreement”** means the Aviation Agreement dated as of the date hereof between the parties thereto substantially in the form of Exhibit A, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

**“Business”** means, with respect to the L Brands Group, the L Brands Business and, with respect to the VS Group, the VS Business.

**“Business Day”** means any day, other than Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York, New York are authorized or required by Applicable Law to close.

**“Campus Security and Emergency Operations Services Agreement”** means the Campus Security and Emergency Operations Services Agreement dated as of the date hereof between L Brands and VS substantially in the form of Exhibit B, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

**“Cash and Cash Equivalents”** of any Person means all cash (including cash in store registers and store bank accounts of stores owned or leased by such Person), cash equivalents, certificates of deposit, time deposits, marketable securities, negotiable instruments, short-term investments and credit card receivables of such Person.

**“Commercial Data”** means any and all data and information relating to an identified or identifiable Person (whether the information is accurate or not), alone or in combination with other information, which Person is or was an actual or prospective customer of, or consumer of products offered by, the VS Business or L Brands Business, as applicable.

**“Commission”** means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**“Confidential Information”** means, with respect to a Group, (i) any proprietary information that is competitively sensitive, material or otherwise of value to the members of such Group and not generally known to the public, including product planning information, marketing strategies, financial information, information regarding operations, consumer and customer relationships, consumer and customer profiles, sales estimates, business plans and internal performance results relating to the past, present or future business activities of the members of such Group and the consumers, customers, clients and suppliers of the members of such Group, (ii) any proprietary scientific or technical information, design, invention, process, procedure, formula, or improvement that is commercially valuable and secret in the sense that its confidentiality affords any member of such Group a competitive advantage over its competitors and (iii) all confidential or proprietary concepts, documentation, reports, data, specifications, computer software, source code, object code, flow charts, databases, inventions, information, and trade secrets, in the case of each of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this definition, that are related primarily to such Group’s Business; *provided* that to the extent both the L Brands Business and the VS Business use or rely upon any of the information described in any of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), subject to Section 4.07, such information shall be deemed the Confidential Information of both the L Brands Group and the VS Group.

**“Contract”** means any written or oral commitment, contract, subcontract, agreement, lease, sublease, license, sublicense, understanding, sales order, purchase order, instrument, indenture, note or any other legally binding commitment or undertaking.

**“DC2 Lease”** means the DC2 Lease dated as of the date hereof between the parties thereto substantially in the form of Exhibit C, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

**“Distribution Agent”** means American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

**“Distribution Date”** means [—], 2021.

**“Distribution Documents”** means this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements.

**“Distribution Time”** means the time at which the Distribution is effective on the Distribution Date, which shall be deemed to be [—], Eastern Time, on the Distribution Date.

**“Domestic Transportation Services Agreement”** means the Domestic Transportation Services Agreement dated as of the date hereof between Mast Logistics Services, LLC and VS substantially in the form of Exhibit D, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

**“Employee Matters Agreement”** means the Employee Matters Agreement dated as of the date hereof between L Brands and VS substantially in the form of Exhibit E, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

**“Environmental Law”** means any Applicable Law relating to (i) human or occupational health and safety; (ii) pollution or protection of the environment (including ambient air, indoor air, water vapor, surface water, groundwater, wetlands, drinking water supply, land surface or subsurface strata, biota and other natural resources); or (iii) Hazardous Materials including any Applicable Law relating to exposure to, or use, generation, manufacture, processing, management, treatment, recycling, storage, disposal, emission, discharge, transport, distribution, labeling, presence, possession, handling, Release or threatened Release of, any Hazardous Material and any Applicable Law relating to recordkeeping, notification, disclosure, registration and reporting requirements respecting Hazardous Materials.

**“Environmental Liabilities”** means all Liabilities (including all removal, remediation, reclamation, cleanup or monitoring costs, investigatory costs, response costs, natural resources damages, property damages, personal injury damages, costs of compliance with any settlement, judgment or other determination of Liability and indemnity, contribution or similar obligations and all costs and expenses, interest, fines, penalties or other monetary sanctions in connection therewith) relating to, arising out of or resulting from any (i) (A) Environmental Law, (B) actual or alleged generation, use, storage, manufacture, processing, recycling, labeling, handling, possession, management, treatment, transportation, distribution, emission, discharge or disposal, or arrangement for the transportation or disposal, of any Hazardous Material, or (C) actual or alleged presence of, Release or threatened Release of, or exposure to, any Hazardous Material (including to the extent relating to the actual or alleged exposure to Hazardous Material, any claims that arise under, or are covered by, workers’ compensation laws or workers’ compensation, disability or other insurance providing medical care or compensation to injured workers) or (ii) Contract or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which Liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing, and all costs and expenses, interest, fines, penalties or other monetary sanctions in connection therewith.

**“Equity Compensation Registration Statement”** means the Registration Statement on Form S-8 or such other form or forms as may be appropriate, as amended and supplemented, including all documents incorporated by reference therein, to effect the registration under the Securities Act of VS Common Stock subject to certain equity awards granted to current and former officers, employees, directors and consultants of the L Brands Group to be assumed or replaced by VS pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement.

**“Escheat Payment”** means any payment required to be made to a Governmental Authority pursuant to an abandoned property, escheat or similar law.

**“Exchange Act”** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**“Form 10”** means the registration statement on Form 10 filed by VS with the Commission to effect the registration of VS Common Stock pursuant to the Exchange Act in connection with the Distribution, as such registration statement may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

**“Governmental Authority”** means any multinational, foreign, federal, state, local or other governmental, statutory or administrative authority, regulatory body or commission or any court, tribunal or judicial or arbitral authority which has any jurisdiction or control over either Party (or any of their Affiliates).

**“Group”** means, as the context requires, the VS Group, the L Brands Group or either or both of them.

**“Hazardous Material”** means (i) any petroleum or petroleum products, radioactive materials, toxic mold, radon, asbestos or asbestos-containing materials in any form, lead-based paint, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs) or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); and (ii) any chemicals, materials, substances, compounds, mixtures, products or byproducts, biological agents, or living or genetically modified materials, pollutants, contaminants or wastes that are now or hereafter become defined or characterized as or included in the definition of “hazardous substances,” “hazardous wastes,” “hazardous materials,” “extremely hazardous wastes,” “restricted hazardous wastes,” “special waste,” “toxic substances,” “pollutants,” “contaminants,” “toxic,” “dangerous,” “corrosive,” “flammable,” “reactive,” “radioactive,” or words of similar import, under any Applicable Law pertaining to the environment.

**“Indebtedness”** of any Person means (i) indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money, (ii) indebtedness of such Person evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments, (iii) indebtedness of such Person evidenced by letters of credit, banker’s acceptances, bank guarantees, performance and surety bonds or similar credit instruments, (iv) all capitalized lease obligations, and (v) the obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price of businesses, properties, securities, goods or services (including any “earn-outs”).

**“Indemnitees”** means, as the context requires, the L Brands Indemnitees or the VS Indemnitees.

**“Information Statement”** means the Information Statement to be sent to each holder of L Brands Common Stock in connection with the Distribution.

**“Intellectual Property Right”** means any Trademark, mask work, invention, patent, copyright, work of authorship, trade secret and know-how (such as formulas, manufacturing or production processes and techniques, methods, schematics, technical data and designs, customer and supplier lists, financial and marketing plans, pricing and cost information) or rights in software, data, databases, and any other similar or other type of proprietary or intellectual property right worldwide, including any registrations or applications for registration of any of the foregoing, any right to sue or recover or retain damages and costs and attorneys’ fees for the past, present or future infringement, misappropriation or other violation of any of the foregoing and any right to claim priority with respect to the foregoing.

**“IT Assets”** means information technology equipment and hardware, including desktop computers, desktop phones, printers, servers, workstations, routers, hubs, switches, data communications lines, personal laptops, personal mobile devices, cellular phones, tablets and end-user special use technology and all associated documentation owned, used, licensed or leased by L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries (excluding any public networks). For clarity, “IT Assets” do not include software.

**“L Brands Assets”** means all assets, properties and businesses, of whatever sort, nature or description, of L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries (including any member of the VS Group), or that are used or held for use in the L Brands Business, other than the VS Assets, including, for the avoidance of doubt:

(a) all of the interests in any capital stock or other equity securities or interest of or in any Person, other than the VS Equity Interests;

(b) except as set forth in clause (c) of the definition of “VS Assets,” all Cash and Cash Equivalents of L Brands and its Subsidiaries as of the Distribution Time;

(c) all distribution centers (and offices therein) of L Brands and its Subsidiaries and all leases of, and other interest in, real property, in each case together with all buildings, fixtures and improvements erected thereon, other than the VS Real Property;

(d) all insurance policies of L Brands and its Subsidiaries;

(e) the L Brands Records;

(f) the L Brands Commercial Data;

(g) all rights of L Brands arising under this Agreement or any of the Ancillary Agreements or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby;



(h) the Intellectual Property Rights owned by L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries that are not included in the VS IP, including all L Brands Names and Marks;

(i) all furniture and equipment (excluding IT Assets) located on any real property not included in the VS Assets;

(j) all IT Assets (other than VS IT Assets), including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Specified L Brands IT Assets;

(k) all accounts receivable other than those described in clause (h) of the definition of “VS Assets”;

(l) all recovery, rights, causes of action and awards, in each case, with respect to any Actions and claims that are or relate to L Brands Liabilities;

(m) all right, title and interest in, to or under the aircraft set forth on Schedule 1.01(a) other than the right, title and interest described in clause (i) of the definition of “VS Assets”;

(n) all Contracts other than the VS Contracts, those set forth in clause (l)(i) of the definition of “VS Assets” and those included in the VS IP; and

(o) the assets, properties and businesses set forth on Schedule 1.01(b);

*provided* that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the allocation of assets relating to Taxes shall be governed by the Tax Matters Agreement.

If any asset, property or business is identified as both an L Brands Asset and a VS Asset, it will be treated as an L Brands Asset and not a VS Asset.

“**L Brands Business**” means all of the businesses conducted by L Brands and its Subsidiaries from time to time, whether before, on or after the Distribution, other than the VS Business. For the avoidance of doubt, the VS Assets will not be considered part of the L Brands Business.

“**L Brands Commercial Data**” means any and all Commercial Data owned, used or held for use by L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries that is not included in the VS Commercial Data.

“**L Brands Group**” means L Brands and its Subsidiaries (other than any member of the VS Group).

“**L Brands Liabilities**” means (without duplication) all of the following (as determined by L Brands in its reasonable discretion):

(a) all Liabilities of L Brands and its Subsidiaries that are not VS Liabilities and all such other Liabilities set forth on Schedule 1.01(c); and

(b) all Liabilities that are expressly contemplated by this Agreement or any other Ancillary Agreement as Liabilities to be retained or assumed by L Brands or any other member of the L Brands Group, and all agreements, obligations and other Liabilities of L Brands or any member of the L Brands Group under this Agreement or any of the other Ancillary Agreements;

*provided* that, notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the allocation of Liabilities relating to Taxes shall be governed by the Tax Matters Agreement and (ii) the allocation of Liabilities relating to the employment, employee benefits and employee compensation matters expressly covered by the Employee Matters Agreement shall be governed by the Employee Matters Agreement.

**“L Brands Names and Marks”** means any and all Trademarks and other source or business identifiers incorporating any Trademark owned by L Brands and its Subsidiaries that are not included in the VS Trademarks, along with any variations or derivatives thereof and any name, marks, logos or other identifiers similar to any of the foregoing.

**“L Brands Records”** means all books, records, files and papers, whether in hard copy or computer format, prepared in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, all books, records, files and papers of the VS Business to the extent required to be retained by L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries under Applicable Law, and all minute books and corporate records of L Brands and its Subsidiaries.

**“L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement”** means the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement dated as of the date hereof between L Brands and VS substantially in the form of Exhibit F, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

**“Letter Agreement”** means the Letter Agreement dated as of the date hereof between L Brands and VS substantially in the form of Exhibit L, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

**“Liabilities”** means any and all claims, debts, liabilities, damages and obligations (including any Escheat Payment) of any kind, character or description, whether absolute or contingent, matured or not matured, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, known or unknown, whenever arising, including all costs and expenses (including attorneys’ fees and expenses and associated investigation costs) relating thereto, and including those claims, debts, liabilities, damages and obligations arising under this Agreement, any Applicable Law, any Action or threatened Action, any order or consent decree of any Governmental Authority or any award of any arbitrator of any kind, and those arising under any agreement, commitment or undertaking, including in connection with the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder.

**“NYSE”** means the New York Stock Exchange.

**“Permit”** means any license, permit, approval, consent, certification, franchise, registration or authorization which has been issued by or obtained from any Governmental Authority.

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

**“Personal Information”** means “personal information,” “personally identifiable information,” “personal data” or any term of similar intent, in each case as defined under Applicable Law pertaining to data privacy.

**“Record Date”** means the close of business on [—], 2021.

**“Registration Rights Agreement”** means the Registration Rights Agreement dated as of the date hereof among VS, Leslie H. Wexner and Abigail S. Wexner in the form of Exhibit G.

**“Release”** means any release, spill, emission, leaking, dumping, pumping, injection, pouring, deposit, disposal, discharge, dispersal, leaching or migration into, onto, within or through the indoor or outdoor environment (including ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata, soil and sediments) or into, through, or within any property, building, structure, fixture or equipment.

**“Restructuring”** means the reorganization of certain businesses, assets and liabilities of the L Brands Group and the VS Group to be completed before the Distribution Time in accordance with the Restructuring Plan.

**“Restructuring Plan”** means that certain L Brands, Inc. Project 2021 (Spin) Step Plan, attached hereto as Annex A.

**“Securities Act”** means the Securities Act of 1933.

**“Special Cash Payment”** means a cash payment from VS in an amount of \$[—], payable to L Brands prior to the Distribution.

**“Specified L Brands IT Assets”** means the IT Assets set forth on Schedule 1.01(d).

**“Specified VS IT Assets”** means the IT Assets set forth on Schedule 1.01(e).

**“Subsidiary”** means, with respect to any Person, any other entity of which (i) a majority of the voting securities or (ii) securities or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other persons performing similar functions, are at the time directly or indirectly owned by such Person.

“**Tax**” or “**Taxes**” has the meaning set forth in the Tax Matters Agreement.

“**Tax Benefit**” has the meaning set forth in the Tax Matters Agreement.

“**Tax Matters Agreement**” means the Tax Matters Agreement dated as of the date hereof between L Brands and VS substantially in the form of Exhibit H, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

“**Tax Opinion**” has the meaning set forth in the Tax Matters Agreement.

“**Third Party**” means any Person that is not a member or an Affiliate of the VS Group or the L Brands Group.

“**Trademark**” means trademarks, service marks, trade names, service names, domain names, social media identifiers and accounts, trade dress, logos, slogans and other identifiers of same, including all goodwill associated therewith, and all common law rights, and registrations and applications for registration thereof, all rights therein provided by international treaties or conventions, and all reissues, extensions and renewals of any of the foregoing.

“**VS Active Employee**” has the meaning set forth in the Employee Matters Agreement.

“**VS Assets**” means, except as expressly otherwise contemplated in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, the following assets of L Brands and its Subsidiaries (as determined by L Brands in its reasonable discretion):

- (a) all of L Brands’ and its Subsidiaries’ right, title and interest in, to and under the VS Equity Interests;
- (b) (i) all Trademarks owned by L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries and used or held for use, in each case, exclusively in the conduct of the VS Business by L Brands and its Subsidiaries as the same shall exist on the Distribution Date and (ii) the Trademarks set forth on Schedule 1.01(f), in each case, together with all corresponding rights that may be secured throughout the world with respect to any of the foregoing (clauses (i) and (ii) collectively, the “**VS Trademarks**”);
- (c) Cash and Cash Equivalents of each member of the VS Group as of the Distribution Time;

(d) all of L Brands' and its Subsidiaries' right, title and interest in and to the fee or leasehold interests, as the case may be, in, to and under the VS Distribution Centers, together with all buildings, fixtures and improvements erected thereon, and all L Brands' and its Subsidiaries' right, title and interest in and to any furniture and equipment (excluding IT Assets) located at the VS Distribution Centers;

(e) all Intellectual Property Rights (excluding all (A) Trademarks and (B) Commercial Data) that are owned by L Brands and its Subsidiaries and used or held for use, in each case, exclusively in the conduct of the VS Business by L Brands and its Subsidiaries as the same shall exist on the Distribution Date and (ii) the Intellectual Property Rights set forth on Schedule 1.01(g), in each case, together with all corresponding rights that may be secured throughout the world with respect to any of the foregoing;

(f) to the extent not prohibited under Applicable Law or any privacy policies of L Brands and its Subsidiaries, all of L Brands' and its Subsidiaries' right, title and interest in and to the VS Commercial Data;

(g) all of L Brands' and its Subsidiaries' rights to any recovery, rights, causes of action and awards, in each case, with respect to the Actions and claims that are VS Liabilities;

(h) accounts receivable of each member of the VS Group;

(i) the percentage of L Brands' and its Subsidiaries' right, title and interest in the aircraft in each case as set forth on Schedule 1.01(a);

(j) all of L Brands' and its Subsidiaries' right, title and interest in, to and under the VS Contracts;

(k) (i) all IT Assets located in any VS Real Property (other than the Specified L Brands IT Assets) and (ii) the Specified VS IT Assets (collectively, the "**VS IT Assets**"); and

(l) all right, title and interest of L Brands and its Subsidiaries in, to and under the following assets, properties, rights and businesses (other than such right, title and interest in any equity interests in any Person, Intellectual Property Rights, Commercial Data, Cash and Cash Equivalents, distribution centers (and offices located therein), IT Assets, Actions, accounts receivable and aircraft) of L Brands and its Subsidiaries to the extent owned, held or used in each case primarily in the conduct of the VS Business by L Brands and its Subsidiaries as the same shall exist on the Distribution Date:

(i) all leases of, and other interest in, real property, in each case together with all buildings, fixtures and improvements erected thereon and all furniture and equipment located thereon, including the leases set forth on Schedule 1.01(h);

- (ii) all raw materials, work-in-process, finished goods, supplies and other inventories;
- (iii) all prepaid expenses, including *ad valorem* taxes, leases and rentals;
- (iv) all transferable Permits;
- (v) all books, records, files and papers, including Personal Information, other than the L Brands Records; and
- (vi) all rights under warranties, indemnities, guarantees, refunds and similar rights of L Brands and its Subsidiaries against Third Parties;

*provided* that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the allocation of assets relating to Taxes shall be governed by the Tax Matters Agreement (other than the allocation of prepaid *ad valorem* Taxes, which shall be governed by clause (l)(iii) above).

**“VS Business”** means the specialty retail business of L Brands and its Subsidiaries with respect to women’s intimate and other apparel, accessories, beauty care products and fragrances that is conducted under the Victoria’s Secret or PINK brands.

**“VS Commercial Data”** means any and all Commercial Data used or held for use, in each case, exclusively in the conduct of the VS Business by L Brands and its Subsidiaries as the same shall exist on the Distribution Date.

**“VS Contracts”** means the Contracts (i) used or held for use, in each case, exclusively in the conduct of the VS Business by L Brands and its Subsidiaries as the same shall exist on the Distribution Date or (ii) set forth on Schedule 1.01(i).

**“VS Distribution Centers”** means the following distribution centers and offices of L Brands and its Subsidiaries: (i) Distribution Center 4 located at Four Limited Parkway, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 43068, (ii) Distribution Center 5 located at Five Limited Parkway, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 and (iii) the real property commonly known as DC6, located at 3425 Morse Crossing, Columbus, Ohio, 43219.

**“VS Equity Interests”** means (i) the equity interests of each member of the VS Group and (ii) the equity interests of the entities set forth on Schedule 1.01(j).

**“VS Financing Arrangements”** means (i) the First Lien Credit Agreement among VS, the Lenders (as defined therein) from time to time party thereto and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, (ii) the Indenture between VS and U.S. Bank National Association as trustee, pursuant to which senior unsecured notes will be issued, and (iii) the Revolving Credit Agreement among VS, the Borrowing Subsidiaries (as defined therein) party thereto, the Lenders (as defined therein) thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, pursuant to which revolving credit commitments in an aggregate amount equal to \$750,000,000 will be extended.

**“VS First-Tier Subsidiaries”** means the entities set forth on Schedule 1.01(n).

**“VS Group”** means VS and its Subsidiaries set forth on Schedule 1.01(k).

**“VS IP”** means all Intellectual Property Rights owned by L Brands and its Subsidiaries and included in the VS Assets.

**“VS IT Assets”** has the meaning set forth in the definition of “VS Assets.”

**“VS Liabilities”** means, as determined by L Brands in its reasonable discretion, all Liabilities (including Environmental Liabilities) to the extent arising out of the VS Assets or to the extent relating to or to the extent arising out of the conduct of the VS Business, as currently or formerly operated (including as conducted or operated by any predecessor of any member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group), in each case, whether incurred, accruing or arising on, prior to or after the Distribution, including:

- (a) all Indebtedness of each member of the VS Group;
- (b) all Liabilities relating to, arising out of or in connection with or resulting from the VS Financing Arrangements;
- (c) all Liabilities of L Brands and its Subsidiaries arising under the VS Contracts and the Contracts set forth in clause (l)(i) of the definition of “VS Assets”;
- (d) all Liabilities relating to any products manufactured or sold by the VS Business;
- (e) the Actions set forth on Schedule 1.01(l);
- (f) all Liabilities that are expressly contemplated by this Agreement or any other Ancillary Agreement as Liabilities to be retained or assumed by VS or any other member of the VS Group, and all agreements, obligations and other Liabilities of VS or any member of the VS Group under this Agreement or any of the other Ancillary Agreements; and

(g) all Liabilities set forth on Schedule 1.01(m);

*provided* that, notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the allocation of Liabilities relating to Taxes shall be governed by the Tax Matters Agreement and (ii) the allocation of Liabilities relating to the employment, employee benefits and employee compensation matters expressly covered by the Employee Matters Agreement shall be governed by the Employee Matters Agreement.

**“VS Real Property”** means all (i) VS Distribution Centers and (ii) other real property (other than distribution centers and offices therein) to the extent included in the VS Assets.

**“VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement”** means the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement dated as of the date hereof between L Brands and VS substantially in the form of Exhibit I, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

**“VS Trademarks”** has the meaning set forth in the definition of “VS Assets.”

(b) Each of the following terms is defined in the Section set forth opposite such term:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Section</b>
Agreement	Preamble
Amended and Restated Bylaws	2.02(c)
Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	2.02(c)
Arbitration Association	6.09(c)
Claim	5.04(a)
Code	Recitals
Contribution	Recitals
Disposing Party	4.05
Dispute	6.09(a)
Distribution	Recitals
Guarantee	2.09
Indemnified Party	5.04(a)
Indemnifying Party	5.04(a)
Intercompany Accounts	2.06
L Brands	Preamble
L Brands Cash Distribution	2.02(b)
L Brands Common Stock	Recitals
L Brands Designee	2.03(a)
L Brands Indemnitees	5.02(a)
L Brands Insurance Claims	4.10(b)
L Brands Insurance Policies	4.10(a)
L Brands Temporary Facilities	4.14
Mediation Notice	6.09(b)



<b>Term</b>	<b>Section</b>
Mediation Period	6.09(c)
Party	Preamble
Pre-Distribution Occurrences	4.10(b)
Prior Company Counsel	4.07(e)
Privilege	4.07(a)
Privileged Information	4.07(a)
Receiving Party	4.05
Released Parties	5.01(a)
Representatives	4.06
Restructuring Agreements	2.04
Segregated Account	2.02(b)
Shared Contract	2.05
Specified Guarantee	2.10(b)
Temporary Facilities	4.14
Third Party Claim	5.04(b)
VS	Preamble
VS Common Stock	Recitals
VS Designee	2.03(a)
VS Financing Transactions	2.02(b)
VS Indemnitees	5.03
VS Temporary Facilities	4.14

Section 1.02. *Interpretation.* In this Agreement, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) words used in the singular include the plural and words used in the plural include the singular;
- (b) references to any Person include such Person’s successors and assigns but, if applicable, only if such successors and assigns are permitted by this Agreement;
- (c) except as otherwise clearly indicated, reference to any gender includes the other gender;
- (d) the words “include,” “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the words “without limitation”;
- (e) reference to any Article, Section, Exhibit or Schedule means such Article or Section of, or such Exhibit or Schedule to, this Agreement, as the case may be, and references in any Section or definition to any clause means such clause of such Section or definition;

- (f) the words “herein,” “hereunder,” “hereof,” “hereto” and words of similar import shall be deemed references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Section or other provision hereof;
- (g) reference to any agreement, instrument or other document means such agreement, instrument or other document as amended, supplemented and modified from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof and by this Agreement;
- (h) reference to any law (including statutes and ordinances) means such law (including all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) as amended, modified, codified or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect at the time of determining compliance or applicability;
- (i) relative to the determination of any period of time, “from” means “from and including,” “to” means “to and including” and “through” means “through and including”;
- (j) the titles to Articles and headings of Sections contained in this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to be a part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement;
- (k) unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, all references to dollar amounts herein shall be in respect of lawful currency of the United States;
- (l) any capitalized term used in an Exhibit or Schedule but not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning set forth in this Agreement; and
- (m) the word “or” means “and/or” unless the context requires otherwise.

## ARTICLE 2

### PRIOR TO THE DISTRIBUTION

Section 2.01. *Information Statement; Listing.* Prior to the Distribution Time, L Brands shall mail (or shall have mailed) the Information Statement to the holders of L Brands Common Stock as of the Record Date. At or prior to the Distribution Time, L Brands and VS shall take (or shall have taken), all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate under the securities or blue sky laws of states or other political subdivisions of the United States and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable foreign securities laws in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements. Prior to the Distribution Time, VS shall prepare, file and pursue (or shall have prepared, filed and pursued) an application to permit listing of the VS Common Stock on the NYSE and shall give the NYSE advance notice of the Record Date in compliance with Rule 10b-17 under the Exchange Act.

(a) Restructuring. The Restructuring shall have been consummated on or prior to the Distribution Time.

(b) VS Financing Arrangements and Payments. Between the date of this Agreement and the Distribution, VS shall enter into (or shall have entered into) the VS Financing Arrangements and related financing transactions described in the Information Statement as occurring prior to the Distribution Date (the “**VS Financing Transactions**”), and receive the proceeds thereof. Immediately thereafter and prior to the Distribution, L Brands shall effect the Contribution. As consideration for the Contribution, VS shall (i) issue to L Brands [—] shares of VS Common Stock and (ii) pay to L Brands the Special Cash Payment in immediately available funds to one or more accounts designated in writing by L Brands. L Brands will maintain the funds received from the Special Cash Payment in a non-interest bearing segregated bank account (a “**Segregated Account**”) and will take into account for Tax purposes all items of income, gain, deduction or loss associated with the funds while maintained in this segregated account. Within [—] months following the Distribution, L Brands will distribute the cash held in the Segregated Account to (i) L Brands’ creditors in retirement of outstanding L Brands indebtedness or (ii) to L Brands’ stockholders in repurchase of, or distribution with respect to, shares of L Brands common stock (together, the “**L Brands Cash Distribution**”).

(c) Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws. At or prior to the Distribution Time, (i) L Brands and VS shall each take (or shall have taken) all necessary action that may be required to provide for the adoption by VS of an amended and restated certificate of incorporation of VS, substantially in the form of Exhibit J (the “**Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation**”), and amended and restated bylaws of VS, substantially in the form of Exhibit K (the “**Amended and Restated Bylaws**”), and (ii) VS shall file (or shall have filed) the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of VS with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

(d) The Distribution Agent. At or prior to the Distribution Time, L Brands shall enter (or shall have entered) into a distribution agent agreement with the Distribution Agent or otherwise provide instructions to the Distribution Agent regarding the Distribution.

(e) Directors and Officers. L Brands and VS shall take all necessary actions so that as of the Distribution Time: (i) the directors and executive officers of VS shall be those set forth in the Information Statement made available to the holders of L Brands Common Stock as of the Record Date prior to the Distribution Date, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties; (ii) each individual referred to in clause (i) shall have resigned from his or her position, if any, as a member of the Board of Directors of L Brands or as an executive officer of L Brands; and (iii) VS shall have such other officers as VS shall appoint.

(f) Satisfying Conditions to the Distribution. L Brands and VS shall cooperate (or shall have cooperated) to cause the conditions to the Distribution set forth in Section 3.01 to be satisfied (or waived by L Brands) and to effect the Distribution at the Distribution Time upon such satisfaction (or waiver by L Brands).

Section 2.03. *Transfers of Certain Other Assets and Liabilities.* Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or in any Ancillary Agreement and to the extent not previously effected pursuant to Section 2.02(a), effective as of the Distribution Time:

(a) L Brands hereby agrees, and hereby causes the relevant member of the L Brands Group, to assign, contribute, convey, transfer and deliver (or shall have assigned, contributed, conveyed, transferred and delivered) to VS or any member of the VS Group as of the Distribution Time designated by VS (a “**VS Designee**”) all of the right, title and interest of L Brands or such member of the L Brands Group in and to all of the VS Assets, if any, held by any member of the L Brands Group, and L Brands and VS hereby agree, and hereby cause the relevant member of the VS Group, to assign, contribute, convey, transfer and deliver to L Brands or any member of the L Brands Group as of the Distribution Time designated by L Brands (a “**L Brands Designee**”) all of the right, title and interest of VS or such member of the VS Group in and to all of the L Brands Assets, if any, held by any member of the VS Group; and

(b) L Brands hereby agrees, and hereby causes the relevant member of the L Brands Group, to assign, contribute, convey, transfer and deliver (or shall have assigned, contributed, conveyed, transferred and delivered) to VS, and VS, on behalf of itself or such VS Designee, hereby accepts, assumes and agrees to perform, discharge and fulfill, all of the VS Liabilities, if any, and L Brands and VS hereby agree, and hereby cause the relevant member of the VS Group, to assign, contribute, convey, transfer and deliver (or shall have assigned, contributed, conveyed, transferred and delivered) to L Brands, and L Brands, on behalf of itself or such L Brands Designee, hereby accepts, assumes and agrees to perform, discharge and fulfill, all of the L Brands Liabilities, if any.

(c) To the extent any assignment, contribution, conveyance, transfer, delivery or assumption of any asset or Liability of either Group as of the Distribution Time is not effected in accordance with this Section 2.03 as of the Distribution Time for any reason (including as a result of the failure of the Parties to identify it as being required to be transferred pursuant to this Section 2.03, but subject to Section 2.04 and Section 2.06), the relevant Party shall transfer such asset or Liability as promptly thereafter as practicable.

Section 2.04. *Restructuring Agreements.* The transfers of the various entities and the contribution, assignment, transfer, conveyance and delivery of the assets and the acceptance and assumption of the Liabilities contemplated by Section 2.03 and the Restructuring Plan will be effected, in certain cases, pursuant to one or more asset transfer agreements, share transfer agreements, business transfer agreements, certificates of demerger and merger and other agreements and instruments (the “**Restructuring Agreements**”); *provided* that, in each case, it is intended that the Restructuring Agreements shall serve purely to effect (i) the legal transfer of the VS Assets or L Brands Assets to the VS Group or the L Brands Group, as applicable, in accordance with the Restructuring Plan or as contemplated pursuant to Section 2.03 and (ii) the acceptance and assumption of the VS Liabilities or the L Brands Liabilities by a member of the VS Group or the L Brands Group, as applicable, in each case, in accordance with the Restructuring Plan or as contemplated pursuant to Section 2.03. Notwithstanding anything in any Restructuring Agreement to the contrary, neither L Brands nor any member of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, nor VS nor any member of the VS Group, on the other hand, shall commence, bring or otherwise initiate any Action under any Restructuring Agreement challenging the legal sufficiency of such Restructuring Agreement.

Section 2.05. *Shared Contracts.* (a) Any Contract to be assigned, contributed, conveyed, transferred and delivered to VS in accordance with the Restructuring Plan or as contemplated pursuant to Section 2.03 that does not exclusively relate to the VS Business (each, a “**Shared Contract**”) shall be assigned, contributed, conveyed, transferred and delivered only with respect to (and preserving the meaning of) those parts that relate to the VS Business, to a member of the VS Group, if so assignable, conveyable or transferrable, or appropriately amended (including by entering into a new agreement) prior to, on or after the Distribution Date, so that a member of the VS Group shall be entitled to the rights and benefit of those parts of such Shared Contract that relate to the VS Business and shall assume the related Liabilities with respect to such Shared Contract, as contemplated by Section 2.03; *provided* that (i) in no event shall any Person be required to assign, contribute, convey, transfer or deliver (or so amend), either in whole or in part, any Shared Contract that is not assignable (or cannot be amended) by its terms without the consent or approval of any other Person and (ii) if any Shared Contract cannot be so partially assigned by its terms or otherwise, or cannot be so amended, without such consent or approval, until such time that such consent or approval is obtained, L Brands will cooperate with VS to establish an agency type or other similar arrangement reasonably satisfactory to L Brands and VS intended to both (A) provide a member of the VS Group, to the fullest extent practicable under such Shared Contract, the claims, rights and benefits of those parts that relate to the VS Business and (B) cause such member of the VS Group to bear the related Liabilities thereunder from and after the Distribution in accordance with this Agreement (including by means of any subcontracting, sublicensing or subleasing arrangement) and in furtherance of the foregoing, VS shall, or shall cause another member of the VS Group to, promptly pay, perform or discharge when due any such Liability arising after the Distribution Time, which shall constitute VS Liabilities for purposes of this Agreement. Nothing in this Section 2.05 shall require any member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group to incur any non-*de minimis* obligation or grant any non-*de minimis* concession in order to effect any transaction contemplated by this Section 2.05.

(b) For so long as any member of the L Brands Group is party to any Shared Contract and provides any member of the VS Group any claims, rights and benefits of any such Shared Contract pursuant to an arrangement described in Section 2.05(a), such member of the VS Group shall indemnify the L Brands Indemnitees against and shall hold each of them harmless from any and all Liabilities incurred or suffered by any of the L Brands Indemnitees arising out of or in connection with such member of the L Brands Group's post-Distribution direct or indirect ownership, management or operation of any such Shared Contract (to the extent that such Liabilities relate to the VS Business).

Section 2.06. *Agreement Relating To Consents Necessary To Transfer Assets and Liabilities.* Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement shall not constitute an agreement to transfer or assign any asset (including any Contract) or any claim or right or any benefit arising thereunder or resulting therefrom, or to assume any Liability, if such transfer, assignment, or assumption without the consent of a Third Party or a Governmental Authority, would result in a breach, or constitute a default (or an event which, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become a default), under any Contract, would otherwise adversely affect the rights of a member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group thereunder or would violate any Applicable Law. L Brands and VS will use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the consent of any Third Party (including any Governmental Authority), if any, required in connection with the transfer, assignment or assumption pursuant to Section 2.03 of any such asset or any such claim or right or benefit arising thereunder or to the assumption of any Liability; *provided* that in no event shall any member of a Group have any Liability whatsoever to any member of the other Group for any failure to obtain any such consent. If and when such consent is obtained, such transfer, assignment and assumption shall be effected in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the applicable Ancillary Agreement. During the period in which any transfer, assignment or assumption is delayed pursuant to this Section 2.06 as a result of the absence of a required consent, the Party (or relevant member in its Group) retaining such asset, claim or right shall thereafter hold (or shall cause such member in its Group to hold) such asset, claim or right for the use and benefit of the Party (or relevant member in its Group) entitled thereto (at the expense of the Person entitled thereto) and the Party intended to assume such Liability shall, or shall cause the applicable member of its Group to, pay, hold harmless or reimburse the Party (or the relevant member of its Group) retaining such Liability for all amounts paid, incurred in connection with or arising out of the retention of such Liability. In addition, the Party retaining such asset, claim or right, or such Liability (or relevant member of its Group) shall (or shall cause such member in its Group to), insofar as reasonably possible and to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, take such actions as may be reasonably requested by the Party to which such asset, claim or right, or such Liability, is to be transferred or assumed in order to place such Party, insofar as reasonably possible, in the same position as if such asset, claim or right, or such Liability, had been transferred or assumed on or prior to the Distribution Time as contemplated hereby and so that all the benefits and burdens relating to such asset, claim or right, or such Liability, including possession, use, risk of loss, potential for gain, and dominion, control and command over such asset, claim or right, or such Liability, are to inure from and after the Distribution Time to the relevant member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group, as the case may be, entitled to the receipt of such asset, claim or right, or required to assume such Liability. Nothing in this Section 2.06 shall require any member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group to incur any non-*de minimis* obligation or grant any non-*de minimis* concession in order to effect any transaction contemplated by this Section 2.06.

Section 2.07. *Intercompany Accounts.* The Parties shall settle or extinguish on or prior to the Distribution Date all intercompany receivables, payables and other balances, in each case, that arise prior to the Distribution Time between members of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and members of the VS Group, on the other hand (“**Intercompany Accounts**”), in each case without any further Liability of any member of the L Brands Group to any member of the VS Group thereunder, or any further Liability of any member of the VS Group to any member of the L Brands Group thereunder.

Section 2.08. *Intercompany Agreements.* (a) Except as set forth in Section 2.08(b), all Contracts between members of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and members of the VS Group, on the other hand, in effect immediately prior to the Distribution are hereby agreed by L Brands (on behalf of itself and each member of the L Brands Group) and by VS (on behalf of itself and each member of the VS Group) to be terminated, cancelled and of no further force and effect from and after the Distribution Time (including any provision thereof that purports to survive termination) without any further Liability to any party thereto. Each Party shall, at the reasonable request of the other Party, take, or cause to be taken, such other actions as may be necessary to effect the foregoing.

(b) The provisions of Section 2.08(a) shall not apply to any of the following Contracts: (i) this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements (and each other Contract expressly contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement (A) to be entered into by any of the Parties or any of the members of their respective Groups or (B) to survive after the Distribution Time); (ii) any Contract to which any Person, other than solely the Parties and the members of their respective Groups is a party; (iii) the Contracts set forth on Schedule 2.08(b); (iv) any Shared Contracts; and (v) the Intercompany Accounts, which shall be settled in the manner contemplated by Section 2.07.

(a) L Brands and VS shall, and shall cause the members of their respective Groups to, use reasonable best efforts such that, on or prior to the Distribution Time, the L Brands Group and the VS Group maintain separate bank accounts and separate cash management processes. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, L Brands and VS shall use reasonable best efforts to, and shall cause the members of their respective Groups to use reasonable best efforts to, effective prior to the Distribution Time, (i) remove and replace the signatories of any bank or brokerage account owned by VS or any other member of the VS Group as of the Distribution Time with individuals designated by VS and (ii) if requested by L Brands, remove and replace the signatories of any bank or brokerage account owned by L Brands or any other member of the L Brands Group as of the Distribution Time with individuals designated by L Brands.

(b) With respect to any outstanding checks issued or payments initiated by L Brands, VS, or any of their respective Subsidiaries prior to the Distribution Time, such outstanding checks and payments shall be honored following the Distribution by the Person or Group owning the account from which the payment was initiated, and such Person or Group owning such account shall not have any claim with respect to such check or payment from the members of the other Group.

(c) As between L Brands and VS (and the members of their respective Groups) all payments received after the Distribution Time by either Party (or member of its Group) that relate to a business, asset or Liability of the other Party (or member of its Group), shall be held by such Party for the use and benefit and at the expense of the Party entitled thereto. Each Party shall maintain an accounting of any such payments, and the Parties shall have a monthly reconciliation, whereby all such payments received by each Party are calculated and the net amount owed to L Brands or VS, as applicable, shall be paid over with a mutual right of set-off. If at any time the net amount owed to either Party exceeds \$500,000, an interim payment of such net amount owed shall be made to the Party entitled thereto within five (5) Business Days of such amount exceeding \$500,000. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither L Brands nor VS shall act as collection agent for the other Party, nor shall either Party act as surety or endorser with respect to non-sufficient funds checks or funds to be returned in a bankruptcy or fraudulent conveyance action.

Section 2.10. *Replacement of Guarantees.* (a) L Brands and VS shall each use commercially reasonable efforts to, and shall cause the members of their respective Groups to use commercially reasonable efforts to, effective as of the Distribution Time, terminate or cause a member of the VS Group to be substituted in all respects for a member of the L Brands Group with respect to, and for the members of the L Brands Group, as applicable, to be otherwise removed or released from, all obligations under the agreements set forth on Schedule 2.10(a) and under any guarantee, customs, workers compensation, performance or surety bond, letter of credit, letter of comfort or similar credit or performance support arrangement (each of the foregoing agreements, guarantees, bonds, letters and arrangements, a “**Guarantee**”), given or obtained by any member of the L Brands Group for the benefit of any member of the VS Group or the VS Business. To the extent required to obtain such a substitution, release or removal, VS shall execute a guarantee or other agreement in the form of the existing Guarantee or such other form as is agreed to by the relevant parties to such guarantee or other agreement, which agreement shall include the removal of any security interest on or in any asset of L Brands that may serve as collateral or security for any VS Liability. If L Brands and VS have been unable to effect any such substitution, removal, release and termination with respect to any such Guarantee as of the Distribution Time, then, following the Distribution Time, (i) the Parties shall cooperate to effect such substitution, removal, release and termination as soon as reasonably practicable after the Distribution Time, (ii) VS shall and shall cause the members of the VS Group to, from and after the Distribution Time, indemnify against, hold harmless and promptly reimburse the members of the L Brands Group for any payments made by members of the L Brands Group and for any and all Liabilities of the members of the L Brands Group arising out of, or in performing, in whole or in part, any obligation under any such Guarantee, and (iii) without the prior written consent of L Brands, no member of the VS Group may renew, extend the term of, increase any obligations under, or transfer to a Third Party, any Liability for which any member of the L Brands Group is or might be liable pursuant to an applicable Guarantee unless such Guarantee, and all applicable obligations of the members of the L Brands Group with respect thereto, are thereupon terminated pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably acceptable to L Brands.



(b) With respect to the obligations of any member of the L Brands Group under the guarantee identified as the “Specified Guarantee” set forth on Schedule 2.10(b) (the “**Specified Guarantee**”), and without limiting VS’s obligations under Section 2.10(a), (i) VS shall cause the members of the VS Group not to (A) amend or modify the agreement (as amended) that is the subject of the Specified Guarantee in a manner that would adversely affect the release of the Specified Guarantee or (B) cause or create any breach or default under such agreement during the thirty (30)-day period from and after the Distribution Time, and (ii) VS shall cause the members of the VS Group to take all actions reasonably requested by L Brands to cause the conditions for the release of the Specified Guarantee to be satisfied, and will not take any action from and after the Distribution Time that may reasonably be expected to cause the conditions for the release of the Specified Guarantee not to be satisfied, or that would reasonably be expected to cause the release of the Specified Guarantee to be invalid after the Distribution Time.

Section 2.11. *Further Assurances and Consents.* In addition to the actions specifically provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, each of the Parties shall use its reasonable best efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, all things, reasonably necessary, proper or advisable under Applicable Law or applicable agreements or otherwise to consummate and make effective any transfers of assets, assignments and assumptions of Liabilities and any other transactions contemplated hereby, including using its reasonable best efforts to obtain any consents and approvals and to make any filings and applications necessary or desirable in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; *provided* that in no event shall any member of a Group have any Liability whatsoever to any member of the other Group for any failure to obtain any such consent or approval. Nothing in this Section 2.11 shall require any member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group to incur any non-*de minimis* obligation or grant any non-*de minimis* concession in order to effect any transaction contemplated by this Section 2.11.

### ARTICLE 3 DISTRIBUTION

Section 3.01. *Conditions Precedent to Distribution.* (a) In no event shall the Distribution occur unless each of the following conditions shall have been satisfied (or waived by L Brands in its sole discretion):

- (i) the Restructuring, including the Contribution and the Special Cash Payment, shall have been completed;
- (ii) the VS Financing Transactions shall have been consummated and L Brands shall be satisfied in its sole and absolute discretion that, as of the Distribution Time, it shall have no Liability whatsoever under the VS Financing Transactions;
- (iii) the Board of Directors of L Brands shall have approved the Distribution and shall not have abandoned the Distribution or terminated this Agreement at any time prior to the Distribution;
- (iv) the Form 10 shall have been filed with the Commission and declared effective by the Commission, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Form 10 shall be in effect, no proceedings for such purpose shall be pending before or threatened by the Commission, and the Information Statement, or a notice of Internet availability thereof, shall have been mailed to holders of the L Brands Common Stock as of the Record Date;
- (v) all actions and filings necessary or appropriate under applicable federal, state or foreign securities or “blue sky” laws and the rules and regulations thereunder shall have been taken or made and, where applicable, become effective or been accepted;

(vi) the VS Common Stock to be delivered in the Distribution shall have been approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance;

(vii) the Board of Directors of VS, as named in the Information Statement, shall have been duly elected, and the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Amended and Restated Bylaws, each in substantially the form filed as an exhibit to the Form 10, shall be in effect;

(viii) each of the Ancillary Agreements shall have been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto;

(ix) L Brands shall have received the Tax Opinion (which shall not have been revoked or modified in any material respect) that is reasonably satisfactory to L Brands confirming that (A) the Contribution, the Special Cash Payment and the Distribution, taken together, will qualify as a “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, (B) the Distribution will qualify as a tax-free transaction under Sections 355(a) and 361(c) of the Code and (C) the L Brands Cash Distribution should qualify as money distributed to L Brands creditors or stockholders in connection with the reorganization for purposes of Section 361(b) of the Code;

(x) an independent nationally recognized valuation advisory firm acceptable to L Brands shall have delivered one or more opinions to the Board of Directors of L Brands concerning the solvency and capital adequacy matters relating to each of (A) L Brands and its Group prior to the consummation of the Distribution and (B) L Brands and its Group and VS and its Group after consummation of the Distribution, and such opinions shall be acceptable in form and substance to the Board of Directors of L Brands in its sole and absolute discretion and such opinions shall not have been withdrawn or rescinded;

(xi) no Applicable Law shall have been adopted, promulgated or issued, and be in effect, that prohibits the consummation of the Distribution or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby or in an Ancillary Agreement;

(xii) any material governmental approvals and consents and any material permits, registrations and consents from Third Parties, in each case, necessary to effect the Distribution shall have been obtained; and

(xiii) no event or development shall have occurred or exist that, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of L Brands, in its sole discretion, makes it inadvisable to effect the Distribution or the other transactions contemplated hereby or in an Ancillary Agreement.

(b) Each of the conditions set forth in Section 3.01(a) is for the sole benefit of L Brands and shall not give rise to or create any duty on the part of L Brands or its Board of Directors to waive or not to waive any such condition or to effect the Distribution, or in any way limit L Brands' rights of termination as set forth in Section 6.12 or alter the consequences of any termination from those specified in Section 6.12. Any determination made by L Brands on or prior to the Distribution concerning the satisfaction or waiver of any or all of the conditions set forth in this Section 3.01 shall be conclusive and binding on the Parties and all other affected Persons.

Section 3.02. *The Distribution.* (a) L Brands shall, in its sole discretion, determine the Distribution Date and all terms of the Distribution, including the timing of the consummation of all or part of the Distribution. L Brands may, at any time and from time to time until the consummation of the Distribution, modify or change the terms of the Distribution including by accelerating or delaying the timing of the consummation of all or part of the Distribution. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Agreement shall in any way limit L Brands' right to terminate this Agreement or the Distribution as set forth in Section 6.12 or alter the consequences of any such termination from those specified in Section 6.12.

(b) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, (i) on or prior to the Distribution Date, L Brands shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to permit the Distribution by the Distribution Agent of validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of VS Common Stock, registered in book-entry form through the registration system, (ii) the Distribution shall be effective at the Distribution Time, and (iii) subject to Section 3.03, L Brands shall instruct the Distribution Agent to distribute, on or as soon as practicable after the Distribution Date, to each holder of record of L Brands Common Stock as of the Record Date, by means of a *pro rata* dividend, one share of VS Common Stock for every [—] shares of L Brands Common Stock so held. VS will not issue paper stock certificates in respect of the VS Common Stock. Following the Distribution Date, VS agrees to provide all book-entry transfer authorizations for shares of VS Common Stock that L Brands or the Distribution Agent shall require (after giving effect to Section 3.03) in order to effect the Distribution.

(c) Until the VS Common Stock is duly transferred in accordance with this Article 3 and Applicable Law, from and after the Distribution Time, VS will regard the Persons entitled to receive such VS Common Stock as record holders of VS Common Stock in accordance with the terms of the Distribution without requiring any action on the part of such Persons. VS agrees that, subject to any transfers of such shares, from and after the Distribution Time (i) each such holder will be entitled to receive all dividends, if any, payable on, and exercise voting rights and all other rights and privileges with respect to, the shares of VS Common Stock then held by such holder, and (ii) each such holder will be entitled, without any action on the part of such holder, to receive evidence of ownership of the shares of VS Common Stock then held by such holder.

Section 3.03. *Fractional Shares*. No fractional shares of VS Common Stock will be distributed in the Distribution. The Distribution Agent will be directed to determine (based on the aggregate number of shares held by each holder) the number of whole shares and the fractional share of VS Common Stock allocable to each holder of L Brands Common Stock as of the Record Date. Upon the determination by the Distribution Agent of such numbers of whole shares and fractional shares, as soon as practicable on or after the Distribution Date, the Distribution Agent, acting on behalf of the holders thereof, shall aggregate the fractional shares into whole shares and shall sell the whole shares obtained thereby for cash on the open market (with the Distribution Agent, in its sole discretion, determining when, how and through which broker-dealer(s) and at which price(s) to make such sales) and shall thereafter promptly distribute to each such holder entitled thereto (*pro rata* based on the fractional share such holder would have been entitled to receive in the Distribution) the resulting aggregate cash proceeds, after making appropriate deductions of the amounts required to be withheld for United States federal income tax purposes, if any, and after deducting an amount equal to all brokerage fees and commissions, transfer taxes and other costs attributed to the sale of shares pursuant to this Section 3.03. Neither L Brands nor VS will be required to guarantee any minimum sale price for the fractional shares. Neither the Distribution Agent nor the broker-dealers through which the aggregated fractional shares are sold shall be Affiliates of L Brands or VS. Recipients of cash in lieu of fractional shares will not be entitled to any interest on the amounts of payments made in lieu of fractional shares.

Section 3.04. *NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES*. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN OR IN ANY OTHER DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENT, NO MEMBER OF EITHER GROUP MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO ANY MEMBER OF THE OTHER GROUP OR ANY OTHER PERSON WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS OR MATTERS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR IN ANY OTHER DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENT (INCLUDING WITH RESPECT TO THE BUSINESS, ASSETS, LIABILITIES, CONDITION OR PROSPECTS (FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE) OF, OR ANY OTHER MATTER INVOLVING, EITHER BUSINESS, OR THE SUFFICIENCY OF ANY ASSETS TRANSFERRED OR LICENSED TO THE APPLICABLE GROUP, OR ANY CONSENTS OR APPROVALS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH TRANSFER OR LICENSE OR THE TITLE TO ANY SUCH ASSETS, OR THE VALUE OR FREEDOM FROM ANY SECURITY INTERESTS OF, OR ANY OTHER MATTER CONCERNING, ANY SUCH ASSETS, OR THAT ANY REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW ARE COMPLIED WITH WITH RESPECT TO THE RESTRUCTURING OR THE DISTRIBUTION, OR THE ABSENCE OF ANY DEFENSES OR RIGHT OF SETOFF OR FREEDOM FROM COUNTERCLAIM WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLAIM OR OTHER ASSET, INCLUDING ANY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, OF ANY PARTY). EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN OR IN ANY OTHER DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENT, EACH MEMBER OF EACH GROUP SHALL TAKE ALL OF THE BUSINESS, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TRANSFERRED OR LICENSED TO OR ASSUMED BY IT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENT ON AN “AS IS, WHERE IS” BASIS, AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED AND THE RESPECTIVE TRANSFEREES SHALL BEAR THE ECONOMIC AND LEGAL RISKS THAT (I) ANY CONVEYANCE WILL PROVE TO BE INSUFFICIENT TO VEST IN THE TRANSFEREE GOOD AND MARKETABLE TITLE, FREE AND CLEAR OF ANY SECURITY INTEREST, AND (II) ANY NECESSARY APPROVALS OR NOTIFICATIONS ARE NOT OBTAINED OR MADE OR THAT ANY REQUIREMENTS OF LAWS OR JUDGMENTS ARE NOT COMPLIED WITH.

Section 4.01. *Access to Information.*

(a) For a period of seven (7) years after the Distribution Date, each Group shall afford promptly the other Group and its agents and, to the extent required by Applicable Law, authorized representatives of any Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction, reasonable access (which shall include, to the extent reasonably requested, the right to make copies) during normal business hours to its books of account, financial and other records (including accountant's work papers, to the extent any required consents have been obtained), information (excluding any Commercial Data), employees and auditors to the extent necessary or useful for such other Group in connection with any audit, investigation, dispute or litigation, complying with their obligations under this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, any regulatory proceeding, any regulatory filings, complying with reporting disclosure requirements or any other requirements imposed by any Governmental Authority or any other reasonable business purpose of the Group requesting such access that relates to such Group's assets or Liabilities; *provided* that (i) any such access shall not unreasonably interfere with the conduct of the business of the Group providing such access and (ii) if any Party reasonably determines that affording any such access to the other Party would be commercially detrimental in any material respect or violate any Applicable Law or agreement to which such Party or member of its Group is a party, or waive any Privilege applicable to such Party or any member of its Group, the Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to permit the compliance with such request in a manner that avoids any such harm or consequence. The Party providing information pursuant to this Section 4.01 shall only be obligated to provide such information in the form, condition and format in which it then exists, and in no event shall such Party be required to perform any improvement, modification, conversion, updating or reformatting of any such information.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, until the end of the first full VS fiscal year occurring after the Distribution Date (and for a reasonable period of time afterwards as required for each Party to prepare consolidated financial statements or complete a financial statement audit for the fiscal year during which the Distribution Date occurs), each Party shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the other Party's information requests (other than with respect to any Commercial Data) to enable (i) the other Party to meet its timetable for dissemination of its earnings releases, financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures and its internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Items 307 and 308, respectively, of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Exchange Act; and (ii) the other Party's auditors to timely complete their review of the quarterly financial statements and audit of the annual financial statements, including, to the extent applicable to such Party, its auditor's audit of its internal control over financial reporting and management's assessment thereof in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Commission's and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's rules and auditing standards thereunder and any other Applicable Law.

Section 4.02. *Litigation Cooperation.* (a) After the Distribution Time (except in the case of a dispute between L Brands and VS, or any members of their respective Groups), each Group shall use commercially reasonable efforts to make available to the other Group and its attorneys, accountants, consultants and other designated representatives, upon written request, its directors, officers, employees and representatives as witnesses and any books, records or other documents within its control or which it otherwise has the ability to make available without undue burden, to the extent that any such person (giving consideration to business demands of such directors, officers, employees and representatives) or books, records or other documents may reasonably be required in connection with any Action in which the requesting Party (or member of its Group) may from time to time be involved, regardless of whether such Action is a matter with respect to which indemnification may be sought hereunder.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 4.02 shall not require the Party to whom any request pursuant to Section 4.02(a) has been made to make available Persons or information if such party determines that doing so would, in the reasonable good faith judgment of such party, reasonably be expected to result in any violation of any Applicable Law or agreement or adversely affect its ability to successfully assert a claim of Privilege under Applicable Law; *provided* that the Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate in seeking to find a way to permit compliance with such obligations to the extent and in a manner that avoids such consequence.

Section 4.03. *Reimbursement.* Each Group providing information or witnesses to the other Group or otherwise incurring any out-of-pocket expense in connection with cooperating under Section 4.01 or Section 4.02 shall be entitled to receive from the recipient thereof, upon the presentation of invoices therefor, payment for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including outside attorney's fees but excluding reimbursement for general overhead, salary and employee benefits) actually incurred in providing such access, information, witnesses or cooperation.

Section 4.04. *Ownership of Information.* All information owned by one Party (or a member of its Group) that is provided to the other Party (or a member of its Group) under Section 4.01 or Section 4.02 shall be deemed to remain the property of the providing Party. Unless specifically set forth herein or in any Ancillary Agreement, nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to grant or confer rights of license or otherwise in any such information.

Section 4.05. *Retention of Records.* Except as otherwise required by Applicable Law or agreed to in writing, for a period of two (2) years following the Distribution Date, each Party shall, and shall cause the members of its Group to, retain any and all information in its possession or control relating to the other Group's Business in accordance with the document retention practices of L Brands as in effect as of the date hereof. Neither Party shall destroy, or permit the destruction, or otherwise dispose, or permit the disposal, of any such information, subject to such retention practice, unless, prior to such destruction or disposal, the Party proposing (or whose Group member is proposing) such destruction or disposal (the "**Disposing Party**") provides not less than thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Party (the "**Receiving Party**"), specifying the information proposed to be destroyed or disposed of and the scheduled date for such destruction or disposal. If the Receiving Party shall request in writing prior to the scheduled date for such destruction or disposal that any of the information proposed to be destroyed or disposed of be delivered to the Receiving Party, the Disposing Party shall promptly arrange for the delivery of such of the information as was requested at the expense of the Receiving Party; *provided that*, if the Disposing Party reasonably determines that any such provision of information would violate any Applicable Law or agreement to which such Party or member of its Group is a party, or waive any Privilege applicable to such Party or any member of its Group, the Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to permit the prompt compliance with such request in a manner that avoids any such harm or consequence. Any records or documents that were subject to a litigation hold prior to the Distribution Date must be retained by the applicable Party until such Party or member of its Group is notified by the other Party that the litigation hold is no longer in effect.



Section 4.06. *Confidentiality*. Each Party acknowledges that it or a member of its Group may have in its possession, and, in connection with this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, may receive, Confidential Information of the other Party or any member of its Group (including information in the possession of such other Party relating to its clients or customers). Each Party shall hold and shall cause its directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and advisors (“**Representatives**”) and the members of its Group and their Representatives to hold in strict confidence and not to use, with at least the same degree of care that applies to L Brands’ confidential and proprietary information pursuant to policies in effect as of the Distribution Time, except as permitted by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, all such Confidential Information concerning the other Group except to the extent (i) such Party or any of the members of its Group or its or their Representatives is compelled to disclose such Confidential Information by judicial or administrative process or by other requirements of Applicable Law, subject to the remainder of this Section 4.06 or (ii) such Confidential Information can be shown to have been (A) in the public domain through no fault of such Party or any of the members of its Group or its or their Representatives, (B) lawfully acquired after the Distribution Date on a non-confidential basis from other sources not known by such Party or any of the members of its Group to be bound by a confidentiality obligation or other contractual, legal or fiduciary obligation of confidentiality with respect to such information or (C) independently developed by such Party or any of the members of its Group or its or their Representatives without reference to or the use of any Confidential Information of the other Group. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such Party or member of its Group or its or their Representatives may disclose such Confidential Information to the members of its Group and its or their Representatives who need to know such information in their capacities as such so long as such Persons are informed by such Party of the confidential nature of such Confidential Information and are directed by such Party to treat such information confidentially. The obligation of each Party and the members of its Group and its and their Representatives to hold any such Confidential Information in confidence shall be satisfied if they exercise the same level of care with respect to such Confidential Information as they would with respect to their own proprietary information. If such Party or any of a member of its Group or any of its or their Representatives becomes legally compelled to disclose any documents or information subject to this Section 4.06, such Party will promptly notify the other Party and, upon request, use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with the other Party’s efforts to seek a protective order or other remedy. If no such protective order or other remedy is obtained or if the other Party waives in writing such Party’s compliance with this Section 4.06, such Party or the member of its Group or its or their Representatives may furnish only that portion of the information which it concludes, after consultation with counsel, is legally required to be disclosed and will exercise its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded such information. Each Party agrees to be responsible for any breach of this Section 4.06 by it, the members of its Group and its and their Representatives.

Section 4.07. *Privileged Information*. (a) The Parties recognize that legal and other professional services that have been provided prior to the Distribution (whether by outside counsel, in-house counsel or other legal professionals) have been and will be rendered for the collective benefit of each of the members of the L Brands Group and the VS Group, and that, except as set forth in Section 4.07(f), each of the members of the L Brands Group and the VS Group shall be deemed to be the client with respect to such services for the purposes of asserting all attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine or common interest privilege (collectively, “**Privileges**”) which may be asserted under Applicable Law in connection therewith. Except as set forth in Section 4.07(f), the Parties agree that they shall have a shared privilege or immunity with respect to all Privileges. The Parties hereto acknowledge that members of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and members of the VS Group, on the other hand, may possess documents or other information regarding the other Group that is or may be subject to Privileges (such documents and other information collectively, the “**Privileged Information**”). Each Party agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to protect and maintain, and to cause their respective Affiliates to protect and maintain, any applicable claim to Privilege in order to prevent any of the other Group’s Privileged Information from being disclosed or used in a manner inconsistent with such Privilege without the other Party’s consent, including by executing joint defense or common interest agreements where necessary or useful for this purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Party and its Affiliates shall not, without the other Party’s prior written consent, (i) waive any Privilege with respect to any of the other Party’s or any member of its Group’s Privileged Information, (ii) fail to defend any Privilege with respect to any such Privileged Information, or (iii) fail to take any other actions reasonably necessary to preserve any Privilege with respect to any such Privileged Information.

(b) Upon receipt by a Party or any member of such Party’s Group of any subpoena, discovery or other request that calls for the production or disclosure of Privileged Information of the other Party or a member of its Group, or if a Party has knowledge that its or a member of its Group’s directors, officers, employees or representatives have received such a subpoena, discovery or other request, such Party shall promptly notify the other Party of the existence of the request and shall provide the other Party a reasonable opportunity to review the information and to assert any rights it or a member of its Group may have under this Section 4.07 or otherwise to prevent the production or disclosure of such Privileged Information. Each Party agrees that neither it nor any member of its Group will produce or disclose any information that may be covered by a Privilege of the other Party or a member of its Group under this Section 4.07 unless (i) the other Party has provided its written consent to such production or disclosure (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) or (ii) a court of competent jurisdiction has entered an order finding that the information is not entitled to protection under any applicable Privilege or otherwise requires disclosure of such information, in each case except as set forth in Section 4.07(f).

(c) Any furnishing of, or access or transfer of, any information pursuant to this Agreement is made in reliance on the agreement of L Brands and VS set forth in this Section 4.07 and in Section 4.06 to maintain the confidentiality of Privileged Information and to assert and maintain all applicable privileges and immunities. The Parties agree that their respective rights to any access to information, witnesses and other Persons, the furnishing of notices and documents and other cooperative efforts between the Parties contemplated by this Agreement, and the transfer of Privileged Information between the Parties and members of their respective Groups as needed pursuant to this Agreement, shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege that has been or may be asserted under this Agreement or otherwise.

(d) In the event that any member of the L Brands Group and any member of the VS Group cooperate in the mutual defense of any Third Party Claim, such cooperation shall not constitute a waiver or qualification of such Party's right to assert and defend any applicable claim to Privilege.

(e) Each of the L Brands Group and the VS Group covenants and agrees that, following the Distribution Time, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP or any other internal or external legal counsel currently representing the VS Group or any directors of the L Brands Group (each a "**Prior Company Counsel**") may serve as counsel to the L Brands Group and its Affiliates, or, with the prior written consent of L Brands (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), the VS Group and its Affiliates, in connection with any matters arising under or related to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, including with respect to any Action, claim or obligation arising out of or related to this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, notwithstanding any representation by the Prior Company Counsel prior to the Distribution Time. The VS Group hereby irrevocably (i) waives any claim the VS Group has or may have that a Prior Company Counsel has a conflict of interest or is otherwise prohibited from engaging in such representation and (ii) covenants and agrees that, in the event that a dispute arises after the Distribution Time between the VS Group (or any of its Affiliates) and the L Brands Group (or any of its Affiliates), Prior Company Counsel may represent any member of the L Brands Group and any Affiliates thereof in such dispute even though the interests of such Person(s) may be directly adverse to the VS Group and even though Prior Company Counsel may have represented the VS Group in a matter substantially related to such dispute.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.07, in the event of any adversarial Action between any member of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and any member of the VS Group on the other hand, related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, L Brands shall be entitled to control the assertion or waiver of all Privileges in connection with such matter and shall have the sole right to waive any Privilege in connection with such matter, without obtaining VS's consent pursuant to Section 4.07(a); *provided* that such waiver of Privilege shall be effective only as to the use of information with respect to the Action between the Parties or the applicable members of their respective Groups related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, and shall not operate as a waiver of the Privilege with respect to any Third Party.

(g) Each of the VS Group and the L Brands Group hereby acknowledges and confirms that it has had the opportunity to review and obtain adequate information regarding the significance and risks of the waivers and other terms and conditions of this Section 4.07, including the opportunity to discuss with counsel such matters and reasonable alternatives to such terms. This Section 4.07 is for the benefit of the L Brands Group, the VS Group and Prior Company Counsel, and the L Brands Group, VS Group and Prior Company Counsel are intended third party beneficiaries of this Section 4.07. This Section 4.07 shall be irrevocable, and no term of this Section 4.07 may be amended, waived or modified, without the prior written consent of L Brands, VS and Prior Company Counsel. The covenants and obligations set forth in this Section 4.07 shall survive the Distribution Time indefinitely.

Section 4.08. *Limitation of Liability.* Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no Party shall have any liability to any other party in the event that any information, books or records exchanged or provided pursuant to this Agreement is found to be inaccurate or the requested information, books or records is not provided, in the absence of willful misconduct by the party requested to provide such information, books or records. No Party shall have any liability to any other party if any information, books or records is destroyed after commercially reasonable efforts by such Party to comply with the provisions of Section 4.05.

Section 4.09. *Other Agreements Providing for Exchange of Information.* The rights and obligations granted under this Article 4 are subject to any specific limitations, qualifications or additional provisions on the sharing, exchange, retention, rights to use, or confidential treatment of information set forth in any Ancillary Agreement. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, (i) the Tax Matters Agreement shall govern the retention of Tax related records and the exchange of Tax related information and (ii) the Employee Matters Agreement shall govern the retention of employment and benefits related records. Any Party that receives, pursuant to a request for information in accordance with this Article 4, information that is not relevant to its request shall, at the request of the providing Party, (i) return it to the providing Party or, at the providing Party's request, destroy such information; and (ii) deliver to the providing Party written confirmation that such information was returned or destroyed, as the case may be, which confirmation shall be signed by an authorized representative of the requesting Party.

Section 4.10. *L Brands Insurance*. (a) From and after the Distribution Time, the members of the VS Group shall cease to be insured by the current and historical insurance policies or programs of L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries, whether provided by a third-party insurer, “captive insurer,” self-insurance or a co-insurance program (the “**L Brands Insurance Policies**”). From and after the Distribution Time, no member of the VS Group shall have any access, right, title or interest to or in any L Brands Insurance Policy (including to any claims or rights to make claims or any rights to proceeds).

(b) After the Distribution, VS shall promptly notify L Brands about any events, acts, errors, accidents, omissions, incidents, injuries or other forms of occurrences to the extent relating to any member of the VS Group or the properties, assets, business, operations, employees, officers or directors of any member of the VS Group that, in each case, occur prior to the Distribution (collectively, the “**Pre-Distribution Occurrences**”) and that could potentially be covered by a L Brands Insurance Policy that is an occurrence-based policy (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes any claim relating to a Pre-Distribution Occurrence that is below the deductible or retention for such policy but could potentially be covered if it were above such deductible or retention), and L Brands shall use commercially reasonable efforts to (i) report such Pre-Distribution Occurrences to the applicable third-party insurance provider of such L Brands Insurance Policy, and (ii) to the extent such Pre-Distribution Occurrence is covered by such L Brands Insurance Policy, file a claim for such Pre-Distribution Occurrence under such L Brands Insurance Policy. All (i) insurance claims relating to Pre-Distribution Occurrences that have been filed by L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries prior to the Distribution under a L Brands Insurance Policy (including those filed under L Brands Insurance Policies that are claims-made policies), and (ii) insurance claims relating to Pre-Distribution Occurrences that are filed by L Brands or any of its Subsidiaries after the Distribution under a L Brands Insurance Policy that is an occurrence-based policy (the filed insurance claims in clauses (i) and (ii) collectively, the “**L Brands Insurance Claims**”), shall be retained by L Brands and shall be L Brands Liabilities; *provided* that in no event shall, pursuant to this Section 4.10(b), the L Brands Liabilities include any underlying fact, circumstance or event related to a L Brands Insurance Claim, or any Liability relating to such underlying fact, circumstance, event or Liability (unless such underlying fact, circumstance or event is otherwise an L Brands Liability). After the Distribution, L Brands and its Subsidiaries shall have the sole responsibility for, and the sole right to, handle the claims administration for each L Brands Insurance Claim, including claims handling and resolution, defense costs, payments to claimants, deductibles and retentions, as applicable, under the terms and conditions of each L Brands Insurance Policy, discussions or negotiations with insurers and the control of any Action relating to any L Brands Insurance Claim. All proceeds paid or payable under a L Brands Insurance Policy shall be L Brands Assets. VS shall and shall cause the members of the VS Group to cooperate with L Brands with respect to the L Brands Insurance Claims, including in the investigation and pursuit of any L Brands Insurance Claim, comply with the terms of the L Brands Insurance Policies with respect to the L Brands Insurance Claims, provide such information as is reasonably requested by L Brands in connection with the L Brands Insurance Claims and, upon L Brands’ request, assign the L Brands Insurance Claims to L Brands or its Subsidiary.

(a) Effective from and after the Distribution Time, L Brands (on behalf of itself and its Subsidiaries) hereby grants the VS Group a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, fully paid-up, royalty-free, non-transferable, non-sublicensable (except as set forth in Section 4.11(d)) license under the Intellectual Property Rights (other than any and all Trademarks, formulas, Commercial Data and Personal Information) (i) that are owned by the L Brands Group as of the Distribution Time and (ii) that have been used or held for use in the VS Business on or prior to the Distribution Time but are not included in the VS Assets, in each case, to use, reproduce, create derivative works of, modify, distribute, make, have made, sell, offer for sale, import or otherwise commercially exploit products and services solely in connection with the operation of the VS Business.

(b) Effective from and after the Distribution Time, VS (on behalf of itself and its Subsidiaries) hereby grants the L Brands Group a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, fully paid-up, royalty-free, non-transferable, non-sublicensable (except as set forth in Section 4.11(d)) license under the VS IP (other than any and all Trademarks, formulas, Commercial Data and Personal Information) that has been used or held for use by the L Brands Group in the operation of the L Brands Business on or prior to the Distribution Time but are not included in the L Brands Assets, in each case, to use, reproduce, create derivative works of, modify, distribute, make, have made, sell, offer for sale, import or otherwise commercially exploit products and services solely in connection with the operation of the L Brands Business.

(c) Notwithstanding the assignment provision in Section 6.04, L Brands and VS may assign their respective licenses set forth in this Section 4.11, in whole or in part, in connection with a merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of, or any portion of the assets of, their respective Businesses to which the licenses relate.

(d) L Brands and VS may sublicense their respective licenses set forth in this Section 4.11 to (i) their vendors, consultants, contractors and suppliers, in connection with the provision of services to their respective Businesses to which the licenses relate and (ii) their distributors, customers and end-users, in connection with the distribution, licensing, offering and sale of the current and future products and services of their respective Businesses to which the licenses relate.

(e) Each license granted in this Section 4.11 is, and will otherwise be deemed to be, for purposes of Section 355(n) of the Bankruptcy Code, a license of rights to “intellectual property” (as defined under Section 101 of the Bankruptcy Code), and L Brands and VS will retain and may fully exercise all of their respective rights and elections under the Bankruptcy Code (or any similar foreign law) with respect thereto.

(f) For the avoidance of doubt, this Section 4.11 shall survive in perpetuity.

#### Section 4.12. *Trademark Phase Out.*

(a) As soon as reasonably practicable after the Distribution, but in no event later than twelve (12) months after the Distribution Time, VS shall and shall cause its Subsidiaries to (i) cease any and all use of the L Brands Names and Marks and (ii) destroy, conceal, cover, redact, replace or remove the L Brands Names and Marks from any and all VS Assets and any other assets and materials under their possession or control bearing such L Brands Names and Marks. VS acknowledges and agrees that, during the 12-month period set forth in this Section 4.12(a), VS shall only use the L Brands Names and Marks in substantially the same manner as such L Brands Names and Marks were used by L Brands and its Subsidiaries prior to the Distribution Time. Any and all goodwill resulting from the VS Group’s use of the L Brands Names and Marks shall inure solely to the benefit of L Brands.

(b) As soon as reasonably practicable after the Distribution, but in no event later than six (6) months after the Distribution Time, VS shall and shall cause its Subsidiaries to take any and all actions necessary (including the filing of amended organizational documents and any other required documentation with the relevant Governmental Authorities) to initiate a change to the corporate name, “doing business as” name, trade name and any other similar corporate identifier of VS and its Subsidiaries to a corporate name, “doing business as” name, trade name or any other similar corporate identifier that does not contain any L Brands Names and Marks or any name confusingly similar to any L Brands Names and Marks, including “Limited,” “Limited Brands,” “LB,” “Bath & Body Works” or “BBW.”

(c) VS agrees that (i) the L Brands Name and Marks are, as of the date of this Agreement, and shall continue to be following the Distribution Time, owned by L Brands or a Subsidiary of L Brands, as applicable, (ii) no member of the VS Group has any rights in, and shall not use in any manner, any of the L Brands Names and Marks following the twelve (12)-month period set forth in Section 4.12(a) and (iii) no member of the VS Group shall contest the ownership, enforceability or validity of any rights of L Brands and its Subsidiaries in or to any of the L Brands Names and Marks.

(d) As soon as reasonably practicable after the Distribution, but in no event later than twelve (12) months after the Distribution Time, L Brands shall and shall cause its Subsidiaries to (i) cease any and all use of the VS Trademarks and (ii) destroy, conceal, cover, redact, replace or remove any and all VS Trademarks from any and all L Brands Assets and any other assets and materials under their possession or control bearing such VS Trademarks. L Brands acknowledges and agrees that, during the 12-month period set forth in this Section 4.12(d), L Brands shall only use the VS Trademarks in substantially the same manner as such VS Trademarks were used by L Brands and its Subsidiaries prior to the Distribution Time. Any and all goodwill resulting from the L Brands Group's use of the VS Trademarks shall inure solely to the benefit of VS.

(e) As soon as reasonably practicable after the Distribution, but in no event later than six (6) months after the Distribution Time, L Brands shall and shall cause its Subsidiaries to take any and all actions necessary (including the filing of amended organizational documents and any other required documentation with the relevant Governmental Authorities) to initiate a change to the corporate name, "doing business as" name, trade name or any other similar corporate identifier of each Subsidiary of L Brands to a corporate name, "doing business as" name, trade name or any other similar corporate identifier that does not contain any VS Trademarks.

(f) L Brands agrees that (i) the VS Trademarks are, as of the date of this Agreement, and shall continue to be following the Distribution Time, owned by VS or a Subsidiary of VS, as applicable, (ii) no member of the L Brands Group has any rights in, and shall not use in any manner, any of the VS Trademarks following the twelve (12)-month period set forth in Section 4.12(d) and (iii) no member of the L Brands Group shall contest the ownership, enforceability or validity of any rights of VS and its Subsidiaries in or to any of the VS Trademarks.

(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 4.12 shall be construed as prohibiting either Party from making any use of the other Party's Trademarks to the extent such use constitutes "fair use" under Applicable Law.

Section 4.13. *Commercial Data.* VS shall not, and shall cause its Subsidiaries not to, following the Distribution Time, without the consent of the individuals to whom the VS Commercial Data relates, use or disclose VS Commercial Data for purposes other than those for which such VS Commercial Data was collected by L Brands or its Subsidiaries prior to the Distribution Time (unless (i) such consent is obtained by VS or (ii) otherwise permitted or required by Applicable Law), and shall give effect to any withdrawal of consent made in accordance with Applicable Law. VS shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, protect and safeguard the VS Commercial Data against unauthorized collection, use or disclosure, as provided by Applicable Law. To the extent required by Applicable Law, within a reasonable time after the Distribution Time, VS shall notify the individuals to whom the VS Commercial Data relates that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement have been completed and that their VS Commercial Data has been transferred to VS.



Section 4.14. *Limited License.* L Brands hereby grants to VS a limited license to use (and reasonable access to) space at certain facilities and to continue to use certain equipment located at such facilities (including the use of office security and badge services) (the “**VS Temporary Facilities**”), for substantially the same purposes as used in the operation of the VS Business immediately prior to the Distribution. VS’s rights to the Temporary Facilities shall include reasonable access and a limited license to use ancillary services to the same extent as such services are provided as of the Distribution Date to its own employees at such facility. VS hereby grants to L Brands a limited license to use (and reasonable access to) space at certain facilities and to continue to use certain equipment located at such facilities (including the use of office security and badge services) (the “**L Brands Temporary Facilities**” and together with the VS Temporary Facilities, collectively, the “**Temporary Facilities**”), for substantially the same purposes as used in the operation of the L Brands Business immediately prior to the Distribution. L Brands’ rights to the Temporary Facilities shall include reasonable access and a limited license to use ancillary services to the same extent as such services are provided as of the Distribution Date to its own employees at such facility. VS and L Brands shall each (i) vacate the VS Temporary Facilities, in the case of VS, and the L Brands Temporary Facilities, in the case of L Brands, on or prior to the date that is three (3) months following the Distribution Date, and (ii) vacate or deliver back, as applicable, the VS Temporary Facilities, in the case of VS, and the L Brands Temporary Facilities, in the case of L Brands, in substantially the same repair and condition at that date as on the Distribution Date, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The rights granted with respect to the Temporary Facilities shall be in the nature of a license and shall not create a leasehold or other estate or possessory rights therein and shall not include any right of sub-license or sub-leasehold to any Third Party. The covenants set forth in this Section 4.14 shall survive for six (6) months following the Distribution Date.

Section 4.15. *Other Matters.* Each of L Brands and VS agrees to the covenants, agreements and undertakings set forth on Schedule 4.15.

Section 4.16. *Inducement.* VS acknowledges and agrees that L Brands’ willingness to cause, effect and consummate the Distribution has been conditioned upon and induced by VS’s covenants and agreements in this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, including VS’s assumption of the VS Liabilities. The Parties acknowledge that, after the Distribution Time, each Party shall be independent of the other Party, with responsibility for its own actions and inactions and its own Liabilities relating to, arising out of or resulting from the conduct of its business, operations and activities following the Distribution Time, except as may otherwise be provided in this Agreement or in any Ancillary Agreement, and each Party shall (except as otherwise provided in this Agreement) use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent such Liabilities from being inappropriately borne by the other Party.

Section 4.17. *Registration Rights Agreement*. To the extent applicable, prior to the Distribution, VS shall enter into the Registration Rights Agreement with the other parties thereto.

ARTICLE 5  
RELEASE; INDEMNIFICATION

Section 5.01. *Release of Pre-Distribution Claims*.

(a) Except (i) as provided in Section 5.01(b) and (ii) as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, each Party does hereby, on behalf of itself and each member of its Group, and each of their successors and assigns, and to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, all Persons who at any time prior to the Distribution Time have been directors, officers, employees or agents serving as independent contractors of such Party or any member of its Group (in each case, in their respective capacities as such), release and forever discharge the other Party and the other members of such Party's Group, and their respective successors and assigns, and all Persons who at any time prior to the Distribution Time have been directors, officers, employees or agents serving as independent contractors of such other Party or any member of its Group (in each case, in their respective capacities as such), and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns (collectively, the "**Released Parties**"), from any and all demands, claims, Actions and Liabilities whatsoever, whether at law or in equity (including any right of contribution or any right pursuant to any Environmental Law whether now or hereinafter in effect), whether arising under any Contract, by operation of law or otherwise (and including for the avoidance of doubt, those arising as a result of the negligence, strict liability or any other liability under any theory of law or equity of, or any violation of law by any Released Party), existing or arising from any acts or events occurring or failing to occur or alleged to have occurred or to have failed to occur or any conditions existing or alleged to have existed on or before the Distribution Date, in the case of the release by L Brands, to the extent relating to, arising out of or resulting from the L Brands Business, the L Brands Assets or the L Brands Liabilities, and in the case of the release by VS, to the extent relating to, arising out of or resulting from the VS Business, the VS Assets or the VS Liabilities. In furtherance of the foregoing, each Party shall cause each of the members of its respective Group to, effective as of the Distribution Time, release and forever discharge each of the Released Parties of the other Group as and to the same extent as the release and discharge provided by such Party pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 5.01(a).

(b) Nothing contained in Section 5.01(a) shall impair any right of any Person identified in Section 5.01(a) to enforce this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement. Nothing contained in Section 5.01(a) shall release or discharge any Person from:

(i) any Liability assumed, transferred, assigned, retained or allocated to that Person in accordance with, or any other Liability of that Person under, this Agreement or any of the Ancillary Agreements;

(ii) any Liability that is expressly specified in this Agreement (including Section 2.08) or any Ancillary Agreement to continue after the Distribution Time, but subject to any limitation set forth in this Agreement (including Section 2.08) or any Ancillary Agreement relating specifically to such Liability;

(iii) any Liability that the Parties may have with respect to claims for indemnification, recovery or contribution brought pursuant to this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, which Liability shall be governed by the provisions of this Article 5, or, if applicable, the appropriate provisions of the Ancillary Agreements; or

(iv) any Liability the release of which would result in the release of any Person, other than a member of the L Brands Group, the VS Group or any related Released Party; *provided, however*, that the Parties agree not to bring or allow their respective Subsidiaries to bring suit against the other party or any related Released Party with respect to any such Liability.

In addition, nothing contained in Section 5.01(a) shall release any Party or any member of its Group from honoring its existing obligations to indemnify, or advance expenses to, any Person who was a director, officer or employee of such Party or any member of its Group, at or prior to the Distribution Time, to the extent such Person was entitled to such indemnification or advancement of expenses pursuant to then-existing obligations and remains so entitled; *provided, however*, that to the extent applicable, Section 5.02 hereof shall determine whether any Party shall be required to indemnify the other Party or a member of its Group in respect of such Liability.

(c) No Party shall make, nor permit any member of its Group to make, any claim or demand, or commence any Action asserting any claim or demand, including any claim of contribution or indemnification, against the other Party, or any related Released Party, with respect to any Liability released pursuant to Section 5.01(a).

(d) It is the intent of each of the Parties by virtue of the provisions of this Section 5.01 to provide for a full and complete release and discharge of all Liabilities existing or arising from all acts and events occurring or failing to occur or alleged to have occurred or to have failed to occur and all conditions existing or alleged to have existed on or before the Distribution Date between members of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and members of the VS Group, on the other hand (including any Contract existing or alleged to exist between the Parties on or before the Distribution Date), except as expressly set forth in Section 5.01(b) or as expressly provided in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement. At any time, at the reasonable request of either L Brands or VS, the other Party shall execute and deliver (and cause its respective Subsidiaries to execute and deliver) releases reflecting the provisions hereof.

Section 5.02. *VS Indemnification of the L Brands Group.* (a) Effective as of and after the Distribution Time, VS shall, and shall cause the other members of the VS Group to, indemnify, defend and hold harmless each member of the L Brands Group, each Affiliate thereof and each of their respective past, present and future directors, officers, employees and agents and the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of any of the foregoing (the “**L Brands Indemnitees**”) from and against any and all Liabilities incurred or suffered by any of the L Brands Indemnitees arising out of or in connection with (i) any of the VS Liabilities, or the failure of any member of the VS Group or any other Person to pay, perform or otherwise discharge any of the VS Liabilities, whether prior to, at or after the Distribution Time, (ii) any breach by VS or any member of the VS Group of this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, (iii) the ownership or operation of the VS Business, the businesses conducted by the VS Group or the VS Assets on or after the Distribution Date, (iv) any payments made by L Brands or any member of the L Brands Group in respect of any Guarantee given or obtained by any member of the L Brands Group for the benefit of any member of the VS Group or the VS Business, or any Liability of any member of the L Brands Group in respect thereof, and (v) any use of any L Brands Names and Marks by VS.

(b) Except to the extent set forth in Section 5.03(b), effective as of and after the Distribution Time, VS shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the L Brands Indemnitees and each Person, if any, who controls any L Brands Indemnitee within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act from and against any and all Liabilities caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Form 10 or any amendment thereof, the Information Statement (as amended or supplemented), the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any offering or marketing materials prepared in connection with the VS Financing Transactions or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Section 5.03. *L Brands Indemnification of the VS Group.* (a) Effective as of and after the Distribution Time, L Brands shall, and shall cause the other members of the L Brands Group to, indemnify, defend and hold harmless each member of the VS Group, each Affiliate thereof and each of their respective past, present and future directors, officers, employees and agents and the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of any of the foregoing (the “**VS Indemnitees**”) from and against any and all Liabilities incurred or suffered by any of the VS Indemnitees and arising out of or in connection with (i) any of the L Brands Liabilities, or the failure of any member of the L Brands Group or any other Person to pay, perform or otherwise discharge any of the L Brands Liabilities, whether prior to, at or after the Distribution Time, (ii) the ownership or operation of the L Brands Business or the L Brands Assets on or after the Distribution Date, and (iii) any breach by L Brands or any member of the L Brands Group of this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement.

(a) Effective as of and after the Distribution Time, L Brands shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the VS Indemnitees and each Person, if any, who controls any VS Indemnatee within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act from and against any and all Liabilities caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Form 10 or any amendment thereof, the Information Statement (as amended or supplemented), the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any offering or marketing materials prepared in connection with the VS Financing Transactions or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such Liabilities are caused by any such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission based on information furnished by L Brands solely in respect of the L Brands Group and which information is set forth on Schedule 5.03(b), it being agreed that the statements set forth on Schedule 5.03(b) shall be the only information furnished by L Brands in respect of the L Brands Group in the Form 10, the Information Statement, the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any offering or marketing materials prepared in connection with the VS Financing Transactions, and all other information contained in the Form 10, the Information Statement, the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any offering or marketing materials prepared in connection with the VS Financing Transactions shall be deemed to be information supplied by VS.

Section 5.04. *Procedures.* (a) The Party seeking indemnification under Section 5.02 or Section 5.03 (the “**Indemnified Party**”) agrees to give prompt notice to the Party against whom indemnity is sought (the “**Indemnifying Party**”) of the assertion of any claim, or the commencement of any suit, action or proceeding (each, a “**Claim**”) in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder and will provide the Indemnifying Party such information with respect thereto that the Indemnifying Party may reasonably request. The failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations hereunder, except to the extent such failure shall have adversely prejudiced the Indemnifying Party.

(b) The Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to participate in the defense of any Claim (other than any criminal Action or Action brought by a Governmental Authority) asserted by any Third Party (“**Third Party Claim**”) and, subject to the limitations set forth in this Section 5.04, if it so notifies the Indemnified Party no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice described in Section 5.04(a), shall be entitled to control and appoint lead counsel for such defense (other than any criminal Action or Action brought by a Governmental Authority), in each case at its expense; *provided* that, prior to the Indemnifying Party controlling the defense of such Third Party Claim, it shall first confirm to the Indemnified Party in writing that, assuming the facts presented to the Indemnifying Party by the Indemnified Party are true, the Indemnifying Party shall indemnify the Indemnified Party for any such damages to the extent resulting from, or arising out of, such Third Party Claim. If the Indemnifying Party does not so notify the Indemnified Party, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to defend or contest such Third Party Claim through counsel chosen by the Indemnified Party that is reasonably acceptable to the Indemnifying Party, subject to the provisions of this Section 5.04, and if the Indemnifying Party has an indemnification obligation with respect to such Third Party Claim, then the Indemnifying Party shall be liable for all reasonable and documented fees and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party in connection with the defense of such Third Party Claim. If an Indemnifying Party has elected to control the defense of a Third Party Claim, then such Indemnifying Party shall be solely liable for all fees and expenses incurred by it in connection with the defense of such Third Party Claim and shall not be entitled to seek any indemnification or reimbursement from the Indemnified Party for any such fees or expenses incurred by the Indemnifying Party during the course of the defense of such Third Party Claim by such Indemnifying Party, regardless of any subsequent decision by the Indemnifying Party to reject or otherwise abandon its assumption of such defense.

(c) If the Indemnifying Party shall assume the control of the defense of any Third Party Claim in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.04(b), (i) the Indemnifying Party shall obtain the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) before entering into any settlement of such Third Party Claim, if the settlement does not release the Indemnified Party from all Liabilities and obligations with respect to such Third Party Claim or the settlement imposes injunctive or other equitable relief against the Indemnified Party or any of its related Indemnitees or is otherwise materially prejudicial to any such Person and (ii) the Indemnified Party shall be entitled to participate in (but not control) the defense of such Third Party Claim and, at its own expense, to employ separate counsel (including local counsel as necessary) of its choice for such purpose; *provided* that (A) in the event of a conflict of interest between the Indemnifying Party and the applicable Indemnified Party, the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of such separate counsel (including local counsel as necessary) shall be at the Indemnifying Party’s expense, and (B) the members of the VS Group shall not be entitled to participate in the defense of any Third Party Claim to the extent relating to the matters set forth on Schedule 5.04(c).

(d) Each Party shall cooperate, and cause their respective Affiliates to cooperate, in the defense or prosecution of any Third Party Claim and shall furnish or cause to be furnished such records, information and testimony, and attend such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trials or appeals, as may be reasonably requested in connection therewith.

(e) Each Indemnified Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to collect any amounts available under insurance coverage, or from any other Person alleged to be responsible, for any Liabilities payable under Section 5.02 or Section 5.03 and the reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith will be treated as Liabilities subject to indemnification hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Indemnifying Party may not delay making any indemnification payment required under the terms of this Agreement, or otherwise satisfying any indemnification obligation, pending the outcome of any Action to collect or recover any amounts available under insurance coverage, and an Indemnified Party need not attempt to collect any such amounts prior to making a claim for indemnification or contribution or receiving any payment otherwise owed to it under this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement.

(f) In the event of any Action in which the Indemnifying Party is not also named defendant, at the request of either the Indemnified Party or the Indemnifying Party, the Parties will use commercially reasonable efforts to substitute the Indemnifying Party or its applicable Affiliate for the named defendant in the Action.

Section 5.05. *Calculation of Indemnification Amount.* Any indemnification amount pursuant to Section 5.02 or Section 5.03 shall be paid (i) net of any amounts actually recovered (net of any out-of-pocket costs or expenses incurred in the collection thereof) by the Indemnified Party under applicable Third Party insurance policies or from any other Third Party alleged to be responsible therefor, and (ii) taking into account any Tax Benefit allowable to the Indemnified Party (using the methodology set forth in Section 11(d) of the Tax Matters Agreement to determine the amount of any such Tax Benefit) and any Tax cost incurred by the Indemnified Party arising from the incurrence or payment of the relevant Liabilities. L Brands and VS agree that, for United States federal income tax purposes, any payment made pursuant to this Article 5 will be treated as provided under Section 12(b) of the Tax Matters Agreement. If the Indemnified Party receives any amounts under applicable Third Party insurance policies, or from any other Third Party alleged to be responsible for any Liabilities, subsequent to an indemnification payment by the Indemnifying Party in respect thereof, then such Indemnified Party shall promptly reimburse the Indemnifying Party for any payment made by such Indemnifying Party in respect thereof up to the amount received (net of any out-of-pocket costs or expenses incurred in the collection thereof) by the Indemnified Party from such Third Party insurance policy or Third Party, as applicable.

Section 5.06. *Contribution*. If for any reason the indemnification provided for in Section 5.02 or Section 5.03 is held to be unenforceable or is unavailable to any Indemnified Party, or insufficient to hold it harmless, then the Indemnifying Party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of such Liabilities in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and the VS Group, on the other hand, in connection with the conduct, statement or omission that resulted in such Liabilities. In case of any Liabilities arising out of or related to information contained in the Form 10 or any amendment thereof, the Information Statement (as amended or supplemented), the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any offering or marketing materials prepared in connection with the VS Financing Transactions, the relative fault of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and the VS Group, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission of a material fact relates to information supplied by VS or any member of its Group, on the one hand, or L Brands or any member of its Group (but solely to the extent such information is set forth on Schedule 5.03(b)), on the other hand.

Section 5.07. *Non-Exclusivity of Remedies*. Subject to Section 5.01, the remedies provided for in this Article 5 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any Indemnified Party at law or in equity; *provided* that the procedures set forth in Sections 5.04 and 5.05 shall be the exclusive procedures governing any indemnity action brought under this Agreement.

Section 5.08. *Survival of Indemnities*. The rights and obligations of any Indemnified Party or Indemnifying Party under this Article 5 shall survive the sale or other transfer of any Party or any member of its Group of any of its assets, business or liabilities or any merger, consolidation, business combination, restructuring, recapitalization, reorganization or similar transaction involving either Party or any member of its Group.

Section 5.09. *Ancillary Agreements*. If an indemnification claim is covered by the indemnification provisions of an Ancillary Agreement, the claim shall be made under the Ancillary Agreement to the extent applicable and the provisions thereof shall govern such claim. In no event shall any Party be entitled to double recovery from the indemnification provisions of this Agreement and any Ancillary Agreement.



Section 6.01. *Notices.* Any notice, instruction, direction or demand under the terms of this Agreement required to be in writing shall be duly given upon delivery, if delivered by hand, facsimile transmission, mail, or e-mail transmission to the following addresses:

If to L Brands to:

L Brands, Inc.  
Three Limited Parkway  
Columbus, Ohio 43230  
Attn: Michael Wu  
Tim Faber  
Email: MiWu@lb.com  
TFaber@lb.com

with a copy to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Attn: William H. Aaronson  
Cheryl Chan  
Email: william.aaronson@davispolk.com  
cheryl.chan@davispolk.com

If to VS to:

Victoria's Secret & Co.  
4 Limited Parkway East  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Attn: Melinda McAfee  
Email: MMcAfee@lb.com

or such other address or facsimile number as such Party may hereafter specify for the purpose by notice to the other Party. All such notices, requests and other communications shall be deemed received on the date of receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. in the place of receipt and such day is a Business Day in the place of receipt. Otherwise, any such notice, request or communication shall be deemed not to have been received until the next succeeding Business Day in the place of receipt.

Section 6.02. *Amendments; No Waivers.* (a) Any provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived if, and only if, such amendment or waiver is in writing and is signed, in the case of an amendment, by L Brands and VS, or in the case of a waiver, by the Party against whom the waiver is to be effective.

(b) No failure or delay by any Party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by Applicable Law.

Section 6.03. *Expenses.* L Brands and VS shall each bear the costs and expenses incurred or paid in connection with the Restructuring, the Distribution and any other related transaction, as applicable, set forth below their respective names on Schedule 6.03. All other third-party fees, costs and expenses paid or incurred in connection with the foregoing (except as specifically allocated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement) will be paid by the Party incurring such fees or expenses, whether or not the Distribution occurs, or as otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.

Section 6.04. *Successors and Assigns.* The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns; *provided* that neither Party may assign, delegate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the other Party, except pursuant to Section 4.11(c). If any Party or any of its successors or permitted assigns (i) shall consolidate with or merge into any other Person and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) shall transfer all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then, and in each such case, no such consent shall be required and proper provisions shall be made so that the successors and assigns of such Party shall assume all of the obligations of such Party under the Distribution Documents; *provided* that no such assignment shall release the assigning Party from liability for the full performance of its obligations under the Distribution Documents.

Section 6.05. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the conflicts of law rules of such state.

Section 6.06. *Counterparts; Effectiveness; Third-party Beneficiaries.* This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts (which may include counterparts delivered by any standard form of telecommunication), each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” and words of like import in this Agreement or in any other certificate, agreement or document related to this Agreement shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including “pdf,” “tif” or “jpg”) and other electronic signatures (including DocuSign and AdobeSign). The use of electronic signatures and electronic records (including any contract or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means) shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based recordkeeping system to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law. This Agreement shall become effective when each Party shall have received a counterpart hereof signed by the other Party. Until and unless each Party has received a counterpart hereof signed by the other Party, this Agreement shall have no effect and no Party shall have any right or obligation hereunder (whether by virtue of any other oral or written agreement or other communication). Except for Section 4.07, Section 6.12, and the indemnification and release provisions of Article 5, neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof is intended to confer any rights, benefits, remedies, obligations, or liabilities hereunder upon any Person other than the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

Section 6.07. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement and the other Distribution Documents constitute the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings and negotiations, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition or warranty not set forth herein or in the other Distribution Documents has been made or relied upon by any Party or any member of their Group with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Distribution Documents. Without limiting Section 5.09 and subject to Section 6.08, in the event and to the extent that there shall be a conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any Ancillary Agreement, the Ancillary Agreement shall control with respect to the subject matter thereof, and this Agreement shall control with respect to all other matters; *provided* that to the extent that there shall be a conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any Restructuring Agreement, this Agreement shall control with respect to all matters.

Section 6.08. *Tax and Employee Matters.* Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall not govern (i) Tax matters (including any administrative, procedural and related matters thereto), which shall be exclusively governed by the Tax Matters Agreement and the Employee Matters Agreement or (ii) employee matters (including any labor, compensation plans, benefit plans and related matters thereto), which shall be exclusively governed by the Employee Matters Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent of any inconsistency between this Agreement and either of the Tax Matters Agreement or Employee Matters Agreement, the terms of the Tax Matters Agreement or Employee Matters Agreement, as the case may be, shall govern.

Section 6.09. *Dispute Resolution.* (a) With respect to matters under this Agreement requiring dispute resolution (each, a “**Dispute**”), the disputing Party shall notify the other Party of such Dispute in writing and, upon the non-disputing Party’s receipt of such written notice, the Parties shall attempt to resolve such Dispute in good faith within thirty (30) days of such receipt, and if the Parties are unable to resolve such Dispute in such thirty (30) day period, then the Parties shall escalate such Dispute to each party’s Chief Financial Officer for resolution.

(b) If the Parties' Chief Financial Officers are unable to resolve such Dispute within thirty (30) days following such receipt of such notice, then either Party shall initiate a non-binding mediation by providing written notice (a "**Mediation Notice**") to the other Party within five (5) Business Days following the expiration of such thirty (30) day period.

(c) Upon receipt of a Mediation Notice, the applicable Dispute shall be submitted within five (5) Business Days following such receipt of such Mediation Notice for non-binding mediation conducted in accordance with the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("**Arbitration Association**"), and the Parties agree to bear equally the costs of such mediation (including any fees or expenses of the applicable mediator); *provided* that each Party shall bear its own costs in connection with participating in such mediation. The Parties agree to participate in good faith in such mediation for a period of forty-five (45) days or such longer period as the Parties may mutually agree following receipt of such Mediation Notice (the "**Mediation Period**").

(d) In connection with such mediation, the Parties shall cooperate with the Arbitration Association and with one another in selecting a neutral mediator with relevant industry experience and in scheduling the mediation proceedings during the applicable Mediation Period. If the Parties are unable to agree on a neutral mediator within five (5) Business Days of submitting a Dispute for mediation pursuant to Section 6.09(c), application shall be made by the Parties to the Arbitration Association for the Arbitration Association to select and appoint a neutral mediator on the Parties' behalf in accordance with the Commercial Mediation Rules of the Arbitration Association.

(e) The Parties further agree that all information, whether oral or written, provided in the course of any such mediation by either Party or their Representatives, and by the applicable mediator and any employees of the mediation service, is confidential, privileged, and inadmissible for any purpose, including impeachment, in any Action involving the Parties; *provided* that any such information that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible or non-discoverable as a result of its use in such mediation.

(f) If the Parties cannot resolve the Dispute for any reason, on and following the expiration of the Mediation Period, either party may commence litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.10. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall deny either Party the right to seek injunctive or other equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction in the context of a bona fide emergency or prospective irreparable harm, and such an Action may be filed and maintained notwithstanding any ongoing efforts under this Section 6.09.

Section 6.10. *Jurisdiction.* The Parties agree that any suit, action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any matter arising out of or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be brought in the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware and any state appellate court therefrom within the State of Delaware (or if the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any federal or state court sitting in the State of Delaware and any federal or state appellate court therefrom), and each of the Parties hereto hereby irrevocably consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action or proceeding and irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court or that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Process in any such suit, action or proceeding may be served on any Party anywhere in the world, whether within or without the jurisdiction of any such court. Without limiting the foregoing, each Party agrees that service of process on such Party as provided in Section 6.01 shall be deemed effective service of process on such Party.

Section 6.11. *WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.* EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 6.12. *Termination.* Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Board of Directors of L Brands may, in its sole discretion and without the approval of VS or any other Person, at any time prior to the Distribution terminate this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements or abandon the Distribution, whether or not it has theretofore approved this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements or the Distribution. In the event this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements are terminated pursuant to the preceding sentence, this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements shall forthwith become void and neither Party nor any of its Affiliates or its or their directors or officers shall have any liability or further obligation to the other Party or its Affiliates or any other Person by reason of this Agreement or the Ancillary Agreements. After the Distribution Time, this Agreement may not be terminated except by an agreement in writing signed by a duly authorized officer of each of the Parties.

Section 6.13. *Severability.* If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement should be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained in this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Upon such a declaration, the Parties shall modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner so that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

Section 6.14. *Survival*. All covenants and agreements of the Parties contained in this Agreement, and Liability for the breach of any obligations contained herein, shall survive the Distribution Date indefinitely, unless a specific survival or other applicable period is expressly set forth herein.

Section 6.15. *Captions*. The captions herein are included for convenience of reference only and shall be ignored in the construction or interpretation hereof.

Section 6.16. *Interpretation*. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of its authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 6.17. *Specific Performance*. Each Party to this Agreement acknowledges and agrees that damages for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of this Agreement would be inadequate and irreparable harm would occur. In recognition of this fact, each Party agrees that, if there is a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any and all other rights and remedies at law or in equity, the other nonbreaching Party to this Agreement, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to seek and obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, temporary or permanent injunction, attachment, or any other equitable remedy which may then be available to obligate the breaching Party (i) to perform its obligations under this Agreement or (ii) if the breaching Party is unable, for whatever reason, to perform those obligations, to take any other actions as are necessary, advisable or appropriate to give the other Party to this Agreement the economic effect which comes as close as possible to the performance of those obligations (including transferring, or granting liens on, the assets of the breaching Party to secure the performance by the breaching Party of those obligations).

Section 6.18. *Performance*. Each Party shall cause to be performed, and shall guarantee the performance of, all actions, agreements and obligations set forth herein to be performed by any member of such Party's Group.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the date first above written.

**L BRANDS, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.,  
as Company

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as Trustee

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FORM OF INDENTURE

DATED AS OF JULY [●], 2021

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INDENTURE, dated as of July [●], 2021 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this “Indenture”), among Victoria’s Secret & Co., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, as issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, a national banking association, as Trustee.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the Company (as defined herein) has duly authorized the creation of an issue of \$600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 4.625% Senior Notes due 2029 (the “Initial Notes”);

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders (as defined herein):

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS  
OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Section 101. Definitions.

“ABL Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent under the ABL Credit Agreement and collateral agent for the ABL Facility Secured Parties under the ABL Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility Collateral Documents, together with its successors and permitted assigns under the ABL Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility Collateral Documents.

“ABL Bank Products Affiliate” means any lender under the ABL Credit Agreement or any Affiliate of any such lender that has entered into a Bank Products Agreement with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with the obligations of the Company or any such Subsidiary, as applicable, being secured by one or more ABL Facility Collateral Documents.

“ABL Collateral Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., together with its successors and permitted assigns in its capacity as collateral agent in respect of the ABL Credit Agreement.

“ABL Credit Agreement” means the ABL Credit Agreement, to be entered into on or around the Escrow Release Date, among the Company, certain Subsidiaries of the Company, the ABL Collateral Agent and the other ABL Facility Secured Parties, as amended, restated, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time or refunded, refinanced, restructured, replaced, renewed, repaid, increased or extended from time to time (whether in whole or in part, whether with the original administrative agent and lenders or other agents and lenders or otherwise, and whether provided under the original ABL Credit Agreement or other credit agreements or otherwise), except to the extent such agreement, instrument or document expressly provides that it is not intended to be and is not an ABL Credit Agreement under this Indenture. Any references to the ABL Credit Agreement hereunder shall be deemed a reference to each ABL Credit Agreement then in existence.

“ABL Facility” means the collective reference to the ABL Credit Agreement, any Loan Documents (as defined therein), any notes and letters of credit issued pursuant thereto and any guarantee and collateral agreement, patent and trademark security agreement, mortgages, letter of credit applications and other guarantees, pledge agreements, security agreements and collateral documents, and other instruments and documents, executed and delivered pursuant to or in connection with any of the foregoing, in each case as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, or refunded, refinanced, restructured, replaced, renewed, repaid, increased or extended from time to time (whether in whole or in part, whether with the original agent and lenders or other agents and lenders or otherwise, and whether provided under the original ABL Credit Agreement or one or more other credit agreements, indentures or financing agreements or otherwise) except to the extent such agreement, instrument or document expressly provides that it is not intended to be and is not an ABL Facility. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “ABL Facility” shall include any agreement (i) changing the maturity of any Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or contemplated thereby, (ii) adding Subsidiaries of the Company as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder, (iii) increasing the amount of Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or available to be borrowed thereunder or (iv) otherwise altering the terms and conditions thereof.

“ABL Facility Collateral Agreements” means (i) the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, to be entered into on or around the Escrow Release Date, among the Company, certain of its Subsidiaries identified therein as grantors and the ABL Agent and (ii) the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, to be entered into on or around the Escrow Release Date, among the Company, certain of its Foreign Subsidiaries identified therein as grantors and the ABL Agent, and, in each case, together with the documents related thereto (including any supplements thereto), as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“ABL Facility Collateral Documents” means the ABL Facility Collateral Agreements, the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, the intellectual property security agreements and each other agreement, instrument or other document entered into in favor of the ABL Agent or any of the other ABL Facility Secured Parties for purposes of securing the ABL Facility Obligations (including the guarantees thereof), as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“ABL Facility Documents” means the ABL Credit Agreement, the related guarantees, the ABL Facility Collateral Documents, the Loan Documents (as defined in the ABL Credit Agreement), any Bank Products Agreement between the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company and any ABL Bank Products Affiliate, any Hedging Agreements between the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company and any ABL Hedging Affiliate, any Open Account Agreement between the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company and any ABL Open Account Affiliate, and those ancillary agreements as to which the ABL Agent or any lender under the ABL Credit Agreement is a party or a beneficiary and all other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, now or hereafter executed by or on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or their respective Affiliates, and delivered to the ABL Agent, in connection with any of the foregoing or the ABL Credit Agreement, in each case as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

“ABL Facility Obligations” shall mean all obligations of every nature of the Company and each Subsidiary of the Company from time to time owed to the ABL Agent, the lenders under the ABL Credit Agreement or any of them, any ABL Bank Products Affiliates, any ABL Open Account Affiliates or any ABL Hedging Affiliates, under any ABL Facility Document, including, without limitation, all “Obligations” as defined in the ABL Facility Collateral Agreement, whether for principal, interest, fees, expenses (including interest, fees, and expenses which, but for the filing of a petition in bankruptcy with respect to the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, would have accrued on any ABL Facility Obligation, whether or not a claim is allowed against the Company or any such Subsidiary for such interest, fees, or expenses in the related bankruptcy proceeding), reimbursement of amounts drawn under letters of credit, payments for early termination of Hedging Agreements, indemnification or otherwise, and all other amounts owing or due under the terms of the ABL Facility Documents, as amended, restated modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

“ABL Facility Secured Parties” means (a) the holders of ABL Facility Obligations, (b) the Representative(s) with respect thereto and (c) the successors and permitted assigns of each of the foregoing.

“ABL Hedging Affiliate” means any lender under the ABL Credit Agreement or any Affiliate of any such lender that has entered into a Hedging Agreement with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with the obligations of the Company or any such Subsidiary, as applicable, being secured by one or more ABL Facility Collateral Documents.

“ABL Intercreditor Agreement” means the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, to be entered into on or around the Escrow Release Date, by and between the ABL Agent and the Term Loan Agent, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“ABL Open Account Affiliate” means any lender under the ABL Credit Agreement or any Affiliate of any such lender that has entered into an Open Account Agreement with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with the obligations of the Company or any such Subsidiary, as applicable, being secured by one or more ABL Facility Collateral Documents.

“Acquired Indebtedness” means Indebtedness of a Person (i) existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary or (ii) assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person, in each case other than Indebtedness Incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Subsidiary or such acquisition. Acquired Indebtedness shall be deemed to be Incurred on the date of the related acquisition of assets from any Person or the date the acquired Person becomes a Subsidiary.

“Additional Assets” means (i) any property or assets that replace the property or assets that are the subject of an Asset Disposition; (ii) any property or assets (other than Indebtedness and Capital Stock) used or to be used by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary or otherwise useful in a Related Business, and any capital expenditures in respect of any property or assets already so used; (iii) the Capital Stock of a Person that is engaged in a Related Business and becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of the acquisition of such Capital Stock by the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary; or (iv) Capital Stock of any Person that at such time is a Restricted Subsidiary acquired from a third party.

“Additional Notes” means any additional Notes (other than the Initial Notes) issued from time to time under this Indenture in accordance with Sections 303 and 407.

“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.

“Applicable Premium” means, with respect to a Note at any Redemption Date, the greater of (i) 1.00% of the principal amount of such Note and (ii) the excess of (A) the present value at such Redemption Date, calculated as of the date of the applicable redemption notice, of (1) the redemption price of such Note on July 15, 2024 (such redemption price being that described in Section 1009), plus (2) all required remaining scheduled interest payments due on such Note through such date (excluding accrued and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points, over (B) the principal amount of such Note on such Redemption Date, as calculated by the Company or on behalf of the Company by such Person as the Company shall designate; provided that such calculation shall not be a duty or obligation of the Trustee.

“Asset Disposition” means any sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of shares of Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (other than directors’ qualifying shares, or (in the case of a Foreign Subsidiary) to the extent required by applicable law), property or other assets (each referred to for the purposes of this definition as a “disposition”) by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including any disposition by means of a merger, consolidation or similar transaction) other than (i) a disposition to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) a disposition in the ordinary course of business, (iii) a disposition of Cash Equivalents, Investment Grade Securities or Temporary Cash Investments, (iv) the sale or discount (with or without recourse, and on customary or commercially reasonable terms, as determined by the Company in good faith) of accounts receivable or notes receivable arising in the ordinary course of business, or the conversion or exchange of accounts receivable for notes receivable, (v) any Restricted Payment Transaction, (vi) a disposition that is governed by Article V, (vii) any Financing Disposition, (viii) any “fee in lieu” or other disposition of assets to any Governmental Authority that continue in use by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, so long as the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may obtain title to such assets upon reasonable notice by paying a nominal fee, (ix) any exchange of property pursuant to or intended to qualify under Section 1031 (or any successor section) of the Code, or any exchange of equipment to be leased, rented or otherwise used in a Related Business, (x) any financing transaction with respect to property built or acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date, including without limitation any sale/leaseback transaction or asset securitization, (xi) any disposition arising from foreclosure, condemnation, eminent domain or similar action with respect to any property or other assets, or exercise of termination rights under any lease, license, sublicense, concession or other agreement, or necessary or advisable (as determined by the Company in good faith) in order to consummate any acquisition of any Person, business or assets, or pursuant to buy/sell arrangements under any joint venture or similar agreement or arrangement, or of non-core assets acquired in connection with any acquisition of any Person, business or assets or any Investment, (xii) any disposition of Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other securities of an Unrestricted Subsidiary, (xiii) a disposition of Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to an agreement or other obligation with or to a Person (other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) from whom such Restricted Subsidiary was acquired, or from whom such Restricted Subsidiary acquired its business and assets (having been newly formed in connection with such acquisition), entered into in connection with such acquisition, (xiv) a disposition of not more than 5.0% of the outstanding Capital Stock of a Foreign Subsidiary that has been approved by the Board of Directors, (xv) any disposition or series of related dispositions for aggregate consideration not to exceed \$25.0 million, (xvi) any Exempt Sale and Leaseback Transaction, (xvii) the assignment, sale, transfer, lapse, abandonment (including failure to maintain) or other disposition of any Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights or other intellectual property that are, in the good faith judgment of the Company, no longer economically practicable to maintain or useful in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (xviii) any license, sublicense, covenant not to sue or other grant of rights in or to any Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights or other intellectual property, or (xix) the creation or granting of any Lien permitted under this Indenture.

“Authenticating Agent” means any Person authorized by the Trustee pursuant to Section 714 to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Notes.

“Bank Products Agreement” means any agreement pursuant to which a bank or other financial institution agrees to provide cash management services or facilities, including: (a) ACH transactions, (b) controlled disbursement services, treasury, depository, overdraft, and electronic funds transfer services, (c) credit card processing services, (d) purchase cards and (e) credit or debit cards.

“Bank Products Obligations” of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any Bank Products Agreement.



“Board of Directors” means, for any Person, the board of directors or other governing body of such Person or, if such Person does not have such a board of directors or other governing body and is owned or managed by a single entity, the board of directors or other governing body of such entity or, in either case, any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board of directors or other governing body. Unless otherwise provided, “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

“Borrowing Base” means the sum of (1) 90% of the book value of Inventory of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries, (2) 85% of the book value of Receivables of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Credit Card Receivables), (3) 95% of the book value of Credit Card Receivables of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries (in each case, determined as of the end of the most recently ended fiscal month of the Company for which internal consolidated financial statements of the Company are available) and (4) 50% of the fair market value of real property of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries, and, in the case of any determination relating to any Incurrence of Indebtedness, on a pro forma basis including (x) any property or assets of a type described above acquired since the end of such fiscal month and (y) any property or assets of a type described above being acquired in connection therewith.

“Business Day” means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banking institutions are authorized or required by law to close in New York City (or any other city in which a Paying Agent maintains its office).

“Capital Stock” of any Person means any and all shares or units of, rights to purchase, warrants or options for, 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.

“Captive Insurance Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Company that is subject to regulation as an insurance company (or any Subsidiary thereof).

“Cash Equivalents” means any of the following: (a) money, (b) securities issued or fully guaranteed or insured by the United States of America, Canada or a member state of the European Union or any agency or instrumentality of any thereof, (c) time deposits, certificates of deposit or bankers’ acceptances of (i) any bank or other institutional lender under the ABL Facility or any affiliate thereof or (ii) any commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$500.0 million (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof as of the date of such investment) and the commercial paper of the holding company of which is rated at least A-2 or the equivalent thereof by S&P or at least P-2 or the equivalent thereof by Moody’s (or, if at such time neither is issuing ratings, a comparable rating of another nationally recognized rating agency), (d) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (b) and (c) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (c)(i) or (c)(ii) above, (e) money market instruments, commercial paper or other short-term obligations rated at least A-2 or the equivalent thereof by S&P or at least P-2 or the equivalent thereof by Moody’s (or, if at such time neither is issuing ratings, a comparable rating of another nationally recognized rating agency), (f) investments in money market funds subject to the risk limiting conditions of Rule 2a-7 or any successor rule of the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (g) investments similar to any of the foregoing denominated in foreign currencies approved by the Board of Directors, and (h) solely with respect to any Captive Insurance Subsidiary, any investment that Person is permitted to make in accordance with applicable law.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any “Person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than the Company or one of its Subsidiaries or (2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “Person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the then outstanding number of shares of the Company’s voting stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (1) the Company becomes a wholly owned Subsidiary of a holding company and (2) either the holders of the voting stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the Company’s voting stock immediately prior to that transaction or no Person (other than such holding company) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the outstanding number of shares of the Company’s voting stock.

“Clearstream” means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, or any successor securities clearing agency.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

“Commodities Agreement” means, in respect of a Person, any commodity futures contract, forward contract, option or similar agreement or arrangement (including derivative agreements or arrangements), as to which such Person is a party or beneficiary.

“Company” means Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation, and any successor in interest thereto.

“Company Request” and “Company Order” mean, respectively, a written request, order or consent signed in the name of the Company by an Officer of the Company.

“Consolidated Coverage Ratio” as of any date of determination means the ratio of (i) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available to (ii) Consolidated Interest Expense for such four fiscal quarters; provided that

(1) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary has Incurred any Indebtedness or the Company has issued any Designated Preferred Stock that remains outstanding on such date of determination or if the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Coverage Ratio is an Incurrence of Indebtedness or an issuance of Designated Preferred Stock of the Company, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis to such Indebtedness or Designated Preferred Stock as if such Indebtedness or Designated Preferred Stock had been Incurred or issued, as applicable, on the first day of such period (except that in making such computation, the amount of Indebtedness under any revolving credit facility outstanding on the date of such calculation shall be computed based on (A) the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during such four fiscal quarters or such shorter period for which such facility was outstanding or (B) if such facility was created after the end of such four fiscal quarters, the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the period from the date of creation of such facility to the date of such calculation),

(2) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary has repaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or otherwise acquired, retired or discharged any Indebtedness or any Designated Preferred Stock of the Company that is no longer outstanding on such date of determination (each, a “Discharge”) or if the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Coverage Ratio involves a Discharge of Indebtedness (in each case other than Indebtedness Incurred under any revolving credit facility, unless such Indebtedness has been repaid with an equivalent permanent reduction in commitments thereunder) or a Discharge of Designated Preferred Stock of the Company, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis to such Discharge of such Indebtedness or Designated Preferred Stock, including with the proceeds of such new Indebtedness or new Designated Preferred Stock of the Company, as if such Discharge had occurred on the first day of such period,

(3) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall have disposed of any company, any business or any group of assets constituting an operating unit of a business, including any such disposition occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder, or designated any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary (any such disposition or designation, a “Sale”), the Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if positive) attributable to the assets that are the subject of such Sale for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if negative) attributable thereto for such period, and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be reduced by an amount equal to (A) the Consolidated Interest Expense attributable to any Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary repaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or otherwise acquired, retired or discharged with respect to the Company and its continuing Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with such Sale for such period (including, but not limited to, through the assumption of such Indebtedness by another Person) plus (B) if the Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary is disposed of in such Sale or any Restricted Subsidiary is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, the Consolidated Interest Expense for such period attributable to the Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary to the extent the Company and its continuing Restricted Subsidiaries are no longer liable for such Indebtedness after such Sale,

(4) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) shall have made an Investment in any Person that thereby becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, or otherwise acquired any company, any business or any group of assets constituting an operating unit of a business, including any such Investment or acquisition occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder, or designated any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary (any such Investment, acquisition or designation, a “Purchase”), Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto (including the Incurrence of any related Indebtedness) as if such Purchase occurred on the first day of such period, and

(5) if, since the beginning of such period, any Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, and since the beginning of such period such Person shall have Discharged any Indebtedness or made any Sale or Purchase that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (2), (3) or (4) above if made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Discharge, Sale or Purchase occurred on the first day of such period;

provided that, in the event that the Company shall classify Indebtedness Incurred on the date of determination as Incurred in part under Section 407(a) and in part under Section 407(b), as provided in Section 407(c)(ii), any pro forma calculation of Consolidated Interest Expense shall not give effect on such date of determination (x) to any Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 407(b) (other than if the Company at its option has elected to disregard Indebtedness being Incurred on the date of determination in part pursuant to Section 407(a) for purposes of calculating the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio for Incurring Indebtedness on the date of determination in part pursuant to Section 407(b)(xi)) or (y) to any Discharge of Indebtedness from the proceeds of any such Incurrence pursuant to Section 407(b) (other than Section 407(b)(xi), if the Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 407(b)(xi) is being given effect to in the calculation of the Consolidated Coverage Ratio).

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any Sale, Purchase or other transaction, or the amount of income or earnings relating thereto and the amount of Consolidated Interest Expense associated with any Indebtedness Incurred, Designated Preferred Stock issued, or Indebtedness or Designated Preferred Stock repaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or otherwise acquired, retired or discharged in connection therewith, the pro forma calculations in respect thereof (including without limitation in respect of anticipated cost savings or synergies relating to any such Sale, Purchase or other transaction) shall be as determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer or an authorized Officer of the Company. If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Interest Rate Agreement applicable to such Indebtedness). If any Indebtedness bears, at the option of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, a rate of interest based on a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate, a secured overnight financing rate, or other fixed or floating rate, and such Indebtedness is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be calculated by applying such optional rate as the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary may designate. If any Indebtedness that is being given pro forma effect was Incurred under a revolving credit facility, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the applicable period. Interest on a Finance Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Company to be the rate of interest implicit in such Finance Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense” means, with respect to any Person for any period, the total amount of depreciation and amortization expense, including the amortization of intangible assets and deferred financing fees and amortization of unrecognized prior service costs and actuarial gains and losses related to pensions and other post-employment benefits, of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period on a consolidated basis and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated EBITDA” means, with respect to any Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period plus, without duplication and, except in the case of clause (9) below, to the extent the same was deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income:

- (1) Consolidated Taxes; *plus*
- (2) Fixed Charges and costs of surety bonds in connection with financing activities, *plus* amounts excluded from the definition of “Consolidated Interest Expense” and any non-cash interest expense, to the extent deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income; *plus*
- (3) Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense; *plus*
- (4) Consolidated Non-Cash Charges; *plus*

- (5) any expenses or charges (other than Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense) related to any issuance of Capital Stock, Investment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization or the incurrence, modification or repayment of Indebtedness (in each case including a refinancing thereof), whether or not successful, including (i) such fees, expenses or charges related to the Transactions, the Notes or the Senior Credit Facilities, (ii) any amendment or other modification of the Notes or other Indebtedness and (iii) commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges (including any interest expense) related to any Specified Receivables Facility; *plus*
- (6) business optimization expenses and other restructuring charges, reserves or expenses (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include, without limitation, the effect of facility closures, facility consolidations, retention, severance, systems establishment costs, contract termination costs, future lease commitments and excess pension charges); *plus*
- (7) the amount of loss or discount on sale of assets to a Receivables Subsidiary and any commissions, yield and other fees and charges, in each case in connection with a Specified Receivables Facility; *plus*
- (8) any costs or expense incurred pursuant to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement or any stock subscription or shareholder agreement, to the extent that such cost or expenses are funded with cash proceeds contributed to the capital of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor or net cash proceeds of an issuance of Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) solely to the extent that such net cash proceeds are excluded from the determination of the amount available for Restricted Payments under Section 409(a)(3)(A); *plus*
- (9) the amount of net cost savings, operating improvements or synergies projected by the Company in good faith to be realized within twelve months following the date of any operational changes, business realignment projects or initiatives, restructurings or reorganizations which have been or are intended to be initiated (calculated on a *pro forma* basis as though such cost savings had been realized on the first day of such period), net of the amount of actual benefits realized during such period from such actions; *provided* that such net cost savings and operating improvements or synergies are reasonably identifiable and quantifiable; *provided, further*, that the aggregate amount added to Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to this clause (9) shall not exceed 20.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for such period (determined after giving effect to such adjustments);

*less*, without duplication, to the extent the same increased Consolidated Net Income,

- (10) non-cash items increasing Consolidated Net Income for such period (excluding the recognition of deferred revenue or any items which represent the reversal of any accrual of, or cash reserve for, anticipated cash charges that reduced Consolidated EBITDA in any prior period and any items for which cash was received in a prior period).

“Consolidated Interest Expense” means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of (1) consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, to the extent such expense was deducted in computing Consolidated Net Income (including the interest component of Finance Lease Obligations and net payments and receipts (if any) pursuant to interest rate Hedging Obligations, and non-cash interest expense attributable to movement in mark to market valuation of Hedging Obligations or other derivatives (in each case permitted hereunder) under GAAP) but excluding commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges related to any Specified Receivables Facility; *plus* (2) consolidated capitalized interest of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued; *plus* (3) commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges Incurred in connection with any Specified Receivables Facility which are payable to Persons other than the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries; *minus* (4) interest income for such period and excluding debt issuance costs, commissions, fees and expenses (including bridge, commitment or other financing fees).

For purposes of this definition, interest on a Finance Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by the Company to be the rate of interest implicit in such Finance Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated Net Income” means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate of the Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis; provided, however, that:

- (1) any net after-tax extraordinary, infrequently occurring, nonrecurring or unusual gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) or expenses or charges shall be excluded;
- (2) any severance expenses, relocation expenses, restructuring expenses, curtailments or modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans, excess pension charges, any expenses related to any reconstruction, decommissioning, recommissioning or reconfiguration of fixed assets for alternate uses and fees, expenses or charges relating to facilities closing costs, acquisition integration costs, facilities opening costs, project start-up costs, business optimization costs, signing, retention or completion bonuses, expenses or charges related to any issuance, redemption, repurchase, retirement or acquisition of Capital Stock, Investment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization or issuance, repayment, refinancing, amendment or modification of Indebtedness (in each case, whether or not successful), and any fees, expenses or charges related to the Transactions, in each case, shall be excluded;
- (3) effects of purchase accounting adjustments (including the effects of such adjustments pushed down to such Person and such Subsidiaries and including, without limitation, the effects of adjustments to (A) Finance Lease Obligations or (B) any other deferrals of income) in amounts required or permitted by GAAP, resulting from the application of purchase accounting or the amortization or write-off of any amounts thereof, net of taxes, shall be excluded;
- (4) the Net Income for such period shall not include the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles during such period;
- (5) any net after-tax income or loss from disposed, abandoned, transferred, closed or discontinued operations or fixed assets and any net after-tax gains or losses on disposal of disposed, abandoned, transferred, closed or discontinued operations or fixed assets shall be excluded;
- (6) any net after-tax gains or losses (less all fees and expenses or charges relating thereto) attributable to business dispositions or asset dispositions other than in the ordinary course of business (as determined in good faith by management of the Company) shall be excluded, *provided*, that notwithstanding any classification of any Person, business, assets or operations as discontinued operations because a definitive agreement for the sale, transfer or other disposition in respect thereof has been entered into, the Company shall not exclude any such net after-tax income or loss or any such net after-tax gains or losses attributable thereto until such sale, transfer or other disposition has been consummated;
- (7) any net after-tax gains or losses (less all fees and expenses or charges relating thereto) attributable to the early extinguishment of indebtedness, Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments shall be excluded;
- (8) (a) the Net Income for such period of any Person that is not a Subsidiary of such Person, or is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting, shall be included only to the extent of the amount of dividends or distributions or other payments paid in cash (or to the extent converted into cash) to the referent Person or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof in respect of such period and (b) the Net Income for such period shall include any dividend, distribution or other payment in cash (or to the extent converted into cash) received by the referent Person or a Subsidiary thereof (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary of such referent Person) from any Person in excess of, but without duplication of, the amounts included in subclause (a);

- (9) solely for the purpose of determining the amount available for Restricted Payments under Section 409(a)(3)(A), the Net Income for such period of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Subsidiary Guarantor or Foreign Subsidiary) shall be excluded to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary of its Net Income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (which has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by the operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders, unless such restrictions with respect to the payment of dividends or similar distributions have been legally waived; provided that the Consolidated Net Income of such Person shall be increased by the amount of dividends or other distributions or other payments actually paid in cash (or converted into cash) by any such Restricted Subsidiary to such Person; to the extent not already included therein;
- (10) an amount equal to the amount of tax distributions actually made to any Parent Entity in respect of such period in accordance with Section 409(b)(viii)(C) shall be included as though such amounts had been paid as income taxes directly by such Person for such period;
- (11) any impairment charges or asset write-offs, in each case pursuant to GAAP, and the amortization of intangibles and other fair value adjustments arising pursuant to GAAP shall be excluded;
- (12) any non-cash expense realized or resulting from management equity plans, stock option plans, employee benefit plans or post-employment benefit plans, or grants or sales of stock, stock appreciation or similar rights, stock options, restricted stock, preferred stock or other rights shall be excluded;
- (13) any (a) non-cash compensation charges, (b) costs and expenses after the Issue Date related to employment of terminated employees, or (c) costs or expenses realized in connection with or resulting from stock appreciation or similar rights, stock options or other rights existing on the Issue Date of officers, directors and employees, in each case of such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary, shall be excluded;
- (14) accruals and reserves that are established or adjusted within 12 months after the Escrow Release Date and that are so required to be established or adjusted in accordance with GAAP or as a result of adoption or modification of accounting policies shall be excluded;
- (15) non-cash gains, losses, income and expenses resulting from fair value accounting required by the applicable standard under GAAP and related interpretations shall be excluded;
- (16) any currency translation gains and losses related to currency remeasurements of Indebtedness, and any net loss or gain resulting from hedging transactions for currency exchange risk, shall be excluded;
- (17) (a) to the extent covered by insurance and actually reimbursed, or, so long as such Person has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer and only to the extent that such amount is (i) not denied by the applicable carrier in writing within 180 days and (ii) in fact reimbursed within 365 days of the date of such evidence (with a deduction for any amount so added back to the extent not so reimbursed within 365 days), expenses with respect to liability or casualty events or business interruption shall be excluded and (b) amounts in respect of which such Person has determined that there exists reasonable evidence that such amounts will in fact be reimbursed by insurance in respect of lost revenues or earnings in respect of liability or casualty events or business interruption shall be included (with a deduction for amounts actually received up to such estimated amount, to the extent included in Net Income in a future period);

(18) non-cash charges for deferred tax asset valuation allowances shall be excluded; and

(19) the amount of loss or discount on sale of Receivables Facility Assets and related assets in connection with a Receivables Facility shall be excluded.

“Consolidated Non-ABL Indebtedness” means, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to (i) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date consisting of (without duplication) Indebtedness for borrowed money (including Purchase Money Obligations and unreimbursed outstanding drawn amounts under funded letters of credit); Finance Lease Obligations; debt obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments; Disqualified Stock; and (in the case of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor) Preferred Stock, determined on a Consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (excluding (x) items eliminated in Consolidation and (y) Hedging Obligations), minus (ii) the sum of (A) the amount of such Indebtedness consisting of Indebtedness of a type referred to in, or Incurred pursuant to, Section 407(b)(ix), (B) the amount of such Indebtedness consisting of Indebtedness under the ABL Facility and (C) cash, Cash Equivalents and Temporary Cash Investments held by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the end of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available.

“Consolidated Non-ABL Secured Indebtedness” means, as of any date of determination, (i) an amount equal to the sum of, without duplication, Consolidated Non-ABL Indebtedness (without regard to clause (ii) of the definition thereof) and any Ratio Tested Committed Amount as of such date that, in each case, is either (x) secured by a Lien on property or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than property or assets held in a defeasance or similar trust or arrangement for the benefit of the Indebtedness secured thereby) or (y) Incurred (or, in the case of any Ratio Tested Committed Amount, established) pursuant to Section 407(b)(i)(II), minus (ii) the sum of (A) the amount of such Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 407(b)(ix), (B) the amount of such Indebtedness consisting of Indebtedness under the ABL Facility and (C) cash, Cash Equivalents and Temporary Cash Investments held by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the end of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available.

“Consolidated Non-Cash Charges” means, with respect to any Person for any period, the non-cash expenses (other than Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries reducing Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period on a consolidated basis and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP, *provided* that if any such non-cash expenses represent an accrual or reserve for potential cash items in any future period, the cash payment in respect thereof in such future period shall be subtracted from Consolidated EBITDA in such future period to the extent paid, but excluding from this proviso, for the avoidance of doubt, amortization of a prepaid cash item that was paid in a prior period.

“Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio” means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Non-ABL Secured Indebtedness as at such date (after giving effect to any Incurrence or Discharge of Indebtedness on such date) to (ii) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available, provided that:

(1) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall have made a Sale (including any Sale occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder), the Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if positive) attributable to the assets that are the subject of such Sale for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if negative) attributable thereto for such period;



(2) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) shall have made a Purchase (including any Purchase occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder), Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Purchase occurred on the first day of such period; and

(3) if, since the beginning of such period, any Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, and since the beginning of such period such Person shall have made any Sale or Purchase that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above if made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period, Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Sale or Purchase occurred on the first day of such period;

provided that, in the event that the Company shall classify Indebtedness secured by a Lien on any property or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as Incurred in part pursuant to Section 407(b)(i)(II) and in part pursuant to one or more other clauses or subclauses of Section 407(b) and/or pursuant to Section 407(a) at the time of Incurrence thereof (as provided in Section 407(c)(ii) and 407(c)(iii)), Consolidated Non-ABL Secured Indebtedness at such time shall not include any such Indebtedness (and shall not give effect to any Discharge of Consolidated Non-ABL Secured Indebtedness from the proceeds thereof) to the extent Incurred pursuant to any such other clause or subclause of such Section 407(b) and/or pursuant to such Section 407(a).

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any Sale, Purchase or other transaction, or the amount of income or earnings relating thereto, the pro forma calculations in respect thereof (including, without limitation, in respect of anticipated cost savings or synergies relating to any such Sale, Purchase or other transaction) shall be as determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer or another authorized Officer of the Company.

“Consolidated Tangible Assets” means, as of any date of determination, the total assets less the sum of the goodwill, net, and other intangible assets, net, in each case reflected on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as at the end of the most recently ended fiscal quarter of the Company for which such a balance sheet is available, determined on a Consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (and, in the case of any determination relating to any Incurrence of Indebtedness or Liens or any Investment, on a pro forma basis including any property or assets being acquired in connection therewith).

“Consolidated Taxes” means, with respect to any Person for any period, the provision for taxes based on income, profits or capital, including, without limitation, state, franchise, property and similar taxes, foreign withholding taxes (including penalties and interest related to such taxes or arising from tax examinations) and any tax distributions taken into account in calculating Consolidated Net Income.

“Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio” means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Non-ABL Indebtedness as at such date (after giving effect to any Incurrence or Discharge of Consolidated Non-ABL Indebtedness on such date) to (ii) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available, provided that:

(1) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall have made a Sale (including any Sale occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder), the Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if positive) attributable to the assets that are the subject of such Sale for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if negative) attributable thereto for such period;

(2) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) shall have made a Purchase (including any Purchase occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder), Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Purchase occurred on the first day of such period; and

(3) if, since the beginning of such period, any Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, and since the beginning of such period such Person shall have made any Sale or Purchase that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above if made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period, Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Sale or Purchase occurred on the first day of such period;

provided that, for purposes of the foregoing calculation, in the event that the Company shall classify Indebtedness Incurred on the date of determination as Incurred in part pursuant to Section 407(b)(xi) (other than by reason of subclause (2) of the proviso to such Section 407(b)(xi)) and in part pursuant to one or more other clauses of such Section 407(b) and/or (unless the Company at its option has elected to disregard Indebtedness being Incurred on the date of determination in part pursuant to subclause (2) of the proviso to Section 407(b)(xi)) for purposes of calculating the Consolidated Coverage Ratio for Incurring Indebtedness on the date of determination in part under Section 407(a)) pursuant to Section 407(a) (as provided in Section 407(c)(ii) and (iii)), Consolidated Non-ABL Indebtedness shall not (x) include any such Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to one or more of such other clauses of such Section 407(b) and/or pursuant to such Section 407(a), and (y) shall not give effect to any Discharge of any Indebtedness from the proceeds of any such Indebtedness being disregarded for purposes of the calculation of the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio that otherwise would be included in Consolidated Non-ABL Indebtedness.

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any Sale, Purchase or other transaction, or the amount of income or earnings relating thereto, the pro forma calculations in respect thereof (including, without limitation, in respect of anticipated cost savings or synergies relating to any such Sale, Purchase or other transaction) shall be as determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer or another authorized Officer of the Company.

“Consolidation” means the consolidation of the accounts of each of the Restricted Subsidiaries with those of the Company in accordance with GAAP; provided that “Consolidation” will not include consolidation of the accounts of any Unrestricted Subsidiary, but the interest of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in any Unrestricted Subsidiary will be accounted for as an investment. The term “Consolidated” has a correlative meaning.

“Contingent Obligation” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing any obligation that does not constitute Indebtedness (a “primary obligation”) of any other Person (the “primary obligor”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent, (1) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (2) to advance or supply funds (a) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation, or (b) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, or (3) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof.

“Contribution Amounts” means the aggregate amount of capital contributions applied by the Company to permit the Incurrence of Contribution Indebtedness pursuant to Section 407(b)(x).

“Contribution Indebtedness” means Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount not greater than the aggregate amount of cash contributions (other than Excluded Contributions, the proceeds from the issuance of Disqualified Stock or contributions by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary) made to the capital of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date (whether through the issuance or sale of Capital Stock or otherwise); provided that such Contribution Indebtedness (a) is Incurred within 180 days after the receipt of the related cash contribution and (b) is so designated as Contribution Indebtedness pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate on the date of Incurrence thereof.

“Copyrights” means the following: (a) all copyrights, rights and interests in copyrights, works protectable by copyright whether published or unpublished, copyright registrations and copyright applications; (b) all renewals of the foregoing; (c) all income, royalties, damages, and payments now or hereafter due or payable under any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, damages or payments for past or future infringements thereof; (d) the right to sue for past, present, and future infringements thereof; and (e) all domestic rights corresponding to any of the foregoing.

“Corporate Trust Office” means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business related to this Indenture shall be administered, which office on the Issue Date is located at 10 W Broad St., CN-OH-BD12, Columbus, OH 43215.

“Credit Card Receivables” has the meaning assigned to such term in the ABL Credit Agreement.

“Credit Facilities” means one or more of (i) the Senior Term Facility, (ii) the ABL Facility and (iii) any other facilities or arrangements designated by the Company, in each case with one or more banks or other lenders or institutions providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables, inventory or real estate financings (including without limitation through the sale of receivables, inventory, real estate and/or other assets to such institutions or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such institutions against such receivables, inventory, real estate and/or other assets or the creation of any Liens in respect of such receivables, inventory, real estate and/or other assets in favor of such institutions), letters of credit or other Indebtedness, in each case, including all agreements, instruments and documents executed and delivered pursuant to or in connection with any of the foregoing, including but not limited to any notes and letters of credit issued pursuant thereto and any guarantee and collateral agreement, patent, trademark and copyright security agreement, mortgages or letter of credit applications and other guarantees, pledge agreements, security agreements and collateral documents, in each case as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, or refunded, refinanced, restructured, replaced, renewed, repaid, increased or extended from time to time (whether in whole or in part, whether with the original banks, lenders or institutions or other banks, lenders or institutions or otherwise, and whether provided under any original Credit Facility or one or more other credit agreements, indentures, financing agreements or other Credit Facilities or otherwise). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “Credit Facility” shall include any agreement (i) changing the maturity of any Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or contemplated thereby, (ii) adding Subsidiaries as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder, (iii) increasing the amount of Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or available to be borrowed thereunder or (iv) otherwise altering the terms and conditions thereof.

“Currency Agreement” means, in respect of a Person, any foreign exchange contract, currency swap agreement or other similar agreement or arrangements (including derivative agreements or arrangements), as to which such Person is a party or a beneficiary.

“Default” means any event or condition that is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

“Depository” means The Depository Trust Company, its nominees and successors.

“Derivative Instrument” with respect to a Person, means any contract, instrument or other right to receive payment or delivery of cash or other assets to which such Person or any Affiliate of such Person that is acting in concert with such Person in connection with such Person’s investment in the Notes (other than a Regulated Bank or a Screened Affiliate) is a party (whether or not requiring further performance by such Person), the value and/or cash flows of which (or any material portion thereof) are materially affected by the value and/or performance of the Notes and/or the creditworthiness of the Company and/or any one or more of the Subsidiary Guarantors (the “Performance References”).

“Designated Noncash Consideration” means noncash consideration received by the Company or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with an Asset Disposition that is so designated as Designated Noncash Consideration pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate, setting forth the basis of such valuation.

“Designated Preferred Stock” means Preferred Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) that is issued after the Issue Date for cash (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) and is so designated as Designated Preferred Stock, pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate of the Company; provided that the cash proceeds of such issuance shall be excluded from the calculation set forth in Section 409(a)(3)(B).

“Disinterested Directors” means, with respect to any Affiliate Transaction, one or more members of the Board of Directors of the Company, or one or more members of the Board of Directors having no material direct or indirect financial interest in or with respect to such Affiliate Transaction. A member of any such Board of Directors shall not be deemed to have such a financial interest by reason of such member’s holding Capital Stock of the Company or any options, warrants or other rights in respect of such Capital Stock or by reason of such member receiving any compensation in respect of such member’s role as director.

“Disqualified Stock” means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock (other than Management Stock) that by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable or exercisable) or upon the happening of any event (other than following the occurrence of a Change of Control or other similar event described under such terms as a “change of control,” or an Asset Disposition or other disposition) (i) matures or is mandatorily redeemable pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, (ii) is convertible or exchangeable for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or (iii) is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than following the occurrence of a Change of Control or other similar event described under such terms as a “change of control,” or an Asset Disposition or other disposition), in whole or in part, in each case on or prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Notes; provided that Capital Stock issued to any employee benefit plan, or by any such plan to any employees of the Company or any Subsidiary, shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased or otherwise acquired or retired in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations.

“Distribution” means L Brands, Inc.’s distribution of the shares of the Company’s common stock to L Brands, Inc.’s stockholders as described in the Form 10.

“Domestic Subsidiary” means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company other than a Foreign Subsidiary.

“Domestic Transportation Services Agreement” means the Domestic Transportation Services Agreement between L Brands, Inc. or one or more of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Company or one or more of its Affiliates, on the other hand, to be dated on or prior to the Escrow Release Date.

“Employee Matters Agreement” means the Employee Matters Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and the Company, to be dated on or prior to the Escrow Release Date.

“Equity Offering” means a sale of Capital Stock of the Company after the Escrow Release Date (other than through the issuance of Disqualified Stock or through an Excluded Contribution) other than (a) offerings registered on Form S-8 (or any successor form) under the Securities Act or any similar offering in other jurisdictions or other securities of the Company or any Parent Entity and (b) issuances of Capital Stock to any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company.

“Escrow Account” means the account into which the Initial Purchasers deposit the gross proceeds of the Initial Notes sold on the Issue Date.

“Escrow Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as escrow agent, together with its successors.

“Escrow Agreement” means the Escrow Agreement related to the Initial Notes, dated as of the Issue Date, among the Company, the Trustee and the Escrow Agent.

“Escrow End Date” means January 15, 2022.

“Escrowed Property” means the gross proceeds of the offering of the Initial Notes sold on the Issue Date.

“Escrow Release Date” means the date the Company delivers to the Escrow Agent, on or prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Escrow End Date, an Officer’s Certificate of the Company certifying that the following conditions have been (or, substantially concurrently with the release of the Escrowed Property, will be) satisfied:

- (1) the Restructuring will be consummated on the Escrow Release Date;
- (2) all conditions precedent to the Separation will be satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the Separation and Distribution Agreement on the Escrow Release Date;
- (3) all conditions precedent to the borrowings under the Senior Credit Agreements in effect as of such date (other than the release of the Escrowed Property or the receipt of proceeds from this offering, as applicable) to be drawn in connection with the Separation have been satisfied or waived, and the borrowings under such Senior Credit Agreements to be drawn in connection with the Separation (as applicable) will be available to the Company on the Escrow Release Date; and

(4) the initial Subsidiary Guarantors have, by supplemental indenture, become parties to this Indenture.

“Escrow Release Date Distribution” means the distribution by the Company to L Brands, Inc. of 100% of the Company’s common stock for distribution to L Brands Inc.’s existing shareholders.

“Escrow Release Date Payment” means the payment of the Special Cash Payment (as defined in the Separation and Distribution Agreement).

“Euroclear” means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, or any successor securities clearing agency.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.

“Excluded Contribution” means Net Cash Proceeds, or the Fair Market Value (as of the date of contribution) of property or assets, received by the Company as capital contributions to the Company after the Issue Date or from the issuance or sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company, in each case to the extent designated as an Excluded Contribution pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate of the Company and not previously included in the calculation set forth in Section 409(a)(3)(B)(x) for purposes of determining whether a Restricted Payment may be made.

“Exempt Sale and Leaseback Transaction” means any Sale and Leaseback Transaction (a) in which the sale or transfer of property occurs within 180 days of the acquisition of such property by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (b) that involves property with a book value equal to the greater of \$60.0 million and 1.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets or less and is not part of a series of related Sale and Leaseback Transactions involving property with an aggregate value in excess of such amount and entered into with a single Person or group of Persons. For purposes of the foregoing, “Sale and Leaseback Transaction” means any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of real or personal property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by the Company or any such Subsidiary to such Person or to any other Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property or rental obligations of the Company or such Subsidiary.

“Fair Market Value” means, with respect to any asset or property, the fair market value of such asset or property as determined in good faith by senior management of the Company or the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive.

“Finance Lease Obligation” means an obligation that is required to be classified and accounted for as a finance lease for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP. The Stated Maturity of any Finance Lease Obligation shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under the related lease.

“Financing Disposition” means any sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of, or creation or incurrence of any Lien on, property or assets by the Company or any Subsidiary thereof to or in favor of any Receivables Subsidiary in connection with the Incurrence by a Receivables Subsidiary of Indebtedness, or obligations to make payments to the obligor on Indebtedness, which may be secured by a Lien in respect of such property or assets.

“Fixed Charges” means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of: (1) Consolidated Interest Expense (excluding amortization or write-off of deferred financing costs) of such Person for such period, and (2) all cash dividend payments (excluding items eliminated in consolidation) on any series of Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

“Fixed GAAP Date” means the Issue Date; provided that at any time after the Issue Date, the Company may by written notice to the Trustee elect to change the Fixed GAAP Date to be the date specified in such notice, and upon such notice, the Fixed GAAP Date shall be such date for all periods beginning on and after the date specified in such notice.

“Fixed GAAP Terms” means (a) the definitions of the terms “Borrowing Base”, “Consolidated Coverage Ratio”, “Consolidated EBITDA”, “Consolidated Interest Expense”, “Consolidated Net Income”, “Consolidated Non-ABL Secured Indebtedness”, “Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio”, “Consolidated Tangible Assets”, “Consolidated Non-ABL Indebtedness”, “Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio”, “Consolidation”, “Finance Lease Obligation”, “Inventory” and “Receivable”, (b) all defined terms in this Indenture to the extent used in or relating to any of the foregoing definitions, and all ratios and computations based on any of the foregoing definitions, and (c) any other term or provision of this Indenture or the Notes that, at the Company’s election, may be specified by the Company by written notice to the Trustee from time to time.

“Foreign Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Company (a) that is not organized under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof or the District of Columbia, and any Subsidiary of such Foreign Subsidiary (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Subsidiary of the Company which is organized and existing under the laws of Puerto Rico or any other territory of the United States of America), or (b) that has no material assets other than securities or indebtedness of one or more Foreign Subsidiaries (or Subsidiaries thereof), intellectual property relating to such Foreign Subsidiaries (or Subsidiaries thereof), and/or other assets (including cash, Cash Equivalents and Temporary Cash Investments) relating to an ownership interest in any such securities, indebtedness, intellectual property or Subsidiaries.

“Form 10” means the registration statement on Form 10, originally filed by the Company with the SEC on June 21, 2021, as amended or supplemented.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect on the Fixed GAAP Date (for purposes of the Fixed GAAP Terms, except that no operating lease (as determined prior to the effectiveness of ASU 2016-02 (Topic 842)) shall be treated as Indebtedness hereunder) and as in effect from time to time (for all other purposes under this Indenture), including those 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 approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, and subject to the following sentence. If at any time the SEC permits or requires U.S. domiciled companies subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act to use IFRS in lieu of GAAP for financial reporting purposes, the Company may elect by written notice to the Trustee to so use IFRS in lieu of GAAP and, upon any such notice, references herein to GAAP shall thereafter be construed to mean (a) for periods beginning on and after the date specified in such notice, IFRS as in effect on the date specified in such notice (for purposes of the Fixed GAAP Terms) and as in effect from time to time (for all other purposes under this Indenture) and (b) for prior periods, GAAP as defined in the first sentence of this definition. All ratios and computations based on GAAP contained in this Indenture shall be computed in conformity with GAAP.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supranational bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

“Guarantee” means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person; provided 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.

“Guarantor Subordinated Obligations” means, with respect to a Subsidiary Guarantor, any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary Guarantor (whether outstanding on the Issue Date or thereafter Incurred) that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to a written agreement (other than Indebtedness owing to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary).

“Guarantor Supplemental Indenture” means a Supplemental Indenture, to be entered into substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit E.

“Hedging Agreements” means, collectively, Interest Rate Agreements, Currency Agreements and Commodities Agreements or other agreement or arrangement designed to protect against fluctuations in interest rates or currency, commodity or equity values (including, without limitation, any option with respect to any of the foregoing and any combination of the foregoing agreement or arrangements), and any confirmation executed in connection with any such agreement or arrangement.

“Hedging Obligations” of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any Interest Rate Agreement, Currency Agreement or Commodities Agreement.

“Holder” or “Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered in the Note Register.

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards and applicable accounting requirements set by the International Accounting Standards Board or any successor thereto (or the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, or any successor to either such board, or the SEC, as the case may be), as in effect from time to time.

“Incur” means issue, assume, enter into any Guarantee of, incur or otherwise become liable for; and the terms “Incurs,” “Incurred” and “Incurrence” shall have a correlative meaning; provided that any Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary (whether by merger, consolidation, acquisition or otherwise) shall be deemed to be Incurred by such Subsidiary at the time it becomes a Subsidiary. Accrual of interest, the accretion of accreted value, the payment of interest in the form of additional Indebtedness, and the payment of dividends on Capital Stock constituting Indebtedness in the form of additional shares of the same class of Capital Stock, will be deemed not to be an Incurrence of Indebtedness. Any Indebtedness issued at a discount (including Indebtedness on which interest is payable through the issuance of additional Indebtedness) shall be deemed Incurred at the time of original issuance of the Indebtedness at the initial accreted amount thereof.



“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination (without duplication):

- (i) the principal of indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money;
- (ii) the principal of obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (iii) all reimbursement obligations of such Person in respect of letters of credit, bankers’ acceptances or other similar instruments (the amount of such obligations being equal at any time to the aggregate amount of drawings thereunder that have not then been reimbursed);
- (iv) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property (except accruals and Trade Payables), which purchase price is due more than one year after the date of placing such property in final service or taking final delivery and title thereto;
- (v) all Finance Lease Obligations of such Person;
- (vi) the redemption, repayment or other repurchase amount of such Person with respect to any Disqualified Stock of such Person or (if such Person is a Subsidiary of the Company other than a Subsidiary Guarantor) any Preferred Stock of such Subsidiary, but excluding, in each case, any accrued dividends (the amount of such obligation to be equal at any time to the maximum fixed involuntary redemption, repayment or repurchase price for such Capital Stock, or if less (or if such Capital Stock has no such fixed price), to the involuntary redemption, repayment or repurchase price therefor calculated in accordance with the terms thereof as if then redeemed, repaid or repurchased, and if such price is based upon or measured by the Fair Market Value of such Capital Stock, such Fair Market Value shall be as determined in good faith by senior management of the Company, the Board of Directors of the Company or the Board of Directors of the issuer of such Capital Stock);
- (vii) all Indebtedness of other Persons secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person; provided that the amount of Indebtedness of such Person shall be the lesser of (A) the Fair Market Value of such asset at such date of determination (as determined in good faith by the Company) and (B) the amount of such Indebtedness of such other Persons;
- (viii) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of other Persons, to the extent so Guaranteed by such Person; and
- (ix) to the extent not otherwise included in this definition, net Hedging Obligations of such Person (the amount of any such obligation to be equal at any time to the termination value of such agreement or arrangement giving rise to such Hedging Obligation that would be payable by such Person at such time);

provided that Indebtedness shall not include Contingent Obligations Incurred in the ordinary course of business.

The amount of Indebtedness of any Person at any date shall be determined as set forth above or as otherwise provided for in this Indenture, or otherwise shall equal the amount thereof that would appear as a liability on a balance sheet of such Person (excluding any notes thereto) prepared in accordance with GAAP.

“Initial Notes” has the meaning assigned to such term in the recitals of this Indenture.

“Initial Purchasers” means J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., BofA Securities, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Huntington Securities, Inc., KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc., Mizuho Securities USA LLC, MUFG Securities Americas Inc. and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

“interest,” with respect to the Notes, means interest on the Notes and, except for purposes of Article IX, any additional or special interest pursuant to the terms of any Note.

“Interest Payment Date” means, when used with respect to any Note and any installment of interest thereon, the date specified in such Note as the fixed date on which such installment of interest is due and payable, as set forth in such Note.

“Interest Rate Agreement” means, with respect to any Person, any interest rate protection agreement, future agreement, option agreement, swap agreement, cap agreement, collar agreement, hedge agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement (including derivative agreements or arrangements), as to which such Person is a party or a beneficiary.

“Inventory” means goods held for sale, lease or use by a Person in the ordinary course of business, net of any reserve for goods that have been segregated by such Person to be returned to the applicable vendor for credit, as determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Investment” in any Person by any other Person means any direct or indirect advance, loan or other extension of credit (other than to customers, dealers, licensees, franchisees, suppliers, consultants, directors, officers or employees of any Person in the ordinary course of business) or capital contribution (by means of any transfer of cash or other property to others or any payment for property or services for the account or use of others) to, or any purchase or acquisition of Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other similar instruments issued by, such Person. For purposes of the definition of “Unrestricted Subsidiary” and Section 409 only, (i) “Investment” shall include the portion (proportionate to the Company’s equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of any Subsidiary of the Company at the time that such Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary; provided that upon a redesignation of such Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, the Company shall be deemed to continue to have a permanent “Investment” in an Unrestricted Subsidiary in an amount (if positive) equal to (x) the Company’s “Investment” in such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation less (y) the portion (proportionate to the Company’s equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation, (ii) any property transferred to or from an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be valued at its Fair Market Value (as determined in good faith by the Company) at the time of such transfer and (iii) for purposes of Section 409(a)(3)(C), the amount resulting from the redesignation of any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary shall be the Fair Market Value of the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation. Guarantees shall not be deemed to be Investments. The amount of any Investment outstanding at any time shall be the original cost of such Investment, reduced (at the Company’s option) by any dividend, distribution, interest payment, return of capital, repayment or other amount or value received in respect of such Investment; provided that to the extent that the amount of Restricted Payments outstanding at any time pursuant to Section 409(a) is so reduced by any portion of any such amount or value that would otherwise be included in the calculation of Consolidated Net Income, such portion of such amount or value shall not be so included for purposes of calculating the amount of Restricted Payments that may be made pursuant to Section 409(a).

“Investment Grade Rating” means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody’s and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, or any equivalent rating by any other Rating Agency.

“Investment Grade Securities” means (i) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (other than Cash Equivalents); (ii) debt securities or debt instruments with an Investment Grade Rating, but excluding any debt securities or instruments constituting loans or advances among the Company and its Subsidiaries; (iii) investments in any fund that invests exclusively in investments of the type described in clauses (i) and (ii) above, which fund may also hold cash pending investment or distribution; and (iv) corresponding instruments in countries other than the United States customarily utilized for high-quality investments.

“Issue Date” means July [●], 2021.

“Junior Capital” means, collectively, any Indebtedness of the Company that (i) is not secured by any asset of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) is expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full of the Notes on terms consistent with those for senior subordinated high yield debt securities issued by U.S. companies (as determined in good faith by the Company, which determination shall be conclusive), (iii) has a final maturity date that is not earlier than, and provides for no scheduled payments of principal prior to, the date that is 91 days after the maturity of the Notes (other than through conversion or exchange of any such Indebtedness for Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any other Junior Capital), (iv) has no mandatory redemption or prepayment obligations other than (x) obligations that are subject to the prior payment in full in cash of the Notes or (y) pursuant to an escrow or similar arrangement with respect to the proceeds of such Junior Capital and (v) does not require the payment of cash interest until the date that is 91 days after the maturity of the Notes.

“L Brands Commitment” means the commitment letter from L Brands, Inc. to the Company, dated as of the Issue Date, pursuant to which L Brands, Inc. has agreed to fund to the Company amounts required to pay the accrued and unpaid interest owing to the Holders of the Notes and such additional amounts as may be necessary to redeem the Notes at 101% of the principal amount thereof in the event that the Special Mandatory Redemption Price exceeds the amount of the funds held in the Escrow Account on the date of the Special Mandatory Redemption.

“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), in each case in the nature of security; provided that in no event shall a Non-Financing Lease Obligation in and of itself be deemed to constitute a Lien or lease in the nature thereof).

“Limited Condition Transaction” means (x) any acquisition, including by way of merger, amalgamation, consolidation or other business combination or the acquisition of Capital Stock or otherwise, by one or more of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries of any assets, business or Person or any other Investment permitted by this Indenture whose consummation is not conditioned on the availability of, or on obtaining, third party financing or (y) any redemption, repurchase, defeasance, satisfaction and discharge or repayment of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock requiring irrevocable notice in advance of such redemption, repurchase, defeasance, satisfaction and discharge or prepayment.

“Long Derivative Instrument” means a Derivative Instrument (i) the value of which generally increases, and/or the payment or delivery obligations under which generally decrease, with positive changes to the Performance References and/or (ii) the value of which generally decreases, and/or the payment or delivery obligations under which generally increase, with negative changes to the Performance References.

“Management Advances” means (1) loans or advances made to directors, management members, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (x) in respect of travel, entertainment or moving-related expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business, (y) in respect of moving-related expenses incurred in connection with any closing or consolidation of any facility or (z) in the ordinary course of business and (in the case of this clause (z)) not exceeding \$20.0 million in the aggregate outstanding at any time, (2) promissory notes of Management Investors acquired in connection with the issuance of Management Stock to such Management Investors, (3) Management Guarantees, or (4) other Guarantees of borrowings by Management Investors in connection with the purchase of Management Stock, which Guarantees are permitted under Section 407.

“Management Guarantees” means guarantees (x) of up to an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time of \$30.0 million of borrowings by Management Investors in connection with their purchase of Management Stock or (y) made on behalf of, or in respect of loans or advances made to, directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (1) in respect of travel, entertainment and moving related expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business or (2) in the ordinary course of business and (in the case of this clause (2)) not exceeding \$15.0 million in the aggregate outstanding at any time.

“Management Indebtedness” means Indebtedness Incurred to (a) any Person other than a Management Investor of up to an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time of \$30.0 million and (b) any Management Investor, in each case, to finance the repurchase or other acquisition of Capital Stock of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof) from any Management Investor, which repurchase or other acquisition of Capital Stock is permitted by Section 409.

“Management Investors” means the management members, officers, directors, employees and other members of the management of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or family members or relatives of any of the foregoing, or trusts, partnerships or limited liability companies for the benefit of any of the foregoing, or any of their heirs, executors, successors and legal representatives, who at any date beneficially own or have the right to acquire, directly or indirectly, Capital Stock of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary.

“Management Stock” means Capital Stock of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof) held by any of the Management Investors.

“Market Capitalization” means an amount equal to (i) the total number of issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company or any direct or indirect parent company on the date of declaration of the relevant dividend multiplied by (ii) the arithmetic mean of the closing prices per share of such capital stock on the New York Stock Exchange (or, if the primary listing of such capital stock is on another exchange, on such other exchange) for the 30 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date of declaration of such dividend.

“Material Indebtedness” means any long-term Indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company or any of its Wholly Owned Domestic Restricted Subsidiaries with an aggregate principal amount (or, if applicable, committed amount) in excess of \$250.0 million.

“MMDA” means a JPMorgan Money Market Deposit Account or a successor investment offered by the Escrow Agent in which the Escrow Agent will invest and reinvest the Escrowed Property and the proceeds thereof pursuant to the Escrow Agreement.

“Moody's” means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and its successors.

“Net Available Cash” from an Asset Disposition means an amount equal to the cash payments received (including any cash payments received by way of deferred payment of principal pursuant to a note or installment receivable or otherwise, but only as and when received, but excluding any other consideration received in the form of assumption by the acquiring Person of Indebtedness or other obligations relating to the properties or assets that are the subject of such Asset Disposition or received in any other non-cash form) therefrom, in each case net of (i) all legal, title and recording tax expenses, commissions and other fees and expenses incurred, and all Federal, state, provincial, foreign and local taxes required to be paid or to be accrued as a liability under GAAP, in each case as a consequence of, or in respect of, such Asset Disposition (including as a consequence of any transfer of funds in connection with the application thereof in accordance with Section 411), (ii) all payments made, and all installment payments required to be made, on any Indebtedness (x) that is secured by any assets subject to such Asset Disposition, in accordance with the terms of any Lien upon such assets, or (y) that must by its terms, or in order to obtain a necessary consent to such Asset Disposition, or by applicable law, be repaid out of the proceeds from such Asset Disposition, including but not limited to any payments required to be made to increase borrowing availability under any revolving credit facility, (iii) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Subsidiaries or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Disposition, or to any other Person (other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) owning a beneficial interest in the assets disposed of in such Asset Disposition, (iv) any liabilities or obligations associated with the assets disposed of in such Asset Disposition and retained, indemnified or insured by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after such Asset Disposition, including without limitation pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities, liabilities related to environmental matters, and liabilities relating to any indemnification obligations associated with such Asset Disposition, and (v) the amount of any purchase price or similar adjustment (x) claimed by any Person to be owed by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, until such time as such claim shall have been settled or otherwise finally resolved, or (y) paid or payable by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, in either case in respect of such Asset Disposition.

“Net Cash Proceeds” with respect to any issuance or sale of any Indebtedness or securities of the Company or any Subsidiary by the Company or any Subsidiary, or any capital contribution, means the cash proceeds of such issuance, sale, contribution or Incurrence net of attorneys’ fees, accountants’ fees, underwriters’ or placement agents’ fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees actually incurred in connection with such issuance, sale, contribution or Incurrence and net of all taxes paid or payable as a result, or in respect, thereof.

“Net Income” means, with respect to any Person, the net income (loss) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, determined in accordance with GAAP and before any reduction in respect of Preferred Stock dividends.

“Net Short” means, with respect to a Holder or beneficial owner, as of a date of determination, either (i) the value of its Short Derivative Instruments exceeds the sum of the (x) the value of its Notes plus (y) the value of its Long Derivative Instruments as of such date of determination or (ii) it is reasonably expected that such would have been the case were a Failure to Pay or Bankruptcy Credit Event (each as defined in the 2014 International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Credit Derivatives Definitions) to have occurred with respect to the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor immediately prior to such date of determination.

“Non-Financing Lease Obligation” of any Person means a lease obligation of such Person that is not an obligation in respect of a Finance Lease Obligation. A straight-line or operating lease shall be considered a Non-Financing Lease Obligation.

“Non-U.S. Person” means a Person who is not a U.S. person, as defined in Regulation S.

“Note Documents” means the Notes (including any Additional Notes), the Subsidiary Guarantees and this Indenture.

“Notes” means the Initial Notes and any Additional Notes that are actually issued. The Initial Notes and any Additional Notes subsequently issued under this Indenture will be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture, including waivers, amendments, redemptions and offers to purchase, except for certain waivers and amendments as set forth herein.

“Obligations” means, with respect to any Indebtedness, any principal, premium (if any), interest (including interest accruing on or after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy or for reorganization relating to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary whether or not a claim for post-filing interest is allowed or allowable in such proceedings), fees, charges, expenses, reimbursement obligations, Guarantees of such Indebtedness (or of Obligations in respect thereof), other monetary obligations of any nature and all other amounts payable thereunder or in respect thereof.

“Offering Memorandum” means the confidential Offering Memorandum of the Company, dated June 30, 2021, relating to the offering of the Initial Notes.

“Officer” means, with respect to the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes, the Chairman of the Board, the President, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, the Controller, the Treasurer or the Secretary (a) of such Person or (b) if such Person is owned or managed by a single entity, of such entity (or any other individual designated as an “Officer” for the purposes of this Indenture by the Board of Directors).

“Officer’s Certificate” means, with respect to the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes, a certificate signed by one Officer of such Person.

“Open Account Agreement” has the meaning specified in the ABL Facility Collateral Agreements.

“Open Account Obligations” of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any Open Account Agreement.

“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.

“Outstanding” or “outstanding,” when used with respect to Notes means, as of the date of determination, all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, except:

- (i) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;
- (ii) Notes for whose payment or redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Holders of such Notes; provided that, if such Notes are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture or provision therefor reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee has been made; and
- (iii) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture.

A Note does not cease to be Outstanding because the Company or any Affiliate of the Company holds the Note (and such Note shall be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of this Indenture); provided that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite amount of Outstanding Notes have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, Notes owned by the Company or any Affiliate of the Company shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, for the purpose of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes which a Trust Officer of the Trustee actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not the Company or an Affiliate of the Company.

"Parent Entity" means, with respect to a Person, any direct or indirect parent of such Person, and, if not in reference to any Person, any direct or indirect parent of the Company.

"Parent Entity Expenses" means (i) costs (including all professional fees and expenses) incurred by any Parent Entity in connection with maintaining its existence or in connection with its reporting obligations under, or in connection with compliance with, applicable laws or applicable rules of any governmental, regulatory or self-regulatory body or stock exchange, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument relating to Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, including in respect of any reports filed with respect to the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or the respective rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, (ii) expenses incurred by any Parent Entity in connection with the acquisition, development, maintenance, ownership, prosecution, protection and defense of its intellectual property and associated rights (including but not limited to trademarks, service marks, trade names, trade dress, patents, copyrights and similar rights, including registrations and registration or renewal applications in respect thereof; inventions, processes, designs, formulae, trade secrets, know-how, confidential information, computer software, data and documentation, and any other intellectual property rights; and licenses of any of the foregoing) to the extent such intellectual property and associated rights relate to the business or businesses of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, (iii) indemnification obligations of any Parent Entity owing to directors, officers, employees or other Persons under its charter or by-laws or pursuant to written agreements with or for the benefit of any such Person, or obligations in respect of director and officer insurance (including premiums therefor), (iv) other administrative and operational expenses of any Parent Entity incurred in the ordinary course of business, (v) fees and expenses incurred by any Parent Entity in connection with maintenance and implementation of any management equity incentive plan, and (vi) fees and expenses incurred by any Parent Entity in connection with any offering of Capital Stock or Indebtedness, (w) which offering is not completed, or (x) where the net proceeds of such offering are intended to be received by or contributed or loaned to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, or (y) in a prorated amount of such expenses in proportion to the amount of such net proceeds intended to be so received, contributed or loaned, or (z) otherwise on an interim basis prior to completion of such offering so long as any Parent Entity shall cause the amount of such expenses to be repaid to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary out of the proceeds of such offering promptly if completed.

"Paying Agent" means any Person authorized by the Company to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on any Notes on behalf of the Company; provided that neither the Company nor any of its Affiliates shall act as Paying Agent for purposes of Section 1103 or Section 1205. The Trustee will initially act as Paying Agent for the Notes.

"Patents" means the following: (a) all patents and patent applications; (b) all inventions described and claimed therein; (c) all reissues, divisions, continuations, renewals, extensions and continuations in part thereof; (d) all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable under any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, damages or payments for past or future infringements thereof; (e) the right to sue for past, present, and future infringements thereof; and (f) all domestic rights corresponding to any of the foregoing.

“Permitted Investment” means an Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in, or consisting of, any of the following:

- (i) a Restricted Subsidiary, the Company, or a Person that will, upon the making of such Investment, become a Restricted Subsidiary (and any Investment held by such Person that was not acquired by such Person, or made pursuant to a commitment by such Person that was not entered into, in contemplation of so becoming a Restricted Subsidiary);
- (ii) another Person if as a result of such Investment such other Person is merged or consolidated with or into, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (and, in each case, any Investment held by such other Person that was not acquired by such Person, or made pursuant to a commitment by such Person that was not entered into, in contemplation of such merger, consolidation or transfer);
- (iii) Temporary Cash Investments, Investment Grade Securities or Cash Equivalents;
- (iv) receivables owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, if created or acquired in the ordinary course of business;
- (v) any securities or other Investments received as consideration in, or retained in connection with, sales or other dispositions of property or assets, including Asset Dispositions made in compliance with Section 411;
- (vi) securities or other Investments received in settlement of debts created in the ordinary course of business and owing to, or of other claims asserted by, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or as a result of foreclosure, perfection or enforcement of any Lien, or in satisfaction of judgments, including in connection with any bankruptcy proceeding or other reorganization of another Person;
- (vii) Investments in existence or made pursuant to legally binding written commitments in existence on the Issue Date, and in each case any extension, modification, replacement, reinvestment or renewal thereof; provided that the amount of any such Investment may be increased in such extension, modification, replacement, reinvestment or renewal only (x) as required by the terms of such Investment or binding commitment as in existence on the Issue Date or (y) as otherwise permitted by this Indenture;
- (viii) Currency Agreements, Interest Rate Agreements, Commodities Agreements and related Hedging Obligations, which obligations are Incurred in compliance with Section 407;
- (ix) pledges or deposits (x) with respect to leases or utilities provided to third parties in the ordinary course of business or (y) otherwise described in the definition of “Permitted Liens” or made in connection with Liens permitted under Section 413;
- (x) (1) Investments in or by any Receivables Subsidiary, or in connection with a Financing Disposition by, to, in or in favor of any Receivables Subsidiary, including Investments of funds held in accounts permitted or required by the arrangements governing such Financing Disposition or any related Indebtedness, or (2) any promissory note issued by the Company;



(xi) bonds secured by assets leased to and operated by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that were issued in connection with the financing of such assets so long as the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may obtain title to such assets at any time by paying a nominal fee, canceling such bonds and terminating the transaction;

(xii) the Notes;

(xiii) any Investment to the extent made using Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or Junior Capital as consideration;

(xiv) Management Advances;

(xv) Investments in Related Businesses in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed an amount equal to the greater of \$50.0 million and 1.25% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xvi) any transaction to the extent it constitutes an Investment that is permitted by and made in accordance with Section 412(b) (except transactions described in clauses (i), (v) and (vi) of Section 412(b)), including any Investment pursuant to any transaction described in Section 412(b)(ii) (whether or not any Person party thereto is at any time an Affiliate of the Company);

(xvii) any Investment by any Captive Insurance Subsidiary in connection with its provision of insurance to the Company or its Subsidiaries which Investment is made in the ordinary course of business of such Captive Insurance Subsidiary or by reason of applicable law, rule, regulation or order, or is required or approved by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over such Captive Insurance Subsidiary or its business, as applicable;

(xviii) other Investments in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed an amount equal to the greater of \$50.0 million and 1.25% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xix) Investments consisting of or to finance purchases and acquisitions of inventory, supplies, materials, services or equipment or purchases of contract rights or licenses or leases of intellectual property in the ordinary course of business;

(xx) advances in the form of a prepayment of expenses, so long as such expenses are being paid in accordance with customary trade terms of the Company or the Restricted Subsidiaries;

(xxi) any Investment in any Subsidiary of the Company or any joint venture in connection with intercompany cash management arrangements or related activities arising in the ordinary course of business; and

(xxii) any Investment acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (x) in exchange for any other Investment or accounts receivable held by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with or as a result of a bankruptcy, workout, reorganization or recapitalization of the issuer of such other Investment or accounts receivable, or (y) as a result of a foreclosure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to any secured Investment in default.

If any Investment pursuant to clause (xv) or (xviii) above, or Section 409(b)(vii) or Section 409(b)(xii), as applicable, is made in any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary and such Person thereafter (A) becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or (B) is merged or consolidated into, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, then such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above, respectively, and not clause (xv) or (xviii) above, or Section 409(b)(vii) or Section 409(b)(xi), as applicable.

“Permitted Liens” means:

- (a) Liens for taxes, assessments or other governmental charges not yet delinquent or the nonpayment of which in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or that are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, as the case may be, in accordance with GAAP;
- (b) Liens with respect to outstanding motor vehicle fines, and carriers’, warehousemen’s, mechanics’, landlords’, materialmen’s, repairmen’s or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business in respect of obligations that are not known to be overdue for a period of more than 60 days or that are bonded or that are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings;
- (c) pledges, deposits or Liens in connection with workers’ compensation, professional liability insurance, insurance programs, unemployment insurance and other social security and other similar legislation or other insurance-related obligations (including, without limitation, pledges or deposits securing liability to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements);
- (d) pledges, deposits or Liens to secure the performance of bids, tenders, trade, government or other contracts (other than for borrowed money), obligations for utilities, leases, licenses, statutory obligations, completion guarantees, surety, judgment, appeal or performance bonds, other similar bonds, instruments or obligations, and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (e) easements (including reciprocal easement agreements), rights-of-way, building, zoning and similar restrictions, utility agreements, covenants, reservations, restrictions, encroachments, charges, and other similar encumbrances or title defects incurred, or leases or subleases granted to others, in the ordinary course of business, which do not in the aggregate materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- (f) Liens existing on, or provided for under written arrangements existing on, the Issue Date, or (in the case of any such Liens securing Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries existing or arising under written arrangements existing on the Issue Date) securing any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of such Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness Incurred under Section 407(b)(i) and secured under clause (k)(1) of this definition) so long as the Lien securing such Refinancing Indebtedness is limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or under such written arrangements would secure) the original Indebtedness;
- (g) (i) mortgages, liens, security interests, restrictions, encumbrances or any other matters of record that have been placed by any developer, landlord or other third party on property over which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company has easement rights or on any leased property and subordination or similar agreements relating thereto and (ii) any condemnation or eminent domain proceedings affecting any real property;
- (h) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations (including Liens securing any Obligations in respect thereof) consisting of Hedging Obligations, Bank Products Obligations, Open Account Obligations, Purchase Money Obligations or Finance Lease Obligations Incurred in compliance with Section 407;

(i) Liens arising out of judgments, decrees, orders or awards in respect of which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall in good faith be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review, which appeal or proceedings shall not have been finally terminated, or if the period within which such appeal or proceedings may be initiated shall not have expired;

(j) leases, subleases, licenses or sublicenses, covenants not to sue or other similar rights granted to or from third parties (including, for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to intellectual property);

(k) Liens securing Indebtedness (including Liens securing any Obligations in respect thereof) consisting of (1) Indebtedness Incurred in compliance with Section 407(b)(i), (b)(iii) (other than Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in respect of Indebtedness described in Section 407(a)), (b)(iv), (b)(v), (b)(vii), (b)(viii) (other than Section 407(b)(viii)(H)), (b)(xi), (b)(xiii) or (b)(xv), (2) Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor, or (3) obligations in respect of Management Advances or Management Guarantees; and in each case under the foregoing clauses (1) through (3) Liens securing any Guarantee of any thereof;

(l) Liens existing on property or assets of a Person at, or provided for under written arrangements existing at, the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of the Company (or at the time the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary acquires such property or assets, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary); provided, however, that such Liens and arrangements are not created in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person becoming such a Subsidiary (or such acquisition of such property or assets), and that such Liens are limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which such Liens arose, could secure) the obligations to which such Liens relate; provided, further, that for purposes of this clause (l), if a Person other than the Company is the Successor Company with respect thereto, any Subsidiary thereof shall be deemed to become a Subsidiary of the Company, and any property or assets of such Person or any such Subsidiary shall be deemed acquired by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, when such Person becomes such Successor Company;

(m) Liens on Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other securities of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or any joint venture that is not a Subsidiary of the Company that secure Indebtedness or other obligations of such Unrestricted Subsidiary or joint venture, respectively;

(n) any encumbrance or restriction (including, but not limited to, pursuant to put and call agreements or buy/sell arrangements) with respect to Capital Stock of any joint venture or similar arrangement pursuant to any joint venture or similar agreement;

(o) Liens securing Indebtedness (including Liens securing any Obligations in respect thereof) consisting of Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in respect of any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness Incurred under Section 407(b)(i) and secured under clause (k)(1) of this definition) secured by, or securing any refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement (in whole or in part) of any other obligation secured by, any other Permitted Liens; provided that any such new Lien is limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which the original Lien arose, could secure) the obligations to which such Liens relate;

(p) Liens (1) arising by operation of law (or by agreement to the same effect) in the ordinary course of business, (2) on property or assets under construction (and related rights) in favor of a contractor or developer or arising from progress or partial payments by a third party relating to such property or assets, (3) on receivables (including related rights), (4) on cash set aside at the time of the Incurrence of any Indebtedness or government securities purchased with such cash, in either case to the extent that such cash or government securities prefund the payment of interest on such Indebtedness and are held in an escrow account or similar arrangement to be applied for such purpose, (5) securing or arising by reason of any netting or set-off arrangement entered into in the ordinary course of banking or other trading activities (including in connection with purchase orders and other agreements with customers), (6) in favor of the Company or any Subsidiary (other than Liens on property or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor in favor of any Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor), (7) arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for the sale of goods entered into in the ordinary course of business, (8) on inventory or other goods and proceeds securing obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances issued or created to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods, (9) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts to permit satisfaction of overdraft, cash pooling or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (10) attaching to commodity trading or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business, (11) arising in connection with repurchase agreements permitted under Section 407 on assets that are the subject of such repurchase agreements, or (12) in favor of any Receivables Subsidiary in connection with any Financing Disposition;

(q) other Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations that in the aggregate at any time outstanding do not exceed an amount equal to the greater of \$100.0 million and 2.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets at the time of Incurrence of such Indebtedness or other obligations; and

(r) Liens securing Indebtedness (including Liens securing any Obligations in respect thereof) or other obligations of, or in favor of, any Receivables Subsidiary, or in connection with a Specified Receivables Facility or otherwise Incurred pursuant to Section 407(b)(ix).

For purposes of determining compliance with this definition, (u) a Lien need not be incurred solely by reference to one category of Permitted Liens described in this definition but may be incurred under any combination of such categories (including in part under one such category and in part under any other such category), (v) in the event that a Lien (or any portion thereof) meets the criteria of one or more of such categories of Permitted Liens, the Company shall, in its sole discretion, classify or reclassify such Lien (or any portion thereof) in any manner that complies with this definition, (w) the principal amount of Indebtedness secured by a Lien outstanding under any category of Permitted Liens shall be determined after giving effect to the application of proceeds of any such Indebtedness to refinance any such other Indebtedness, (x) any Lien securing Indebtedness that was permitted to secure such Indebtedness at the time of the Incurrence of such Indebtedness shall also be permitted to secure any increase in the amount of such Indebtedness in connection with the accrual of interest, the accretion of accreted value, the payment of interest in the form of additional Indebtedness and the payment of dividends on Capital Stock constituting Indebtedness in the form of additional shares of the same class of Capital Stock, (y) if any Indebtedness or other obligation is secured by any Lien outstanding under any category of Permitted Liens measured by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets at the time of incurrence of such Indebtedness or other obligations, and is refinanced by any Indebtedness or other obligation secured by any Lien incurred by reference to such category of Permitted Liens, and such refinancing would cause the percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets to be exceeded if calculated based on the Consolidated Tangible Assets on the date of such refinancing, such percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets shall not be deemed to be exceeded (and such refinancing Lien shall be deemed permitted) so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness or other obligation does not exceed an amount equal to the principal amount of such Indebtedness or other obligation being refinanced, plus the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing and (z) if any Indebtedness or other obligation is secured by any Lien outstanding under any category of Permitted Liens measured by reference to a dollar amount, and is refinanced by any Indebtedness or other obligation secured by any Lien incurred by reference to such category of Permitted Liens, and such refinancing would cause such dollar amount to be exceeded, such dollar amount shall not be deemed to be exceeded (and such refinancing Lien shall be deemed permitted) so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness or other obligation does not exceed an amount equal to the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced, plus the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing.

“Person” means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, unlimited liability corporation, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

“Place of Payment” means a city or any political subdivision thereof in which any Paying Agent appointed pursuant to Article III is located.

“Predecessor Notes” of any particular Note means every previous Note evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Note; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Note authenticated and delivered under Section 306 in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note.

“Preferred Stock” as applied to the Capital Stock of any corporation or company means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) that by its terms is preferred as to the payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such corporation or company, over Capital Stock of any other class of such corporation or company.

“Purchase Money Obligations” means any Indebtedness Incurred to finance or refinance the acquisition, leasing, construction or improvement of property (real or personal) or assets, and whether acquired through the direct acquisition of such property or assets or the acquisition of the Capital Stock of any Person owning such property or assets, or otherwise.

“QIB” means a “qualified institutional buyer,” as that term is defined in Rule 144A.

“Rating Agency” means Moody’s or S&P or, if Moody’s or S&P or both shall not make a rating on the Notes publicly available, a nationally recognized statistical rating agency or agencies, as the case may be, selected by the Company which shall be substituted for Moody’s or S&P or both, as the case may be.

“Receivable” means a right to receive payment pursuant to an arrangement with another Person pursuant to which such other Person is obligated to pay, as determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Receivables Facility” means any of one or more transactions pursuant to which the Company or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries sells or conveys Receivables Facility Assets to a Receivables Subsidiary that borrows or issues debt on a secured basis against Receivables Facility Assets.

“Receivables Facility Assets” means (a) Accounts and, in each case, any related assets and rights (including any collateral securing such Accounts, any contract rights in respect of such Accounts, proceeds collected on such Accounts, lockbox accounts into which such proceeds are collected and related records) customarily transferred in connection with similar receivables financing or securitization transactions and/or (b) Capital Stock issued by any Receivables Subsidiary;

“Receivables Facility Guarantee” means (i) any guarantee of performance and related indemnification entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of the obligations of a seller or servicer of Receivables Facility Assets in a Receivables Facility or (ii) any other guarantee of performance entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary which the Company has determined in good faith to be customary in a Receivables Facility.

“Receivables Subsidiary” means a Subsidiary (x) formed as a special purpose entity for the purpose of facilitating or entering into one or more Specified Receivables Facilities and (y) engaged only in activities reasonably related or incidental to Specified Receivables Facilities (it being understood and agreed that any entity formed solely for the purpose of holding any bank account into which collections or other proceeds of Receivables Facility Assets are paid shall satisfy the requirement in clause (y) above).

“Redemption Date,” when used with respect to any Note to be redeemed or purchased (other than pursuant to a Special Mandatory Redemption), means the date fixed for such redemption or purchase by or pursuant to this Indenture and the Notes.

“refinance” means refinance, refund, replace, renew, repay, modify, restate, defer, substitute, exchange, supplement, reissue, resell or extend (including pursuant to any defeasance or discharge mechanism); and the terms “refinances,” “refinanced” and “refinancing” as used for any purpose in this Indenture shall have a correlative meaning.

“Refinancing Indebtedness” means Indebtedness that is Incurred to refinance any Indebtedness (or unutilized commitment in respect of Indebtedness) existing on the date of this Indenture or Incurred (or established) in compliance with this Indenture (including Indebtedness of the Company that refinances Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary (to the extent permitted in this Indenture) and Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Indebtedness of the Company or of another Restricted Subsidiary) including Indebtedness that refinances Refinancing Indebtedness, and Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to a commitment that refinances any Indebtedness or unutilized commitment; provided, that (1) if the Indebtedness being refinanced is Subordinated Obligations or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations, the Refinancing Indebtedness has a final Stated Maturity at the time such Refinancing Indebtedness is Incurred that is equal to or greater than the final Stated Maturity of the Indebtedness being refinanced (or if shorter, of the Notes), (2) such Refinancing Indebtedness is Incurred in an aggregate principal amount (or if issued with original issue discount, an aggregate issue price) that is equal to or less than the sum of (x) the aggregate principal amount then outstanding of the Indebtedness being refinanced, plus (y) an amount equal to any unutilized commitment relating to the Indebtedness being refinanced or otherwise then outstanding under a Credit Facility or other financing arrangement being refinanced to the extent the unutilized commitment being refinanced could be drawn in compliance with Section 407 immediately prior to such refinancing, plus (z) fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing and (3) Refinancing Indebtedness shall not include (x) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness of the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor that could not have been initially Incurred by such Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to Section 407 or (y) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Indebtedness of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

“Regular Record Date” for the interest payable on any applicable Interest Payment Date means July 1 and January 1 (whether or not a Business Day) immediately preceding such Interest Payment Date.

“Regulated Bank” means a commercial bank with a consolidated combined capital surplus of at least \$5,000,000,000 that is (i) a U.S. depository institution the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; (ii) a corporation organized under section 25A of the U.S. Federal Reserve Act of 1913; (iii) a branch, agency or commercial lending company of a foreign bank operating pursuant to approval by and under the supervision of the Board of Governors under 12 CFR part 211; (iv) a non-U.S. branch of a foreign bank managed and controlled by a U.S. branch referred to in clause (iii); or (v) any other U.S. or non U.S. depository institution or any branch, agency or similar office thereof supervised by a bank regulatory authority in any jurisdiction.

“Regulation S” means Regulation S under the Securities Act.

“Regulation S Certificate” means a certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

“Related Business” means those businesses in which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is engaged on the Escrow Release Date, or that are similar, related, complementary, incidental or ancillary thereto or extensions, developments or expansions thereof.

“Relevant Period” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Below Investment Grade Rating Event”.

“Representative” means, with respect to any Person, such Person’s designated agent.

“Resale Restriction Termination Date” means, with respect to any Note, the date that is one year (or such other period as may hereafter be provided under Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any successor provision thereto as permitting the resale by non-affiliates of Restricted Securities without restriction) after the later of the original issue date in respect of such Note and the last date on which the Company or any Affiliate of the Company was the owner of such Note (or any Predecessor Note thereto).

“Restricted Payment Transaction” means any Restricted Payment permitted pursuant to Section 409, any Permitted Payment, any Permitted Investment, or any transaction specifically excluded from the definition of the term “Restricted Payment” (including pursuant to the exception contained in clause (i) of such definition and the parenthetical exclusions contained in clauses (ii) and (iii) of such definition).

“Restricted Period” means the 40-day distribution compliance period as defined in Regulation S.

“Restricted Security” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act; provided, however, that the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, at its request, and conclusively rely on an Opinion of Counsel with respect to whether any Note constitutes a Restricted Security.

“Restricted Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Company other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary as of the Escrow Release Date.

“Restructuring” means each of the transactions that collectively constitute the Restructuring (as defined in the Separation and Distribution Agreement).

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

“Screened Affiliate” means any Affiliate of a Holder (i) that makes investment decisions independently from such Holder and any other Affiliate of such Holder that is not a Screened Affiliate, (ii) that has in place customary information screens between it and such Holder and any other Affiliate of such Holder that is not a Screened Affiliate and such screens prohibit the sharing of information with respect to the Company or its Subsidiaries, (iii) whose investment policies are not directed by such Holder or any other Affiliate of such Holder that is acting in concert with such Holder in connection with its investment in the Notes, and (iv) whose investment decisions are not influenced by the investment decisions of such Holder or any other Affiliate of such Holder that is acting in concert with such Holder in connection with its investment in the Notes.

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

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time.

“Senior Credit Agreements” means, collectively, the ABL Credit Agreement and the Senior Term Agreement.

“Senior Credit Facilities” means, collectively, the ABL Facility and the Senior Term Facility.

“Senior Indebtedness” means any Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary other than, (x) in the case of the Company, Subordinated Obligations and (y) in the case of any Subsidiary Guarantor, Guarantor Subordinated Obligations.

“Senior Term Agreement” means the Term Loan Credit Agreement, to be entered into on or around the Escrow Release Date, among the Company, certain Subsidiaries of the Company, the Term Loan Agent and the other Term Loan Secured Parties, as such agreement may be amended, restated, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time or refunded, refinanced, restructured, replaced, renewed, repaid, increased or extended from time to time (whether in whole or in part, whether with the original administrative agent and lenders or other agents and lenders or otherwise, and whether provided under the original Senior Term Agreement or one or more other credit agreements or otherwise), except to the extent such agreement, instrument or document expressly provides that it is not intended to be and is not a Senior Term Agreement under this Indenture. Any reference to the Senior Term Agreement hereunder shall be deemed a reference to each Senior Term Agreement then in existence.

“Senior Term Facility” means the collective reference to the Senior Term Agreement, any Loan Documents (as defined therein), any notes and letters of credit issued pursuant thereto and any guarantee and collateral agreement, patent and trademark security agreement, mortgages, letter of credit applications and other guarantees, pledge agreements, security agreements and collateral documents, and other instruments and documents, executed and delivered pursuant to or in connection with any of the foregoing, in each case as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, or refunded, refinanced, restructured, replaced, renewed, repaid, increased or extended from time to time (whether in whole or in part, whether with the original agent and lenders or other agents and lenders or otherwise, and whether provided under the original Senior Term Agreement or one or more other credit agreements, indentures (including this Indenture) or financing agreements or otherwise, except to the extent unless such agreement, instrument or document expressly provides that it is not intended to be and is not a Senior Term Facility. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “Senior Term Facility” shall include any agreement (i) changing the maturity of any Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or contemplated thereby, (ii) adding Subsidiaries of the Company as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder, (iii) increasing the amount of Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or available to be borrowed thereunder or (iv) otherwise altering the terms and conditions thereof.

“Separation” means the Restructuring and the Distribution.



“Separation and Distribution Agreement” means the Separation and Distribution Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and the Company, to be dated on or prior to the Escrow Release Date.

“Short Derivative Instrument” means a Derivative Instrument (i) the value of which generally decreases, and/or the payment or delivery obligations under which generally increase, with positive changes to the Performance References and/or (ii) the value of which generally increases, and/or the payment or delivery obligations under which generally decrease, with negative changes to the Performance References.

“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, as such Regulation is in effect on the Issue Date.

“Special Purpose Financing Fees” means distributions or payments made directly or by means of discounts with respect to any participation interest issued or sold in connection with, and other fees paid to a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with, any Specified Receivables Facility.

“Special Record Date” for the payment of any Defaulted Interest means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 307.

“Specified Receivables Facility” means any Receivables Facility that meets the following conditions: (a) the Company shall have determined in good faith that such Receivables Facility (including financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions) is in the aggregate economically fair, reasonable and beneficial to the Company; (b) all sales or other conveyances of Receivables Facility Assets by the Company or applicable Restricted Subsidiary to any Receivables Subsidiary are made for fair market value; (c) the financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions thereof shall be on market terms (as determined by the Company in good faith) and may include Standard Receivables Undertakings; and (d) the obligations under such Receivables Facility shall not be guaranteed by, or secured by assets of, the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, other than a Receivables Subsidiary (it being agreed that the foregoing shall not prohibit Standard Receivables Undertakings, or precautionary financing statements or similar filings, in respect of Receivables Facility Assets).

“Standard Receivables Undertakings” means any Receivables Facility Guarantee and/or any representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary which the Company has determined in good faith to be customary in a Receivables Facility, including, without limitation, those relating to the servicing of the assets of a Receivables Subsidiary.

“Stated Maturity” means, with respect to any Indebtedness, the date specified in such Indebtedness as the fixed date on which the payment of principal of such Indebtedness is due and payable, including pursuant to any mandatory redemption provision (but excluding any provision providing for the repurchase or repayment of such Indebtedness at the option of the holder thereof upon the happening of any contingency).

“Subordinated Obligations” means any Indebtedness of the Company (whether outstanding on the date of this Indenture or thereafter Incurred) that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Notes pursuant to a written agreement.

“Subsidiary” of any Person means any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which more than 50.0% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock or other equity interests (including partnership interests) entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by (i) such Person or (ii) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

“Subsidiary Guarantee” means any guarantee of the Notes that may from time to time be entered into by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company on the Escrow Release Date or after the Escrow Release Date pursuant to Section 414. As used in this Indenture, “Subsidiary Guarantee” refers to a Subsidiary Guarantee of the Notes.

“Subsidiary Guarantor” means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that enters into a Subsidiary Guarantee, in each case, unless and until such Subsidiary is released from such Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

“S&P” means S&P Global, Inc., a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and its successors.

“Tax Matters Agreement” means the Tax Matters Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and the Company, to be dated on or prior to the Escrow Release Date.

“Temporary Cash Investments” means any of the following: (i) any investment in (x) direct obligations of the United States of America, Canada, a member state of the European Union or any country in whose currency funds are being held pending their application in the making of an investment or capital expenditure by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in that country or with such funds, or any agency or instrumentality of any thereof, or obligations Guaranteed by the United States of America or a member state of the European Union or any country in whose currency funds are being held pending their application in the making of an investment or capital expenditure by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in that country or with such funds, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, or obligations guaranteed by any of the foregoing or (y) direct obligations of any foreign country recognized by the United States of America rated at least “A” by S&P or “A-1” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization), (ii) overnight bank deposits, and investments in time deposit accounts, certificates of deposit, bankers’ acceptances and money market deposits (or, with respect to foreign banks, similar instruments) maturing not more than one year after the date of acquisition thereof issued by (x) any bank or other institutional lender under a Credit Facility or any affiliate thereof or (y) a bank or trust company that is organized under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or any foreign country recognized by the United States of America having capital and surplus aggregating in excess of \$250.0 million (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) and whose long term debt is rated at least “A” by S&P or “A-1” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization) at the time such Investment is made, (iii) repurchase obligations for underlying securities or instruments of the types described in clause (i) or (ii) above entered into with a bank meeting the qualifications described in clause (ii) above, (iv) Investments in commercial paper, maturing not more than 24 months after the date of acquisition, issued by a Person (other than that of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries), with a rating at the time as of which any Investment therein is made of “P-2” (or higher) according to Moody’s or “A-2” (or higher) according to S&P (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization), (v) Investments in securities maturing not more than 24 months after the date of acquisition issued or fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States of America, or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, and rated at least “BBB-” by S&P or “Baa3” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization), (vi) Indebtedness or Preferred Stock (other than of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) having a rating of “A” or higher by S&P or “A2” or higher by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization), (vii) investment funds investing 95.0% of their assets in securities of the type described in clauses (i) through (vi) above (which funds may also hold cash pending investment and/or distribution), (viii) any money market deposit accounts issued or offered by a domestic commercial bank or a commercial bank organized and located in a country recognized by the United States of America, in each case, having capital and surplus in excess of \$250.0 million (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof), or investments in money market funds subject to the risk limiting conditions of Rule 2a-7 (or any successor rule) of the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and (ix) similar investments approved by the Board of Directors in the ordinary course of business.

“Term Loan Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent under the Senior Term Agreement and the collateral agent for the Term Loan Secured Parties under the Senior Term Agreement and Term Loan Collateral Documents, together with its successors and permitted assigns under the Senior Term Agreement and the Term Loan Collateral Documents.

“Term Loan Bank Products Affiliate” means any lender under the Senior Term Agreement or any Affiliate of any such lender that has entered into a Bank Products Agreement with the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company with the obligations of the Company or any such Subsidiary of the Company thereunder being secured by one or more Term Loan Collateral Documents.

“Term Loan Collateral Agreement” means the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, to be entered into on or around the Escrow Release Date, among the Company, certain of its Subsidiaries identified therein as grantors and the Term Loan Agent, together with the documents related thereto (including any supplements thereto), as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Term Loan Collateral Documents” means the Term Loan Collateral Agreement, the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, the intellectual property security agreements, the mortgages and each other agreement, instrument or other document entered into in favor of the Term Loan Secured Parties for purposes of securing the Term Loan Obligations (including the guarantees thereof), as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Term Loan Documents” means the Senior Term Agreement, the related guarantees, the Term Loan Collateral Documents, the Loan Documents (as defined in the Senior Term Agreement), any Bank Products Agreements between the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company and any lender under the Senior Term Agreement (or affiliate thereof), any Hedging Agreements between the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company and any lender under the Senior Term Agreement (or affiliate thereof), those other ancillary agreements as to which the Term Loan Agent or any lender under the Senior Term Agreement is a party or a beneficiary and all other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, now or hereafter executed by or on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company or any of their respective Affiliates, and delivered to the Term Loan Agent, in connection with any of the foregoing, in each case as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

“Term Loan Hedging Affiliate” means any lender under the Senior Term Agreement or any Affiliate of any lender under the Senior Term Agreement that has entered into a Hedging Agreement with the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, with the obligations of the Company or any such Subsidiary thereunder being secured by one or more Term Loan Collateral Documents.

“Term Loan Obligations” shall mean all obligations of every nature of the Company and any Subsidiary of the Company from time to time owed to the Term Loan Agent, the lenders under the Senior Term Agreement or any of them, any Term Loan Bank Products Affiliates or any Term Loan Hedging Affiliates, under any Term Loan Document, whether for principal, interest, fees, expenses (including interest, fees, and expenses which, but for the filing of a petition in bankruptcy with respect to the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, would have accrued on any Term Loan Obligation, whether or not a claim is allowed against the Company or any such Subsidiary of the Company for such interest, fees, and expenses in the related bankruptcy proceeding), reimbursement of amounts drawn under letters of credit, payments for early termination of Hedging Agreements, indemnification or otherwise, and all other amounts owing or due under the terms of the Term Loan Documents, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

“Term Loan Secured Parties” means (a) the holders of Term Loan Obligations, (b) the Representative(s) with respect thereto and (c) the successors and permitted assigns of each of the foregoing.

“TIA” means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. §§77aaa-77bbb) as in effect on the date of this Indenture, except as otherwise provided herein.

“Trademarks” means the following: (a) all trademarks (including service marks), common law marks, trade names, trade dress, logos, slogans and other indicia of origin, and the registrations and applications for registration thereof and the goodwill of the business symbolized by the foregoing; (b) all renewals of the foregoing; (c) all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable under any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, damages or payments for past or future infringements thereof; (d) the right to sue for past, present and future infringements thereof; and (e) all domestic rights corresponding to any of the foregoing.

“Trade Payables” means, with respect to any Person, any accounts payable or any indebtedness or monetary obligation to trade creditors created, assumed or guaranteed by such Person arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with the acquisition of goods or services.

“Transaction Documents” means the Separation and Distribution Agreement, Transition Services Agreements, Tax Matters Agreement, Employee Matters Agreement, Domestic Transportation Services Agreement, and any other instruments, assignment, documents and agreements executed in connection with the implementation of the transactions contemplated by any of the foregoing.

“Transactions” means (1) (A) the Separation, (B) any other transactions contemplated by, or pursuant to, the Transaction Documents or otherwise in connection with the Separation (including any cancelation or termination of Indebtedness, agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings, including intercompany accounts payables, receivables or Indebtedness, between the Company and any of its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and L Brands, Inc. or any of its Subsidiaries (other than the Company or its Subsidiaries), on the other hand, and making certain intercompany contributions and dividend payments) and (C) any other transactions pursuant to agreements or arrangements in effect on the Escrow Release Date on substantially the terms described in the Offering Memorandum or any amendment, modification, addition or supplement thereto or replacement thereof, as long as the terms of such agreement or arrangement, as so amended, modified, added, supplemented or replaced, are not materially more disadvantageous to the Holders when taken as a whole compared to the applicable agreements as described in the Offering Memorandum (as determined in good faith by the Company), (2) the issuance of the Notes, (3) the entering into of the Senior Credit Agreements and the borrowing of the loans thereunder and (4) the payment of fees or expenses incurred or paid the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with the foregoing.

“Transition Services Agreements” means the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement and the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement (each as described in the Form 10) between L Brands, Inc. or one or more of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Company or one or more of its Affiliates, on the other hand, to be dated on or prior to the Escrow Release Date.

“Treasury Rate” means, with respect to a Redemption Date, the weekly average rounded to the nearest 1/100th of a percentage point (for the most recently completed week for which such information is available as of the date that is two Business Days prior to such Redemption Date) of the yield to maturity at the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 with respect to each applicable day during such week (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from such Redemption Date to July 15, 2024; provided, however, that if the period from the Redemption Date to such date is not equal to the constant maturity of a United States Treasury security for which such yield is given, the Treasury Rate shall be obtained by linear interpolation (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth of a year) from the weekly average yields of United States Treasury securities for which such yields are given, except that if the period from the Redemption Date to such date is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year shall be used.

“Trust Officer” means any corporate trust officer or any other officer or assistant officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by the persons who at the time shall be such corporate trust officers who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, or any other officer of the Trustee to whom a corporate trust matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

“Trustee” means the party named as such in this Indenture until a successor replaces it and, thereafter, means the successor.

“Uniform Commercial Code” means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the state of New York from time to time.

“Unrestricted Subsidiary” means (i) Retail Transportation Company and each of its Subsidiaries, (ii) any Subsidiary of the Company that at the time of determination is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, as designated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided below, and (iii) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The Board of Directors may designate any Subsidiary of the Company (including any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary of the Company) to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries owns any Capital Stock or Indebtedness of, or owns or holds any Lien on any property of, the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is not a Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated; provided, that (A) the Subsidiary to be so designated has total consolidated assets of \$1,000 or less or (B) if such Subsidiary has consolidated assets greater than \$1,000, then such designation would be permitted under Section 409. The Board of Directors may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; provided, that immediately after giving effect to such designation (x) the Company could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under Section 407(a) or (y) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be greater than it was immediately prior to giving effect to such designation or (z) such Subsidiary shall be a Receivables Subsidiary with no Indebtedness outstanding other than Indebtedness that can be Incurred (and upon such designation shall be deemed to be Incurred and outstanding) pursuant to Section 407(b)(ix). Any such designation by the Board of Directors shall be evidenced to the Trustee by promptly filing with the Trustee a copy of the resolution of the Company’s Board of Directors giving effect to such designation and an Officer’s Certificate of the Company certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing provisions.

“U.S. Government Obligation” means (x) any security that is (i) a direct obligation of the United States of America for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged or (ii) an obligation of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America, which, in either case under the preceding clause (i) or (ii) is not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and (y) any depositary receipt issued by a bank (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act) as custodian with respect to any U.S. Government Obligation that is specified in clause (x) above and held by such bank for the account of the holder of such depositary receipt, or with respect to any specific payment of principal of or interest on any U.S. Government Obligation that is so specified and held, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of principal or interest evidenced by such depositary receipt.

“VS Transaction” means (i) the Separation of the Spin Business (each as defined in the Form 10) from L Brands, Inc. as described in the Form 10, (ii) the Distribution (as defined in the Separation and Distribution Agreement), (iii) the payment of the Special Cash Payment (as defined in the Separation and Distribution Agreement), (iv) the consummation of the other ancillary transactions described in the Separation and Distribution Agreement and the Form 10 (including the Restructuring) and (v) the payment of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the foregoing.

“Wholly Owned Domestic Restricted Subsidiary” means as to any Person, any Wholly Owned Domestic Subsidiary of such Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

“Wholly Owned Domestic Subsidiary” means as to any Person, any Domestic Subsidiary of such Person, and of which such Person owns, directly or indirectly through one or more Wholly Owned Domestic Subsidiaries, all of the Capital Stock of such Domestic Subsidiary.

#### Section 102. Other Definitions.

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Section 103. Rules of Construction. For all purposes of this Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) the terms defined in this Indenture have the meanings assigned to them in this Indenture;
- (2) "or" is not exclusive;
- (3) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with GAAP;

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

(5) all references to “\$” or “dollars” shall refer to the lawful currency of the United States of America;

(6) the words “include,” “included” and “including,” as used herein, shall be deemed in each case to be followed by the phrase “without limitation,” if not expressly followed by such phrase or the phrase “but not limited to”;

(7) words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular;

(8) references to sections of, or rules under, the Securities Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement or successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time;

(9) any reference to a Section, Article or clause refers to such Section, Article or clause of this Indenture; and

(10) notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture, no provision of the TIA shall apply or be incorporated by reference into this Indenture or the Notes, except as specifically set forth in this Indenture.

Section 104. [Reserved].

Section 105. [Reserved].

Section 106. Compliance Certificates and Opinions. Upon any application or request by the Company or by any other obligor upon the Notes (including any Subsidiary Guarantor) to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Company or such other obligor (including any Subsidiary Guarantor), as the case may be, shall furnish to the Trustee such certificates and opinions as may be required under this Indenture. Each such certificate or opinion shall be given in the form of one or more Officer’s Certificates, if to be given by an Officer, or an Opinion of Counsel, if to be given by counsel, and shall comply with the requirements of this Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of any such request or application as to which the furnishing of any Officer’s Certificate or Opinion of Counsel is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular request or application, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (except for certificates provided for in Section 406) shall include:

(1) a statement that the individual signing such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition, as applicable, and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(2) 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;

(3) a statement that, in the opinion of such individual, he or she made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him or her to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition, as applicable, has been complied with; and



- (4) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of such individual, such condition or covenant, as applicable, has been complied with.

Section 107. Form of Documents Delivered to Trustee. 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 may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel, unless such Officer knows that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which his certificate or opinion 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 to the effect that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Company, unless such counsel knows that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

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

Section 108. Acts of Noteholders; Record Dates. (a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee, and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company, as the case may be. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the “Act” of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 701) conclusive in favor of the Trustee, the Company, and any other obligor upon the Notes, if made in the manner provided in this Section 108.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof. Where such execution is by an officer of a corporation or a member of a partnership or other legal entity other than an individual, on behalf of such corporation or partnership or entity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of such Person’s authority. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner that the Trustee deems sufficient.

- (c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Note shall bind the Holder of every Note issued upon the transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, suffered or omitted to be done by the Trustee, the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

(e) (i) The Company may set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Notes entitled to give, make or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided or permitted by this Indenture to be given, made or taken by Holders of Notes, provided that the Company may not set a record date for, and the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply with respect to, the giving or making of any notice, declaration, request or direction referred to in the next paragraph. If any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Holders of Outstanding Notes on such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and no other Holders, shall be entitled to take the relevant action, whether or not such Persons remain Holders after such record date; provided that no such action shall be effective hereunder unless taken on or prior to the applicable Expiration Date by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Notes on such record date. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the Company from setting a new record date for any action for which a record date has previously been set pursuant to this paragraph (whereupon the record date previously set shall automatically and with no action by any Person be cancelled and of no effect), and nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to render ineffective any action taken by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Notes on the date such action is taken. Promptly after any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Company, at its expense, shall cause notice of such record date, the proposed action by Holders and the applicable Expiration Date to be given to the Trustee in writing and to each Holder of Notes in the manner set forth in Section 110.

(ii) The Trustee may set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Notes entitled to join in the giving or making of (A) any Notice of Default, (B) any declaration of acceleration referred to in Section 602, (C) any request to institute proceedings referred to in Section 607(ii) or (D) any direction referred to in Section 612, in each case with respect to Notes. If any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Holders of Outstanding Notes on such record date, and no other Holders, shall be entitled to join in such notice, declaration, request or direction, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date; provided that no such action shall be effective hereunder unless taken on or prior to the applicable Expiration Date by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Notes on such record date. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the Trustee from setting a new record date for any action for which a record date has previously been set pursuant to this paragraph (whereupon the record date previously set shall automatically and with no action by any Person be cancelled and of no effect), and nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to render ineffective any action taken by Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Notes on the date such action is taken. Promptly after any record date is set pursuant to this paragraph, the Trustee, at the Company's expense, shall cause notice of such record date, the proposed action by Holders and the applicable Expiration Date to be given to the Company in writing and to each Holder of Notes in the manner set forth in Section 110.

(iii) With respect to any record date set pursuant to this Section 108, the party hereto that sets such record dates may designate any day as the "Expiration Date" and from time to time may change the Expiration Date to any earlier or later day; provided that no such change shall be effective unless notice of the proposed new Expiration Date is given to the Company or the Trustee, whichever such party is not setting a record date pursuant to this Section 108(e) in writing, and to each Holder of Notes in the manner set forth in Section 110, on or prior to the existing Expiration Date. If an Expiration Date is not designated with respect to any record date set pursuant to this Section 108, the party hereto that set such record date shall be deemed to have initially designated the 180th day after such record date as the Expiration Date with respect thereto, subject to its right to change the Expiration Date as provided in this paragraph. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Expiration Date shall be later than the 180th day after the applicable record date.

(iv) Without limiting the foregoing, a Holder entitled hereunder to take any action hereunder with regard to any particular Note may do so with regard to all or any part of the principal amount of such Note or by one or more duly appointed agents each of which may do so pursuant to such appointment with regard to all or any part of such principal amount.

(v) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Holder, including the Depositary, that is the Holder of a Global Note, may make, give or take, by a proxy or proxies duly appointed in writing, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided in this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders, and the Depositary, as the Holder of a Global Note, may provide its proxy or proxies to the beneficial owners of interests in any such Global Note through such depositary's standing instructions and customary practices.

(vi) The Company may fix a record date for the purpose of determining the persons who are beneficial owners of interests in any Global Note held by the Depositary entitled under the procedures of such depositary to make, give or take, by a proxy or proxies duly appointed in writing, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided in this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders. If such a record date is fixed, the Holders on such record date or their duly appointed proxy or proxies, and only such persons, shall be entitled to make, give or take such request, demand, authorization direction, notice consent, waiver or other action, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date. No such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action shall be valid or effective if made, given or taken more than 90 days after such record date.

Section 109. Notices, Etc., to Trustee and Company. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or Act of Holders or other document provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with,

(1) the Trustee by any Holder or by the Company or by any other obligor upon the Notes shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to or with the Trustee at 10 W Broad St., CN-OH-BD12, Columbus, OH 43215. Attention: Scott R. Miller, Vice President (telephone: 614-849-3402; email: scott.miller6@usbank.com) or at any other address furnished in writing to the Company by the Trustee,

(2) the Company by the Trustee or by any Holder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, to the Company at 4 Limited Parkway East, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 or at any other address furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Company,

(3) the Company or the Trustee, by notice to the others, may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Section 110. Notices to Holders; Waiver. Where this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to each Holder, at such Holder's address as it appears in the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders.

Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

In case, by reason of the suspension of regular mail service, or by reason of any other cause, it shall be impossible to mail notice of any event as required by any provision of this Indenture, then such notification as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) shall constitute a sufficient notification for every purpose hereunder.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or any Note, where this Indenture or any Note provides for notice of any event (including any notice of redemption) to a Holder of a Global Note (whether by mail or otherwise), such notice shall be sufficiently given if given to the Depositary for such Note (or its designee) pursuant to the customary procedures of such Depositary (including delivery by electronic mail).

Section 111. Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 112. Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the Company shall bind its respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind their respective successors.

Section 113. Separability Clause. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 114. Benefits of Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, any Paying Agent and the Holders, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

Section 115. Governing Law. THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES AND THE SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE TRUSTEE, THE COMPANY, ANY OTHER OBLIGOR IN RESPECT OF THE NOTES, EACH SUBSIDIARY GUARANTOR AND (BY THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOTES) THE HOLDERS AGREE TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR STATE COURT LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE OR THE NOTES.

Section 116. Waiver of Trial by Jury. Each of the parties hereto hereby waives the right to trial by jury with respect to any litigation directly or indirectly arising out of, under or in connection with this Indenture.

Section 117. Legal Holidays. In any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity of any Note shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of the Notes) payment of interest or principal and premium (if any) need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date or Redemption Date, or at the Stated Maturity, and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the intervening period.

Section 118. No Personal Liability of Directors, Managers, Officers, Employees, Incorporators and Stockholders. No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Subsidiary of any thereof, in their respective capacities as such, shall have any liability for any obligation of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor under the Note Documents, or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, any such obligation or its creation. Each Noteholder, by accepting the Notes, waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

Section 119. Exhibits and Schedules. All exhibits and schedules attached hereto are by this reference made a part hereof with the same effect as if herein set forth in full.

Section 120. Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Indenture by facsimile, electronically in portable document format (including any electronic signature covered by the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signatures and Records Act or other applicable law, *e.g.*, [www.docusign.com](http://www.docusign.com)) or in any other format will be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of using electronic signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties. Trustee shall not have any duty to confirm that the person sending any notice instruction or other communication (a “Notice”) by electronic transmission (including by e-mail, facsimile transmission, web portal or other electronic methods) is, in fact, a person authorized to do so. Electronic signatures believed by Trustee to comply with the ESIGN Act of 2000 or other applicable law (including electronic images of handwritten signatures and digital signatures provided by DocuSign, Orbit, Adobe Sign or any other digital signature provider acceptable to Trustee) shall be deemed original signatures for all purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Trustee may in any instance and in its sole discretion require that an original document bearing a manual signature be delivered to Trustee in lieu of, or in addition to, any such electronic Notice.

Section 121. Force Majeure. To the extent permitted by the TIA, 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 best efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances).

Section 122. USA PATRIOT Act. The parties hereto acknowledge that in accordance with Section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act, the Trustee, like all financial institutions and in order to help fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering, is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or legal entity that establishes a relationship or opens an account with the Trustee. The parties to this Indenture agree that they will provide the Trustee (acting in any capacity hereunder) with such information as it may reasonably request in order for the Trustee to satisfy the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act.

Section 123. Limited Condition Transaction and Incurrence-Based Amounts.

(a) In connection with any action being taken in connection with a Limited Condition Transaction, for purposes of determining compliance with any provision of this Indenture which requires that no Default, Event of Default or specified Event of Default, as applicable, has occurred, is continuing or would result from any such action, as applicable, such condition shall, at the option of the Company, be deemed satisfied, so long as no Default, Event of Default or specified Event of Default, as applicable, exists on the date the definitive agreements for such Limited Condition Transaction are entered into or irrevocable notice of redemption, repurchase, defeasance, satisfaction and discharge or repayment of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock is given. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Company has exercised its option under the first sentence of this Section 123, and any Default, Event of Default or specified Event of Default, as applicable, occurs following the date the definitive agreements for the applicable Limited Condition Transaction were entered into or irrevocable notice of redemption, repurchase, defeasance, satisfaction and discharge or repayment of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock is given and prior to the consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction, any such Default, Event of Default or specified Event of Default, as applicable, shall be deemed to not have occurred or be continuing for purposes of determining whether any action being taken in connection with such Limited Condition Transaction is permitted hereunder.

In connection with any action being taken in connection with a Limited Condition Transaction, for purposes of:

- (i) determining compliance with any provision of this Indenture which requires the calculation of the Consolidated Coverage Ratio, the Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio or the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio; or
- (ii) testing baskets set forth in this Indenture (including baskets measured as a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets);

in each case, at the option of the Company (the Company's election to exercise such option in connection with any Limited Condition Transaction, an "LCT Election"), the date of determination of whether any such action is permitted hereunder, shall be deemed to be the date the definitive agreements for such Limited Condition Transaction are entered into or irrevocable notice of redemption, repurchase, defeasance, satisfaction and discharge or repayment of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock is given, as applicable (the "LCT Test Date"), and if, after giving pro forma effect to the Limited Condition Transaction and the other transactions to be entered into in connection therewith (including any Incurrence or discharge of Indebtedness and the use of proceeds of such Incurrence) as if they had occurred at the beginning of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters ending prior to the LCT Test Date for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available, the Company could have taken such action on the relevant LCT Test Date in compliance with such ratio, basket or amount, such ratio, basket or amount shall be deemed to have been complied with. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Company has made an LCT Election and any of the ratios, baskets or amounts for which compliance was determined or tested as of the LCT Test Date are exceeded as a result of fluctuations in any such ratio, basket or amount, including due to fluctuations in Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Tangible Assets of the Company or the Person subject to such Limited Condition Transaction or any applicable currency exchange rate, at or prior to the consummation of the relevant transaction or action, such baskets, ratios or amounts will not be deemed to have been exceeded as a result of such fluctuations. If the Company has made an LCT Election for any Limited Condition Transaction, then in connection with any subsequent calculation of any ratio, basket or amount with respect to the Incurrence of Indebtedness or Liens, or the making of Restricted Payments, Asset Dispositions, mergers, the conveyance, lease or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or the designation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary on or following the relevant LCT Test Date and prior to the earlier of the date on which such Limited Condition Transaction is consummated or the definitive agreement for such Limited Condition Transaction is terminated or expires without consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction, any such ratio, basket or amount shall be calculated on a pro forma basis assuming such Limited Condition Transaction and other transactions in connection therewith (including any Incurrence or discharge of Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof) have been consummated.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, unless the Company otherwise elects, with respect to any amounts incurred or transactions entered into (or consummated) in reliance on a provision of this Indenture that does not require compliance with a financial ratio or financial test (including any Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio test, and/or any Consolidated Coverage Ratio test) (any such amounts, the “Fixed Amounts”) substantially concurrently with any amounts incurred or transactions entered into (or consummated) in reliance on a provision of this Indenture that requires compliance with a financial ratio or financial test (including any Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio test, and/or any Consolidated Coverage Ratio test) (any such amounts, the “Incurrence-Based Amounts”) it is understood and agreed that (A) the incurrence of the Incurrence-Based Amount shall be calculated first without giving effect to any Fixed Amount but giving full pro forma effect to the use of proceeds of such Fixed Amount and the related transactions and (B) the incurrence of the Fixed Amount shall be calculated thereafter. Unless the Company elects otherwise, the Company shall be deemed to have used amounts under an Incurrence-Based Amount then available to the Company prior to utilization of any amount under a Fixed Amount then available to the Company.

## ARTICLE II

### NOTE FORMS

Section 201. Forms Generally. The Initial Notes and the Trustee’s certificate of authentication relating thereto shall be in substantially the forms set forth, or referenced, in this Article II and Exhibit A attached hereto (as such forms may be modified in accordance with Section 301). Any Additional Notes and the Trustee’s certificate of authentication relating thereto shall be in substantially the forms set forth, or referenced, in this Article II and Exhibit A attached hereto (as such forms may be modified in accordance with Section 301). Exhibit A is hereby incorporated in and expressly made a part of this Indenture. The Notes may have such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions, notations, legends, endorsements, identifications and other variations as are required or permitted by law, stock exchange rule or depositary rule or usage, agreements to which the Company is subject, if any, or other customary usage, or as may consistently herewith be determined by the Officers of the Company executing such Notes, as evidenced by such execution (provided always that any such notation, legend, endorsement, identification or variation is in a form acceptable to the Company). Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Notes set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Indenture. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

Notes offered and sold to persons reasonably believed to be qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A shall, unless the Company otherwise notifies the Trustee in writing, be issued in the form of one or more permanent global Notes substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (as such form may be modified in accordance with Section 301), except as otherwise permitted herein. Such Global Notes shall be referred to collectively herein as the “Rule 144A Global Notes,” and shall be deposited with the Trustee, as custodian for the Depositary or its nominee, for credit to an account of an Agent Member, and shall be duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. The aggregate principal amount of a Rule 144A Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee, as custodian for the Depositary or its nominee, as hereinafter provided.

Notes offered and sold in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act shall, unless the Company otherwise notifies the Trustee in writing, be issued in the form of one or more global Notes substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (as such form may be modified in accordance with Section 301), except as otherwise permitted herein. Such Global Notes shall be referred to herein as the “Regulation S Global Notes,” and shall be deposited with the Trustee, as custodian for the Depositary or its nominee for the accounts of designated Agent Members holding on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream and shall be duly executed by the Company and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided. The aggregate principal amount of a Regulation S Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made in the records of the Trustee, as custodian for the Depositary or its nominee, as hereinafter provided.

Subject to the limitations on the issuance of certificated Notes set forth in Sections 312 and 313, Notes issued pursuant to Section 305 in exchange for or upon transfer of beneficial interests (x) in a Rule 144A Global Note shall be in the form of permanent certificated Notes substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (as such form may be modified in accordance with Section 301) (the “Rule 144A Physical Notes”) or (y) in a Regulation S Global Note (if any), on or after the Regulation S Note Exchange Date with respect to such Regulation S Global Note, shall be in the form of permanent certificated Notes substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (as such form may be modified in accordance with Section 301) (the “Regulation S Physical Notes”), respectively, as hereinafter provided.

The Rule 144A Physical Notes and Regulation S Physical Notes shall be construed to include any certificated Notes issued in respect thereof pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306 or 1008, and the Rule 144A Global Notes and Regulation S Global Notes shall be construed to include any global Notes issued in respect thereof pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306 or 1008. The Rule 144A Physical Notes and the Regulation S Physical Notes, together with any other certificated Notes issued and authenticated pursuant to this Indenture, are sometimes collectively herein referred to as the “Physical Notes.” The Rule 144A Global Notes and the Regulation S Global Notes, together with any other global Notes that are issued and authenticated pursuant to this Indenture, are sometimes collectively referred to as the “Global Notes.”

Section 202. Form of Trustee’s Certificate of Authentication. The Notes will have endorsed thereon a Trustee’s certificate of authentication in substantially the following form:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

Dated:

If an appointment of an Authenticating Agent is made pursuant to Section 714, the Notes may have endorsed thereon, in lieu of the Trustee’s certificate of authentication, an alternative certificate of authentication in substantially the following form:



[NAME]

\_\_\_\_\_  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
As Authenticating Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

Dated:

Section 203. Restrictive and Global Note Legends. Each Global Note and Physical Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear the following legend set forth below (the “Private Placement Legend”) on the face thereof until the Private Placement Legend is removed or not required in accordance with Section 313(4):

“THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION, AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH BELOW. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS NOTE IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF THIS NOTE MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A, REGULATION S OR ANOTHER EXEMPTION THEREUNDER.

BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE (1) REPRESENTS THAT (A) IT IS A “QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER” (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT), (B) IT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THIS NOTE IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (C) IT IS AN “INSTITUTIONAL” ACCREDITED INVESTOR (AS DEFINED IN RULE 501(a)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) UNDER REGULATION D PROMULGATED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (AN “ACCREDITED INVESTOR”) AND (2) AGREES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY INVESTOR ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT HAS PURCHASED NOTES, THAT IT WILL NOT WITHIN [ONE YEAR—FOR NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO RULE 144A][40 DAYS—FOR NOTES ISSUED IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS PURSUANT TO REGULATION S] AFTER THE LATER OF THE DATE OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OF THIS NOTE AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE COMPANY OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES OWNED THIS NOTE, OFFER, RESELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS NOTE EXCEPT (X) (I) TO THE COMPANY OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (II) FOR SO LONG AS THIS NOTE IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (III) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO AN ACCREDITED INVESTOR THAT IS ACQUIRING THE NOTES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN ACCREDITED INVESTOR, IN EACH CASE IN A MINIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE NOTES OF \$250,000, FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO OR FOR THE OFFER OR SALE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, AND THAT PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER, FURNISHES (OR HAS FURNISHED ON ITS BEHALF BY A U.S. BROKER DEALER) TO THE TRUSTEE A SIGNED LETTER CONTAINING CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE (THE FORM OF WHICH LETTER CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TRUSTEE FOR THIS NOTE), (IV) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), (V) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), (VI) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT (AND BASED UPON AN OPINION OF COUNSEL IF THE COMPANY SO REQUESTS) OR (VII) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND (Y) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS. BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE FURTHER AGREES THAT IT WILL GIVE TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTE IS TRANSFERRED A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE PURSUANT TO SUBCLAUSES (III) TO (VI) OF CLAUSE (X) ABOVE, AND THAT, THE HOLDER MUST, PRIOR TO SUCH TRANSFER, FURNISH TO THE TRUSTEE AND THE COMPANY SUCH CERTIFICATIONS, LEGAL OPINIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION AS EITHER OF THEM MAY REASONABLY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH TRANSFER IS BEING MADE PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT.”

Each Global Note, whether or not an Initial Note, shall also bear the following legend on the face thereof:

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

TRANSFERS OF THIS GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF CEDE & CO. OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR’S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS GLOBAL NOTE SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 312 AND 313 OF THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN).”

Each Regulation S Global Note shall also bear the following legend on the face thereof:

“BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER HEREOF REPRESENTS THAT IT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON NOR IS IT PURCHASING FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A U.S. PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THIS NOTE IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. AS USED HEREIN, THE TERMS “OFFSHORE TRANSACTION,” “UNITED STATES” AND “U.S. PERSON” HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM BY REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.”

Each Note issued with OID will contain a legend substantially to the following effect:

THIS NOTE IS ISSUED WITH ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 1271 ET SEQ. OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. A HOLDER MAY OBTAIN THE ISSUE PRICE, AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT, ISSUE DATE AND YIELD TO MATURITY FOR SUCH NOTE BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR SUCH INFORMATION TO: VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO., 4 LIMITED PARKWAY EAST, REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068."

### ARTICLE III

#### THE NOTES

Section 301. General Terms; Additional Notes. All Notes will vote (or consent) as a class with the other Notes and otherwise be treated as a single class of Notes for all purposes of this Indenture. Each Note will bear interest at a rate of 4.625% per annum from the Issue Date or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for, payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 of each year (each such date, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing January 15, 2022 to Holders of record as of the close of business on January 1 and July 1, whether or not a Business Day, immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date.

Additional Notes ranking *pari passu* with the Initial Notes may be created and issued from time to time by the Company without notice to or consent of the Holders and shall be consolidated with and form a single class with the Initial Notes and shall have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise as the Initial Notes other than with respect to the date of issuance and, if applicable, original interest accrual date and original interest payment date; *provided* that the Company's ability to issue Additional Notes shall be subject to the Company's compliance with Section 407 hereof. Any Additional Notes may be issued with the benefit of an indenture supplemental to this Indenture; *provided further, however*, that in the event any Additional Notes are not fungible with the Initial Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such non-fungible notes will be issued with a separate CUSIP number or ISIN so they are distinguishable from the Initial Notes.

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

Section 302. Denominations. The Notes shall be issuable only in fully registered form, without coupons, and only in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Section 303. Execution, Authentication and Delivery and Dating. The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Company by one Officer of the Company. The signature of any such Officer on the Notes may be manual or by facsimile.

Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of an individual who was at any time an Officer of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individual has ceased to hold such office prior to the authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such office at the date of such Notes.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Notes executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication; and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver (i) Initial Notes for original issue in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$600.0 million and (ii) subject to Section 407, Additional Notes from time to time for original issue in aggregate principal amounts specified by the Company (which shall have identical terms as the Initial Notes, other than with respect to the date of issuance and, if applicable, original interest accrual date and original interest payment date), in each case specified in clauses (i) and (ii) above, upon a written order of the Company in the form of an Officer's Certificate of the Company (an "Authentication Order"). Such Authentication Order shall specify the amount of Notes to be authenticated and the date on which the Notes are to be authenticated, the "CUSIP", "ISIN", "Common Code" or other similar identification numbers of such Notes, if any, whether the Notes are to be Initial Notes or Additional Notes, the issue price (in the case of Additional Notes) and whether the Notes are to be issued as one or more Global Notes or Physical Notes and such other information as the Company may include or the Trustee may reasonably request.

All Notes shall be dated the date of their authentication.

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

Section 304. Temporary Notes. Until definitive Notes are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and upon receipt of an Authentication Order the Trustee shall authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of definitive Notes but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Notes. If temporary Notes are issued, the Company will cause definitive Notes to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Notes, the temporary Notes shall be exchangeable for definitive Notes upon surrender of the temporary Notes at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Notes, the Company shall execute and upon receipt of an Authentication Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a like principal amount of definitive Notes of authorized denominations. Until so exchanged the temporary Notes shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Notes.

Section 305. Note Registrar and Paying Agent. The Company shall cause to be kept at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee a register (the register maintained in such office and in any other office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment being herein sometimes collectively referred to as the "Note Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, such Company shall provide for the registration of Notes and of transfers of Notes. The Company may have one or more co-registrars. The term "Note Registrar" includes any co-registrars.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee as "Note Registrar" and "Paying Agent" in connection with the Notes, until such time as it has resigned or a successor has been appointed. The Company may have one or more additional paying agents, and the term "Paying Agent" shall include any additional Paying Agent. The Company may change the Paying Agent or Note Registrar without prior notice to the Holders of Notes. The Company may enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Note Registrar or Paying Agent not a party to this Indenture. Any such agency agreement shall implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to such agent. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any such agent. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain a Note Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such and shall be entitled to appropriate compensation therefor pursuant to Section 707. The Company or any wholly-owned Domestic Subsidiary of the Company may act as Paying Agent (except for purposes of Section 1103 or Section 1205) or Note Registrar.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment, in compliance with all applicable requirements of this Indenture and applicable law, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes, of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount.

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

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

Every Note presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company duly executed, by the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing.

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

The Company shall not be required (i) to issue, transfer or exchange any Note during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 Business Days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption (or purchase) of Notes selected for redemption (or purchase) under Section 1004 and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Note so selected for redemption (or purchase) in whole or in part.

Section 306. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Notes. If a mutilated Note is surrendered to the Note Registrar or if the Holder of a Note claims that the Note has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Company shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate a replacement Note if the requirements of Section 8-405 of the Uniform Commercial Code are met, such that the Holder (a) notifies the Company or the Trustee within a reasonable time after such Holder has notice of such loss, destruction or wrongful taking and the Note Registrar does not register a transfer prior to receiving such notification, (b) makes such request to the Company or the Trustee prior to the Note being acquired by a protected purchaser as defined in Section 8-303 of the Uniform Commercial Code and (c) satisfies any other reasonable requirements of the Company. If required by the Trustee or the Company, such Holder shall furnish an indemnity bond sufficient in the judgment of (i) the Trustee to protect the Trustee and (ii) the Company to protect the Company, the Trustee, a Paying Agent and the Note Registrar, from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Note, pay such Note.

Upon the issuance of any new Note under this Section 306, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Note issued pursuant to this Section 306 in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and ratably with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this Section 306 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 307. Payment of Interest Rights Preserved. Interest on any Note that 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 Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date.

Any interest on any Note that is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date (herein called “Defaulted Interest”) shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered Holder on the relevant Regular Record Date by virtue of having been such Holder; and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election, as provided in clause (1) or clause (2) below:

(1) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names the Notes (or their respective Predecessor Notes) are registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee and Paying Agent in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment, and the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or Paying Agent an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee or Paying Agent for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as provided in this clause (1). Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall be not more than 15 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee and the Paying Agent of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each Holder at such Holder’s address as it appears in the Note Register, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been so mailed, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names the Notes (or their respective Predecessor Notes) are registered on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to the following clause (2).

(2) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 307, each Note delivered under this Indenture upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Note shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, that were carried by such other Note.

Section 308. Persons Deemed Owners. The Company, any Subsidiary Guarantor, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and any agent of any of them may treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of (and premium, if any), and (subject to Section 307) interest on, such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note be overdue, and neither the Company, any Subsidiary Guarantor, the Trustee, the Paying Agent nor any agent of any of them shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Section 309. Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or conversion shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee and, if not already cancelled, shall be promptly cancelled by it. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder that the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes cancelled as provided in this Section 309, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Notes held by the Trustee shall be disposed of by the Trustee in accordance with its customary procedures (subject to the record retention requirements of the Exchange Act).

Section 310. Computation of Interest. Interest on the Notes shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Section 311. CUSIP Numbers, ISINs, Etc. The Company in issuing Notes may use “CUSIP” numbers, ISINs and “Common Code” numbers (if then generally in use), and if so, the Trustee may use the CUSIP numbers, ISINs and “Common Code” numbers in notices of redemption or exchange as a convenience to Holders; provided, however, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of such numbers printed in the notice or on the Notes; that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes; and that any redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers.

Section 312. Book-Entry Provisions for Global Notes. (a) Each Global Note initially shall (i) be registered in the name of the Depositary for such Global Note or the nominee of such Depositary, in each case for credit to the account of an Agent Member, and (ii) be delivered to the Trustee as custodian for such Depositary. None of the Company, any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall 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 Note, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

(b) Members of, or participants in, the Depositary (“Agent Members”) shall have no rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Note held on their behalf by the Depositary, or its custodian, or under such Global Notes. The Depositary may be treated by the Company, any other obligor upon the Notes, the Trustee and any agent of any of them as the absolute owner of the Global Notes for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, any other obligor upon the Notes, the Trustee or any agent of any of them from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depositary or impair, as between the Depositary and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of a beneficial owner of any Note. The Holder of a Global Note may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any Person, including Agent Members and Persons that may hold interests through Agent Members, to take any action that a Holder is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Notes.

(c) Transfers of a Global Note shall be limited to transfers of such Global Note in whole, but, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence, not in part, to the Depositary, its successors or their respective nominees. Interests of beneficial owners in a Global Note may not be transferred or exchanged for Physical Notes unless (i) the Company has consented thereto in writing, or such transfer or exchange is made pursuant to the next sentence, and (ii) such transfer or exchange is in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures of the Depositary and the provisions of [Section 305](#) and [Section 313](#). Subject to the limitation on issuance of Physical Notes set forth in [Section 313\(3\)](#), Physical Notes shall be transferred to all beneficial owners in exchange for their beneficial interests in the relevant Global Note, if (i) the Depositary notifies the Company at any time that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for the Global Notes and a successor depositary is not appointed within 120 days; (ii) the Depositary ceases to be registered as a “Clearing Agency” under the Exchange Act and a successor depositary is not appointed within 120 days; (iii) the Company, at its option, notifies the Trustee that it elects to cause the issuance of Physical Notes; or (iv) an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to the Notes and the Trustee has received a written request from the Depositary to issue Physical Notes.

(d) In connection with any transfer or exchange of a portion of the beneficial interest in any Global Note to beneficial owners for Physical Notes pursuant to [Section 312\(c\)](#), the Note Registrar shall record on its books and records the date and a decrease in the principal amount of such Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest in the Global Note being transferred, and the Company shall execute, and upon receipt of an Authentication Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, one or more Physical Notes of like principal amount of authorized denominations.

(e) In connection with a transfer of an entire Global Note to beneficial owners for Physical Notes pursuant to [Section 312\(c\)](#), the applicable Global Note shall be deemed to be surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation, and the Company shall execute, and upon receipt of an Authentication Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, to each beneficial owner identified by the Depositary, in exchange for its beneficial interest in the applicable Global Note, an equal aggregate principal amount of Rule 144A Physical Notes (in the case of any Rule 144A Global Note) or Regulation S Physical Notes (in the case of any Regulation S Global Note), as the case may be, of authorized denominations.

(f) The transfer and exchange of a Global Note or beneficial interests therein shall be effected through the Depositary, in accordance with this Indenture (including applicable restrictions on transfer set forth in [Section 313](#)) and the procedures therefor of the Depositary. Any beneficial interest in one of the Global Notes that is transferred to a Person who takes delivery in the form of an interest in a different Global Note will, upon transfer, cease to be an interest in such Global Note and become an interest in the other Global Note and, accordingly, will thereafter be subject to all transfer restrictions, if any, and other procedures applicable to beneficial interests in such other Global Note for as long as it remains such an interest. A transferor of a beneficial interest in a Global Note shall deliver to the Note Registrar a written order given in accordance with the Depositary’s procedures containing information regarding the participant account of the Depositary to be credited with a beneficial interest in the relevant Global Note. Subject to [Section 313](#), the Note Registrar shall, in accordance with such instructions, instruct the Depositary to credit to the account of the Person specified in such instructions a beneficial interest in such Global Note and to debit the account of the Person making the transfer the beneficial interest in the Global Note being transferred.

(g) Any Physical Note delivered in exchange for an interest in a Global Note pursuant to [Section 312\(c\)](#) shall, unless such exchange is made on or after the Resale Restriction Termination Date applicable to such Note and except as otherwise provided in [Section 203](#) and [Section 313](#), bear the Private Placement Legend.



(h) Notwithstanding the foregoing, through the Restricted Period, a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note may be held only through designated Agent Members holding on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream unless delivery is made in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 313.

Section 313. Special Transfer Provisions.

(1) Transfers to Non-U.S. Persons. The following provisions shall apply with respect to the registration of any proposed transfer of a Note that is a Restricted Security to any Non-U.S. Person: The Note Registrar shall register such transfer if it complies with all other applicable requirements of this Indenture (including Section 305) and,

(a) if (x) such transfer is after the relevant Resale Restriction Termination Date with respect to such Note or (y) the proposed transferor has delivered to the Note Registrar and the Company and the Trustee a Regulation S Certificate and, unless otherwise agreed by the Company, an opinion of counsel, certifications and other information satisfactory to the Company, and

(b) if the proposed transferor is or is acting through an Agent Member holding a beneficial interest in a Global Note, upon receipt by the Note Registrar and the Company and the Trustee of (x) the certificate, opinion, certifications and other information, if any, required by clause (a) above and (y) written instructions given in accordance with the procedures of the Note Registrar and of the Depositary;

whereupon (i) the Note Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and (if the transfer does not involve a transfer of any Outstanding Physical Note) a decrease in the principal amount of the relevant Global Note in an amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interest in the relevant Global Note to be transferred, and (ii) either (A) if the proposed transferee is or is acting through an Agent Member holding a beneficial interest in a relevant Regulation S Global Note, the Note Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an increase in the principal amount of such Regulation S Global Note in an amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interest being so transferred or (B) otherwise the Company shall execute and (upon receipt of an Authentication Order) the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver one or more Physical Notes of like amount.

(2) Transfers to QIBs. The following provisions shall apply with respect to the registration of any proposed transfer of a Note that is a Restricted Security to a QIB (excluding transfers to Non-U.S. Persons): The Note Registrar shall register such transfer if it complies with all other applicable requirements of this Indenture (including Section 305) and,

(a) if such transfer is being made by a proposed transferor who has checked the box provided for on the form of such Note stating, or has otherwise certified to the Note Registrar and the Company and the Trustee in writing, that the sale has been made in compliance with the provisions of Rule 144A to a transferee who has signed the certification provided for on the form of such Note stating, or has otherwise certified to Note Registrar and the Company and the Trustee in writing, that it is purchasing such Note for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and that it and any such account is a QIB within the meaning of Rule 144A, and is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such information regarding the Company as it has requested pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it is aware that the transferor is relying upon its foregoing representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A; and

(b) if the proposed transferee is an Agent Member, and the Note to be transferred consists of a Physical Note that after transfer is to be evidenced by an interest in a Global Note or consists of a beneficial interest in a Global Note that after the transfer is to be evidenced by an interest in a different Global Note, upon receipt by the Note Registrar of written instructions given in accordance with the Depositary's and the Note Registrar's procedures, whereupon the Note Registrar shall reflect on its books and records the date and an increase in the principal amount of the transferee Global Note in an amount equal to the principal amount of the Physical Note or such beneficial interest in such transferor Global Note to be transferred, and the Trustee shall cancel the Physical Note so transferred or reflect on its books and records the date and a decrease in the principal amount of such transferor Global Note, as the case may be.

(3) Limitation on Issuance of Physical Notes. No Physical Note shall be exchanged for a beneficial interest in any Global Note, except in accordance with Section 312 and this Section 313.

A beneficial owner of an interest in a Regulation S Global Note shall not be permitted to exchange such interest for a Physical Note until a date, which must be after the end of the Restricted Period, on which the Company receives a certificate of beneficial ownership substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C from such beneficial owner (a "Certificate of Beneficial Ownership"). Such date, as it relates to a Regulation S Global Note, is herein referred to as the "Regulation S Note Exchange Date."

(4) Private Placement Legend. Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Notes not bearing the Private Placement Legend, the Note Registrar shall deliver Notes that do not bear the Private Placement Legend. Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Notes bearing the Private Placement Legend, the Note Registrar shall deliver only Notes that bear the Private Placement Legend unless (i) the requested transfer is after the relevant Resale Restriction Termination Date with respect to such Notes, (ii) upon written request of the Company after there is delivered to the Note Registrar an opinion of counsel (which opinion and counsel are satisfactory to the Company) to the effect that neither such legend nor the related restrictions on transfer are required in order to maintain compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act, (iii) with respect to a Regulation S Global Note (on or after the Regulation S Note Exchange Date with respect to such Regulation S Global Note) or Regulation S Physical Note, in each case with the agreement of the Company, or (iv) such Notes are sold or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act.

(5) Other Transfers. The Note Registrar shall effect and register, upon receipt of a written request from the Company to do so, a transfer not otherwise permitted by this Section 313, such registration to be done in accordance with the otherwise applicable provisions of this Section 313, upon the furnishing by the proposed transferor or transferee of a written opinion of counsel (which opinion and counsel are satisfactory to the Company) to the effect that, and such other certifications or information as the Company may require (including, in the case of a transfer to an Accredited Investor (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act), a certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F) to confirm that, the proposed transfer is being made pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

A Note that is a Restricted Security may not be transferred other than as provided in this Section 313. A beneficial interest in a Global Note that is a Restricted Security may not be exchanged for a beneficial interest in another Global Note other than through a transfer in compliance with this Section 313.

(6) General. By its acceptance of any Note bearing the Private Placement Legend, each Holder of such a Note acknowledges the restrictions on transfer of such Note set forth in this Indenture and in the Private Placement Legend and agrees that it will transfer such Note only as provided in this Indenture.

The Note Registrar shall retain copies of all letters, notices and other written communications received pursuant to Section 312 or this Section 313 (including all Notes received for transfer pursuant to this Section 313). The Company shall have the right to require the applicable Note Registrar to deliver to the Company, at the Company's expense, copies of all such letters, notices or other written communications at any reasonable time upon the giving of reasonable written notice to the Note Registrar.

In connection with any transfer of any Note, the Trustee, the Note Registrar and the Company shall be entitled to receive, shall be under no duty to inquire into, may conclusively presume the correctness of, and shall be fully protected in relying upon the certificates, opinions and other information referred to herein (or in the forms provided herein, attached hereto or to the Notes, or otherwise) received from any Holder and any transferee of any Note regarding the validity, legality and due authorization of any such transfer, the eligibility of the transferee to receive such Note and any other facts and circumstances related to such transfer.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### COVENANTS

Section 401. Payment of Principal, Premium and Interest. The Company shall duly and punctually pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Notes in accordance with the terms of such Notes and this Indenture. Principal amount (and premium, if any) and interest on the Notes shall be considered paid on the date due if the Company shall have deposited with the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or another wholly-owned Domestic Subsidiary of the Company) as of 12:00 p.m. New York City time on the due date money in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal amount (and premium, if any) and interest then due. At the option of the Company, payment of interest on such Note may be made through the Paying Agent by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account designated to the Company by the Person entitled thereto or by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Note Register.

Section 402. Maintenance of Office or Agency. (a) The Company shall maintain in the United States an office or agency where such Notes may be presented or surrendered for payment, where such Notes may be surrendered for transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of such Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and of any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain such 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 to the Trustee; provided, however, that with respect to payments on the Notes and any exchange, transfer, or other surrender of the Notes, the Corporate Trust Office shall mean the corporate trust operations office of the Trustee in St. Paul, Minnesota or such other office or location designated by the Trustee by written notice; provided, further, that no service of legal process may be made against the Company at any office of the Trustee.

(b) The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations.

The Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with Section 305.

Section 403. Money for Payments to Be Held in Trust. If the Company shall at any time act as Paying Agent, it shall, on or before 12:00 p.m., New York City time, on each due date of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on, any of such Notes, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or interest so becoming due until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided, and shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of its action or failure so to act.

If the Company is not acting as Paying Agent, it shall, on or prior to 12:00 p.m., New York City time, on each due date of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on, such Notes, deposit with a Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or interest, so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such principal, premium or interest, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of its action or failure so to act.

If the Company is not acting as Paying Agent, the Company shall cause any Paying Agent other than the Trustee to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section 403, that such Paying Agent shall:

- (1) hold all sums held by it for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the Notes in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided;
- (2) give the Trustee notice of any default by the Company (or any other obligor upon the Notes) in the making of any such payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest;
- (3) at any time during the continuance of any such default, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by such Paying Agent; and
- (4) acknowledge, accept and agree to comply in all respects with the provisions of this Indenture relating to the duties, rights and liabilities of such Paying Agent.

The Company may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of such Notes, this Indenture or for any other purpose, pay, or by Company Order direct any Paying Agent to pay, to the Trustee all sums held in trust by the Company or such Paying Agent, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Company or such Paying Agent; and, upon such payment by any Paying Agent to the Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such money.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on any Note 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 Company Request, or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Company for payment thereof unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another Person, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease.

Section 404. [Reserved].

Section 405. Reports. Whether or not required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, so long as any Notes are outstanding, from and after the Escrow Release Date the Company will file with the SEC (unless the SEC will not accept such filings) and furnish to the Noteholders all quarterly and annual financial information, and within 15 days of the dates, that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K (including pursuant to any extension authorized by the SEC, rule, regulation or executive order).

In addition, to the extent not satisfied by the foregoing, the Company will furnish to Holders of the Notes and prospective investors in the Notes, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4).

The Company will be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of the first paragraph of this Section 405 if any Parent Entity furnishes or makes available information regarding the Parent Entity of the type otherwise so required with respect to the Company and such Parent Entity is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and has filed reports required under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act with the SEC via EDGAR (or successor) filing system and such reports are publicly available, in each case provided that the same is accompanied by information describing the non-equity differences between the financial information relating to such Parent Entity and its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and the financial information relating to the Company and its Subsidiaries, on the other hand (as determined by the Company in good faith, which determination shall be conclusive) and for the avoidance of doubt need not be audited or compliant with Regulation S-X.

Delivery of reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on an Officer's Certificate). The Trustee shall have no liability or responsibility for the filing, timeliness, or content of such reports. The Trustee shall further not be obligated to monitor or confirm, on a continuing basis or otherwise, any reports or other documents filed with the SEC or posted to any website or to participate in any conference calls.

Section 406. Statement as to Default. The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company commencing with the Company's fiscal year ending January 29, 2022, an Officer's Certificate to the effect that to the best knowledge of the signer thereof (on behalf of the Company) the Company is or is not in default in the performance and observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture applicable to the Company (without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided hereunder) and, if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature and status thereof of which such signer may have knowledge.

Section 407. Limitation on Indebtedness. (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, Incur any Indebtedness; provided, however, that the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may Incur Indebtedness if on the date of the Incurrence of such Indebtedness, after giving effect to the Incurrence thereof, the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be equal to or greater than 2.00:1.00.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 407(a), the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may Incur the following Indebtedness:

(i) Indebtedness (I) Incurred (including but not limited to in respect of letters of credit or bankers' acceptances issued or created thereunder) and (without limiting the foregoing), in each case, any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof, in a maximum principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding in the aggregate the amount equal to (A) \$500.0 million, plus (B) the greater of (x) \$1.0 billion and (y) 100.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available, plus (C) the greater of (x) \$750.0 million and (y) an amount equal to the Borrowing Base (plus, in the event of any refinancing of any such Indebtedness, the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing) plus (II) in an unlimited amount, if on the date of the Incurrence of such Indebtedness (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of Indebtedness Incurred in reliance on this clause (II)), after giving effect to such Incurrence (or, at the Company's option, on the date of the initial borrowing of such Indebtedness or entry into the definitive agreement providing the commitment to fund such Indebtedness after giving pro forma effect to the Incurrence of the entire committed amount of such Indebtedness (such committed amount, a "Ratio Tested Committed Amount"), in which case such Ratio Tested Committed Amount may thereafter be borrowed and reborrowed, in whole or in part, from time to time, without further compliance with this clause) the Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio would be equal to or less than 1.50:1.00; and (in the case of this subclause (II)) any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect to any such Indebtedness (or Ratio Tested Committed Amount);

(ii) Indebtedness (A) of any Restricted Subsidiary to the Company, or (B) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to any Restricted Subsidiary; provided that, in the case of this Section 407(b)(ii), any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary to which such Indebtedness is owed, or other event, that results in such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of such Indebtedness (except to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) will be deemed, in each case, an Incurrence of such Indebtedness by the issuer thereof not permitted by this Section 407(b)(ii);

(iii) Indebtedness represented by the Notes (other than Additional Notes), any Indebtedness (other than the Indebtedness described in Section 407(b)(i)(I) above) outstanding (or Incurred pursuant to any commitment outstanding) on the Issue Date and any Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in respect of any Indebtedness (or unutilized commitments) described in this Section 407(b)(iii) or Section 407(a) above;

(iv) Purchase Money Obligations and Finance Lease Obligations, and in each case any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto, (A) outstanding on the Issue Date and (B) in an additional aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$140.0 million and 3.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(v) Indebtedness (A) supported by a letter of credit issued pursuant to any Credit Facility in a principal amount not exceeding the face amount of such letter of credit or (B) consisting of accommodation guarantees for the benefit of trade creditors of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(vi) (A) Guarantees by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness or any other obligation or liability of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Indebtedness Incurred by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, in violation of this Section 407), or (B) without limiting Section 413, Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary arising by reason of any Lien granted by or applicable to such Person securing Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Indebtedness Incurred by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, in violation of this Section 407);

(vii) Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (A) arising from the honoring of a check, draft or similar instrument of such Person drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business, or (B) consisting of guarantees, indemnities, obligations in respect of earnouts or other purchase price adjustments, or similar obligations, Incurred in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business, assets or Person;

(viii) Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of (A) letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or other similar instruments or obligations issued, or relating to liabilities or obligations incurred, in the ordinary course of business (including those issued to governmental entities in connection with self-insurance under applicable workers' compensation statutes), (B) completion guarantees, surety, judgment, appeal or performance bonds, or other similar bonds, instruments or obligations, provided, or relating to liabilities or obligations incurred, in the ordinary course of business, including in respect of liabilities or obligations of franchisees, (C) Hedging Obligations, (D) Management Guarantees or Management Indebtedness, (E) the financing of insurance premiums in the ordinary course of business, (F) take-or-pay obligations under supply arrangements incurred in the ordinary course of business, (G) netting, overdraft protection and other arrangements arising under standard business terms of any bank at which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary maintains an overdraft, cash pooling or other similar facility or arrangement, (H) Junior Capital, (I) Bank Products Obligations or (J) Open Account Obligations;

(ix) Indebtedness (A) of a Receivables Subsidiary secured by a Lien on all or part of the assets disposed of in, or otherwise Incurred in connection with, a Financing Disposition or (B) otherwise Incurred in connection with a Specified Receivables Facility in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding under this this Section 407(b)(ix) not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$120.0 million and 60.0% of the aggregate accounts excluded from the definition of "Eligible Accounts" under the ABL Facility as such definition is in effect on the Escrow Release Date; provided that (1) such Indebtedness is not recourse to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Receivables Subsidiary (other than with respect to Standard Receivables Undertakings); (2) in the event such Indebtedness shall become recourse to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Receivables Subsidiary (other than with respect to Standard Receivables Undertakings), such Indebtedness will be deemed to be, and must be classified by the Company as, Incurred at such time (or at the time initially Incurred) under one or more of the other provisions of this Section 407 for so long as such Indebtedness shall be so recourse; and (3) in the event that at any time thereafter such Indebtedness shall comply with the provisions of the preceding subclause (1), the Company may re-classify such Indebtedness in whole or in part as Incurred under this Section 407(b)(ix);

(x) Contribution Indebtedness and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto;

(xi) Indebtedness of (A) the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary Incurred to finance or refinance, or otherwise Incurred in connection with, any acquisition of assets (including Capital Stock), business or Person, or any merger or consolidation of any Person with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or (B) any Person that is acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (including Indebtedness thereof Incurred in connection with any such acquisition, merger or consolidation); provided that on the date of such acquisition, merger or consolidation, after giving effect thereto, (x) in the case of any such Indebtedness that is secured by a Lien, either (1) the Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio would be equal to or less than 1.50:1.00 or (2) the Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio would be equal to or be less than the Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio immediately prior to giving effect thereto, or (y) in the case of any such Indebtedness that is unsecured, either (1) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be equal to or greater than 2.00:1.00 or (2) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be equal to or be greater than the Consolidated Coverage Ratio immediately prior to giving effect thereto; and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect to any such Indebtedness;

(xii) Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$240.0 million and 6.0% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xiii) Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary Incurred as consideration in connection with any acquisition of assets (including Capital Stock), business or Person, or any merger or consolidation of any Person with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto, in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$100.0 million and 2.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xiv) Indebtedness issuable upon the conversion or exchange of shares of Disqualified Stock issued in accordance with Section 407(a), and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto;

(xv) Indebtedness of any Foreign Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$200.0 million and 5.0% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xvi) Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding \$200.0 million; and

(xvii) Indebtedness existing on the Escrow Release Date.

(c) For purposes of determining compliance with, and the outstanding principal amount of any particular Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to and in compliance with, this Section 407, (i) any other obligation of the obligor on such Indebtedness (or of any other Person who could have Incurred such Indebtedness under this Section 407) arising under any Guarantee, Lien or letter of credit, bankers' acceptance or other similar instrument or obligation supporting such Indebtedness shall be disregarded to the extent that such Guarantee, Lien or letter of credit, bankers' acceptance or other similar instrument or obligation secures the principal amount of such Indebtedness; (ii) in the event that Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Indebtedness described in Section 407(a) or (b) above, the Company, in its sole discretion, shall classify or reclassify such item of Indebtedness and may include the amount and type of such Indebtedness in Section 407(a) or one or more of the clauses or subclauses of Section 407(b) above (including in part under one such clause or subclause and in part under another such clause or subclause); provided that (if the Company shall so determine) any Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 407(b)(iv), 407(b)(ix), 407(b)(xii), 407(b)(xiii), 407(b)(xv), 407(b)(xvi) or 407(b)(xvii) shall cease to be deemed Incurred or outstanding for purposes of such clause but shall be deemed Incurred for the purposes of Section 407(a) or Section 407(b)(i)(II) from and after the first date on which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary could have Incurred such Indebtedness under Section 407(a) or Section 407(b)(i)(II), as applicable, without reliance on such clause; (iii) the amount of Indebtedness issued at a price that is less than the principal amount thereof shall be equal to the amount of the liability in respect thereof determined in accordance with GAAP; (iv) the principal amount of Indebtedness outstanding under any clause of Section 407(b) above shall be determined after giving effect to the application of proceeds of any such Indebtedness to refinance any such other Indebtedness; (v) if any Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance Indebtedness initially Incurred (or, Indebtedness Incurred to refinance Indebtedness initially Incurred) in reliance on any provision of Section 407(b) above measured by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets at the time of Incurrence, and such refinancing would cause such percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets to be exceeded if calculated based on the Consolidated Tangible Assets on the date of such refinancing, such percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets shall not be deemed to be exceeded (and such refinancing Indebtedness shall be deemed permitted) so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed an amount equal to the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced, plus the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing; and (vi) if any Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance Indebtedness initially Incurred (or, Indebtedness Incurred to refinance Indebtedness initially Incurred) in reliance on any provision of Section 407(b) above measured by a dollar amount, such dollar amount shall not be deemed to be exceeded (and such refinancing Indebtedness shall be deemed permitted) to the extent the principal amount of such newly Incurred Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced, plus the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Indebtedness outstanding on the Escrow Release Date under the Senior Credit Facilities shall be classified as Incurred under Section 407(b)(i)(I), and may not later be reclassified.



(d) For purposes of determining compliance with any provision of Section 407(b) (or any category of Permitted Liens described in the definition thereof) measured by a dollar amount or by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets, in each case, for the Incurrence of Indebtedness or Liens securing Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency, the dollar equivalent principal amount of such Indebtedness Incurred pursuant thereto shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date that such Indebtedness was Incurred, in the case of term Indebtedness, or first committed, in the case of revolving or deferred draw Indebtedness; provided that (x) the dollar equivalent principal amount of any such Indebtedness outstanding on the Issue Date shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the Issue Date, (y) if such Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency (or in a different currency from such Indebtedness so being Incurred), and such refinancing would cause the applicable provision of Section 407(b) (or category of Permitted Liens) measured by a dollar amount or by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets, as applicable, to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such provision of Section 407(b) (or category of Permitted Liens) measured by a dollar amount or by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets, as applicable, shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed (i) the outstanding or committed principal amount (whichever is higher) of such Indebtedness being refinanced plus (ii) the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing and (z) the dollar equivalent principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on, at the Company's option, (A) the Issue Date, (B) any date on which such rate is calculated for any purpose under the definitive documentation governing such Indebtedness, or (C) the date of such Incurrence. The principal amount of any Indebtedness Incurred to refinance other Indebtedness, if Incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such respective Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.

Section 409. Limitation on Restricted Payments. (a) The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary, directly or indirectly, to (i) declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution on or in respect of its Capital Stock (including any such payment in connection with any merger or consolidation to which the Company is a party) except (x) dividends or distributions payable solely in its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) and (y) dividends or distributions payable to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (and, in the case of any such Restricted Subsidiary making such dividend or distribution, to holders of its Capital Stock on no more than a pro rata basis, measured by the number of shares owned of the applicable class), (ii) purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire for value any Capital Stock of the Company held by Persons other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (other than any acquisition of Capital Stock deemed to occur upon the exercise of options if such Capital Stock represents a portion of the exercise price thereof), (iii) voluntarily purchase, repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise voluntarily acquire or retire for value, prior to scheduled maturity, scheduled repayment or scheduled sinking fund payment, any Subordinated Obligations (other than a purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement for value in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment or final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of such purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement) or (iv) make any Investment (other than a Permitted Investment) in any Person (any such dividend, distribution, purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance, other acquisition or retirement or Investment being herein referred to as a “Restricted Payment”), if at the time the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary makes such Restricted Payment after giving effect thereto:

(1) an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing (or would result therefrom);

(2) the Company could not Incur at least an additional \$1.00 of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 407(a); or

(3) the aggregate amount of such Restricted Payment and all other Restricted Payments (the amount so expended, if other than in cash, to be as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive and evidenced by a resolution of the Board of Directors) declared or made subsequent to the Escrow Release Date and then outstanding would exceed, without duplication, the sum of:

(A) 50.0% of the Consolidated Net Income accrued during the period (treated as one accounting period) beginning on August 2, 2021 to the end of the most recent fiscal quarter ending prior to the date of such Restricted Payment for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available (or, in case such Consolidated Net Income shall be a negative number, zero);

(B) the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds and the fair value (as determined in good faith by the Company) of property or assets received (x) by the Company as capital contributions to the Company after the Escrow Release Date or from the issuance or sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) after the Escrow Release Date (other than Excluded Contributions and Contribution Amounts) or (y) by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from the Incurrence by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Escrow Release Date of Indebtedness that shall have been converted into or exchanged for Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or Capital Stock of any Parent Entity, plus the amount of any cash and the fair value (as determined in good faith by the Company) of any property or assets, received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary upon such conversion or exchange;

(C) (i) the aggregate amount of cash and the fair value (as determined in good faith by the Company) of any property or assets received from dividends, distributions, interest payments, return of capital, repayments of Investments or other transfers of assets to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from any Unrestricted Subsidiary, including dividends or other distributions related to dividends or other distributions made pursuant to Section 409(b)(ix), plus (ii) the aggregate amount resulting from the redesignation of any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary (valued in each case as provided in the definition of “Investment”); and

(D) in the case of any disposition or repayment of any Investment constituting a Restricted Payment (without duplication of any amount deducted in calculating the amount of Investments at any time outstanding included in the amount of Restricted Payments), the aggregate amount of cash and the fair value (as determined in good faith by the Company) of any property or assets received by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary with respect to all such dispositions and repayments.

(b) The provisions of Section 409(a) do not prohibit any of the following (each, a “Permitted Payment”):

(i) (x) any purchase, redemption, repurchase, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Capital Stock of the Company (“Treasury Capital Stock”) or Subordinated Obligations made by exchange (including any such exchange pursuant to the exercise of a conversion right or privilege in connection with which cash is paid in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares) for, or out of the proceeds of the issuance or sale of, Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock and other than Capital Stock issued or sold to a Subsidiary) (“Refunding Capital Stock”) or a capital contribution to the Company, in each case other than Excluded Contributions and Contribution Amounts; provided that the Net Cash Proceeds from such issuance, sale or capital contribution shall be excluded in subsequent calculations under Section 409(a)(3)(B) and (y) if immediately prior to such acquisition or retirement of such Treasury Capital Stock, dividends thereon were permitted pursuant to Section 409(b)(xi), dividends on such Refunding Capital Stock in an aggregate amount per annum not exceeding the aggregate amount per annum of dividends so permitted on such Treasury Capital Stock;

(ii) any purchase, redemption, repurchase, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Subordinated Obligations (w) made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the Incurrence of, Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in compliance with Section 407, (x) from Net Available Cash or an equivalent amount to the extent permitted by Section 411, (y) following the occurrence of a Change of Control (or other similar event described therein as a “change of control”), but only if the Company shall have complied with Section 415 and, if required, purchased all Notes tendered pursuant to the offer to repurchase all the Notes required thereby, prior to purchasing or repaying such Subordinated Obligations or (z) constituting Acquired Indebtedness;

(iii) any dividend paid or redemption made within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof or of the giving of notice thereof, as applicable, if at such date of declaration or the giving of such notice, such dividend or redemption would have complied with this Section 409;

(iv) Investments or other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed the amount of Excluded Contributions;

(v) loans, advances, dividends or distributions by the Company to any Parent Entity to permit any Parent Entity to repurchase or otherwise acquire its Capital Stock (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), or payments by the Company to repurchase or otherwise acquire Capital Stock of the Company (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), in each case from current or former Management Investors or repurchases of equity from others to offset dilution from issuances of equity to such persons (including any repurchase or acquisition by reason of the Company retaining any Capital Stock, option, warrant or other right in respect of tax withholding obligations, and any related payment in respect of any such obligation), such payments, loans, advances, dividends or distributions not to exceed an amount (net of repayments of any such loans or advances) equal to (w) (1) \$50.0 million, plus (2) \$25.0 million multiplied by the number of calendar years that have commenced since the Issue Date, plus (x) the Net Cash Proceeds received by the Company since the Issue Date from, or as a capital contribution from, the issuance or sale to Management Investors of Capital Stock (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), to the extent such Net Cash Proceeds are not included in any calculation under Section 409(a)(3)(B)(x), plus (y) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary since the Issue Date to the extent such cash proceeds are not included in any calculation under Section 409(a)(3)(A); provided that any cancellation of Indebtedness owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary by any current or former Management Investor in connection with any repurchase or other acquisition of Capital Stock (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof) from any Management Investor shall not constitute a Restricted Payment for purposes of this covenant or any other provision of this Indenture;

(vi) any Restricted Payments in an amount not to exceed in any fiscal year of the Company the greater of (x) \$280.0 million and (y) 6.0% of Market Capitalization;

(vii) Restricted Payments (including loans or advances) in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed an amount (net of repayments of any such loans or advances) equal to the greater of \$120.0 million and 3.0% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(viii) loans, advances, dividends or distributions to any Parent Entity or other payments by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (A) to satisfy or permit any Parent Entity to satisfy obligations under any management agreements, (B) pursuant to any tax sharing agreement, or (C) to pay or permit any Parent Entity to pay (but without duplication) any Parent Entity Expenses or any related taxes;

(ix) payments by the Company, or loans, advances, dividends or distributions by the Company to any Parent Entity to make payments, to holders of Capital Stock of the Company in lieu of issuance of fractional shares of such Capital Stock;

(x) dividends or other distributions of, or Investments paid for or made with, Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other securities of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;

(xi) (A) dividends on any Designated Preferred Stock of the Company issued after the Issue Date; provided that at the time of such issuance and after giving effect thereto on a pro forma basis, the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be equal to or greater than 2.00:1.00, (B) loans, advances, dividends or distributions to any Parent Entity to permit dividends on any Designated Preferred Stock of any Parent Entity issued on or after the Issue Date if the net proceeds of the issuance of such Designated Preferred Stock have been contributed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that the aggregate amount of all loans, advances, dividends or distributions paid pursuant to this subclause (B) shall not exceed the net proceeds of such issuance of Designated Preferred Stock received by or contributed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or (C) any dividend on Refunding Capital Stock that is Preferred Stock; provided that at the time of the declaration of such dividend and after giving effect thereto on a pro forma basis, the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be at least 2.00:1.00;

- (xii) Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries or joint ventures in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$100.0 million and 2.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;
- (xiii) distributions or payments of Special Purpose Financing Fees;
- (xiv) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Disqualified Stock, or of any Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, Incurred in accordance with the terms of Section 407;
- (xv) Investments or other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed an amount equal to Declined Excess Proceeds;
- (xvi) any Restricted Payment; provided that on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such Restricted Payment the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio would be equal to or less than 1.50:1.00;
- (xvii) the distribution, as a dividend or otherwise, of shares of Capital Stock of, or Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary by, Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (xviii) payments or distributions to dissenting stockholders pursuant to applicable law, pursuant to or in connection with a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, that complies with the covenant described under Section 501; provided that as a result of such consolidation, amalgamation, merger or transfer of assets, the Company shall have made a Change of Control Offer (if required by this Indenture) and all Notes tendered by Holders in connection with any such Change of Control Offer shall have been repurchased, redeemed or acquired for value; and
- (xix) solely in connection with the consummation of the Separation, the Escrow Release Date Payment, the Escrow Release Date Distribution and any distribution, as a dividend, cash payment or otherwise, of all or any portion of the equity interests of the Spin Business (as defined in the Form 10) or any of the assets thereof;

provided that (A) in the case of clause (iii) of this Section 409(b), the net amount of any such Permitted Payment shall be included in subsequent calculations of the amount of Restricted Payments for purposes of Section 409(a), (B) in all cases other than pursuant to clause (A) immediately above, the net amount of any such Permitted Payment shall be excluded in subsequent calculations of the amount of Restricted Payments for purposes of Section 409(a), and (C) solely with respect to clauses (vi) and (xvi) of this Section 409(b), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of any such Permitted Payment after giving effect thereto. The Company, in its sole discretion, may classify any Investment or other Restricted Payment as being made in part under one of the clauses or subclauses of this Section 409, (or, in the case of any Investment, the clauses or subclauses of Permitted Investments) and in part under one or more other such clauses or subclauses (or, as applicable, clauses or subclauses).

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, this Indenture does not restrict any redemption or other payment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary made as a mandatory principal redemption or other payment in respect of Subordinated Obligations pursuant to an “AHYDO saver” provision of any agreement or instrument in respect of Subordinated Obligations, and the Company’s determination in good faith of the amount of any such “AHYDO saver” mandatory principal redemption or other payment shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes under this Indenture.

Section 410. Limitation on Restrictions on Distributions from Restricted Subsidiaries. The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create or otherwise cause to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to (i) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock or pay any Indebtedness or other obligations owed to the Company, (ii) make any loans or advances to the Company or (iii) transfer any of its property or assets to the Company (provided that dividend or liquidation priority between classes of Capital Stock, or subordination of any obligation (including the application of any remedy bars thereto) to any other obligation, will not be deemed to constitute such an encumbrance or restriction), except any encumbrance or restriction:

(1) pursuant to an agreement or instrument in effect at or entered into on the Issue Date, any Credit Facility, this Indenture or the Notes;

(2) pursuant to any agreement or instrument of a Person, or relating to Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person, which Person is acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or which agreement or instrument is assumed by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with an acquisition of assets from such Person, or any other transaction entered into in connection with any such acquisition, merger or consolidation, as in effect at the time of such acquisition, merger, consolidation or transaction (except to the extent that such Indebtedness was incurred to finance, or otherwise in connection with, such acquisition, merger, consolidation or transaction); provided that for purposes of this clause (2), if a Person other than the Company is the Successor Company with respect thereto, any Subsidiary thereof or agreement or instrument of such Person or any such Subsidiary shall be deemed acquired or assumed, as the case may be, by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, when such Person becomes such Successor Company;

(3) pursuant to an agreement or instrument (a "Refinancing Agreement") effecting a refinancing of Indebtedness Incurred or outstanding pursuant or relating to, or that otherwise extends, renews, refunds, refinances or replaces, any agreement or instrument referred to in clause (1) or (2) of this Section 410 or this clause (3) (an "Initial Agreement") or that is, or is contained in, any amendment, supplement or other modification to an Initial Agreement or Refinancing Agreement (an "Amendment"); provided, however, that the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any such Refinancing Agreement or Amendment taken as a whole are not materially less favorable to the Holders of the Notes than encumbrances and restrictions contained in the Initial Agreement or Initial Agreements to which such Refinancing Agreement or Amendment relates (as determined in good faith by the Company);

(4) pursuant to customary provisions in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(5) (A) pursuant to any agreement or instrument that restricts in a customary manner the assignment or transfer thereof, or the subletting, assignment or transfer of any property or asset subject thereto, (B) by virtue of any transfer of, agreement to transfer, option or right with respect to, or Lien on, any property or assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture, (C) contained in mortgages, pledges or other security agreements securing Indebtedness or other obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to the extent restricting the transfer of the property or assets subject thereto, (D) pursuant to customary provisions restricting dispositions of real property interests set forth in any reciprocal easement agreements of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, (E) pursuant to Purchase Money Obligations that impose encumbrances or restrictions on the property or assets so acquired, (F) on cash or other deposits, net worth or inventory imposed by customers or suppliers under agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business, (G) pursuant to customary provisions contained in agreements and instruments entered into in the ordinary course of business (including but not limited to leases and licenses) or in joint venture and other similar agreements or in shareholder, partnership, limited liability company and other similar agreements in respect of non-wholly owned Restricted Subsidiaries, (H) that arises or is agreed to in the ordinary course of business and does not detract from the value of property or assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in any manner material to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, or (I) pursuant to Hedging Obligations, Bank Products Obligations or Open Account Obligations;

(6) with respect to any agreement for the direct or indirect disposition of Capital Stock, property or assets of any Person, property or assets, imposing restrictions with respect to such Person, Capital Stock, property or assets pending the closing of such sale or disposition;

(7) by reason of any applicable law, rule, regulation or order, or required by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or any of their businesses, including any such law, rule, regulation, order or requirement applicable in connection with such Restricted Subsidiary's status (or the status of any Subsidiary of such Restricted Subsidiary) as a Captive Insurance Subsidiary; or

(8) pursuant to an agreement or instrument (A) relating to any Indebtedness permitted to be Incurred subsequent to the Issue Date pursuant to Section 407 (i) if the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any such agreement or instrument taken as a whole are not materially less favorable to the Holders of the Notes than the encumbrances and restrictions contained in the Initial Agreements (as determined in good faith by the Company) or (ii) if such encumbrance or restriction is not materially more disadvantageous to the Holders of the Notes than is customary in comparable financings (as determined in good faith by the Company) and either (x) the Company determines in good faith that such encumbrance or restriction will not materially affect the Company's ability to make principal or interest payments on the Notes or (y) such encumbrance or restriction applies only if a default occurs in respect of a payment or financial covenant relating to such Indebtedness, (B) relating to any sale of receivables by or Indebtedness of a Foreign Subsidiary or (C) relating to Indebtedness of or a Financing Disposition by or to or in favor of any Receivables Subsidiary.

Section 411. Limitation on Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock. (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, make any Asset Disposition unless:

(i) the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary receives consideration (including by way of relief from, or by any other Person assuming responsibility for, any liabilities, contingent or otherwise) at the time of such Asset Disposition at least equal to the Fair Market Value of the shares and assets subject to such Asset Disposition, as such Fair Market Value (on the date a legally binding commitment for such Asset Disposition was entered into) may be determined in good faith by the Company, whose determination shall be conclusive (including as to the value of all noncash consideration);

(ii) in the case of any Asset Disposition (or series of related Asset Dispositions) having a Fair Market Value (on the date a legally binding commitment for such Asset Disposition was entered into) of \$50.0 million or more, at least 75.0% of the consideration therefor (excluding, in the case of an Asset Disposition (or series of related Asset Dispositions), any consideration by way of relief from, or by any other Person assuming responsibility for, any liabilities, contingent or otherwise, that are not Indebtedness) for such Asset Disposition, together with all other Asset Dispositions since the Issue Date (on a cumulative basis) received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash; and

(iii) an amount equal to 100.0% of the Net Available Cash from such Asset Disposition is applied by the Company (or any Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) as follows:

(A) first, either (x) to the extent the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary elects (or is required by the terms of any Senior Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor), to prepay, repay or purchase any such Indebtedness or Obligations in respect thereof or (in the case of letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or other similar instruments) cash collateralize any such Indebtedness or Obligations in respect thereof (in each case other than Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) within 18 months after the later of the date of such Asset Disposition and the date of receipt of such Net Available Cash, or (y) to the extent the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary elects, to invest in Additional Assets (including by means of an investment in Additional Assets by a Restricted Subsidiary with an amount equal to Net Available Cash received by the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary) within 18 months from the later of the date of such Asset Disposition and the date of receipt of such Net Available Cash or, if such investment in Additional Assets is a project authorized by the Board of Directors that will take longer than such 18 months to complete, the period of time necessary to complete such project; provided that the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries will be deemed to have reinvested such Net Available Cash if and to the extent that, within 18 months after the Asset Disposition that generated the Net Available Cash, the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary has entered into and not abandoned or rejected a binding agreement to consummate any such investment described in this clause (A) with the good faith expectation that such Net Available Cash will be applied to satisfy such commitment within 180 days of such commitment;

(B) second, to the extent of the balance of such Net Available Cash after application in accordance with clause (A) above (such balance, the "Excess Proceeds"), to make an offer to purchase Notes and (to the extent the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary elects, or is required by the terms thereof) to purchase, redeem, prepay or repay any other Senior Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, pursuant and subject to Section 411(b) and Section 411(c) and the agreements governing such other Indebtedness; provided, further, that, if after giving effect to such purchases, redemptions, prepayments or repayments, (x) the Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio is equal to or less than 1.00:1.00 and greater than 0.75:1.00, only 50% and (y) the Consolidated Secured Leverage Ratio is equal to or less than 0.75:1.00, 0.00%, in each case, of such Excess Proceeds shall be required to be used to make such an offer; and

(C) third, to the extent of the balance of such Net Available Cash after application in accordance with clauses (A) and (B) above (the amount of such balance, the "Declined Excess Proceeds"), to fund (to the extent consistent with any other applicable provision of this Indenture) any general corporate purpose (including but not limited to the repurchase, repayment or other acquisition or retirement of any Subordinated Obligations or the making of other Restricted Payments);



provided, however, that (1) in connection with any prepayment, repayment or purchase of Indebtedness pursuant to clause (A)(x) or (B) above, the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary will cause the related loan commitment (if any) to be permanently reduced in an amount equal to the principal amount so prepaid, repaid or purchased and (2) the Company (or any Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) may elect to invest in Additional Assets prior to receiving the Net Available Cash attributable to any given Asset Disposition (provided that such investment shall be made no earlier than the earliest of notice to the Trustee of the relevant Asset Disposition, execution of a definitive agreement for the relevant Asset Disposition, and consummation of the relevant Asset Disposition) and deem the amount so invested to be applied pursuant to and in accordance with clause (A)(y) above with respect to such Asset Disposition.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provision in Section 411(a)(iii), to the extent that repatriating any or all of the Net Available Cash from any Asset Disposition by a Foreign Subsidiary (x) would result in material adverse tax consequences to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (y) is prohibited or delayed by applicable local law from being repatriated to the United States (in the case of the foregoing clauses (x) and (y), as reasonably determined by the Company in good faith which determination shall be conclusive), the portion of such Net Available Cash so affected will not be required to be applied in compliance with clause (iii) of the first paragraph of this covenant, and such amounts may be retained by the applicable Foreign Subsidiary; provided that, in the case of this clause (y), the Company shall take commercially reasonable efforts to cause the applicable Foreign Subsidiary to take all actions reasonably required by the applicable local law, applicable organizational impediments or other impediment to permit such repatriation, and if such repatriation of any of such affected Net Available Cash can be achieved such repatriation will be promptly effected and such repatriated Net Available Cash will be applied (whether or not repatriation actually occurs) in compliance with clause (iii) of the first paragraph of this covenant. The time periods set forth in this covenant shall not start until such time as the Net Available Cash may be repatriated whether or not such repatriation actually occurs.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 411, the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be required to apply any Net Available Cash or equivalent amount in accordance with this Section 411 except to the extent that the aggregate Net Available Cash from all Asset Dispositions or equivalent amount that is not applied in accordance with this Section 411 exceeds \$30.0 million. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes and/or other Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary validly tendered and not withdrawn (or otherwise subject to purchase, redemption or repayment) in connection with an offer pursuant to clause (B) above exceeds the Excess Proceeds, the Excess Proceeds will be apportioned between such Notes and such other Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, with the portion of the Excess Proceeds payable in respect of such Notes to equal the lesser of (x) the Excess Proceeds amount multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the outstanding principal amount of such Notes and the denominator of which is the sum of the outstanding principal amount of the Notes and the outstanding principal amount of the relevant other Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, and (y) the aggregate principal amount of Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn.

For the purposes of Section 411(a)(ii), the following are deemed to be cash: (1) Temporary Cash Investments and Cash Equivalents; (2) the assumption of Indebtedness of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock of the Company) or any Restricted Subsidiary and the release of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from all liability on payment of the principal amount of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Disposition; (3) Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Disposition, to the extent that the Company and each other Restricted Subsidiary are released from any Guarantee of payment of the principal amount of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Disposition; (4) securities received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from the transferee that are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash within 180 days; (5) consideration consisting of Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; (6) Additional Assets; and (7) any Designated Noncash Consideration received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in an Asset Disposition having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Designated Noncash Consideration received pursuant to this clause, not to exceed an aggregate amount at any time outstanding equal to the greater of \$50.0 million and 1.25% of Consolidated Tangible Assets (with the Fair Market Value of each item of Designated Noncash Consideration being measured on the date a legally binding commitment for such disposition (or, if later, for the payment of such item) was entered into and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value).

(b) In the event of an Asset Disposition that requires the purchase of Notes pursuant to Section 411(a)(iii)(B), the Company will be required to purchase Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to an offer by the Company for the Notes (the “Offer”) at a purchase price of 100.0% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of purchase in accordance with the procedures (including prorating among the Notes and other applicable Indebtedness) set forth in Section 411(c). If the aggregate purchase price of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Offer is less than the Net Available Cash allotted to the purchase of Notes, the remaining Net Available Cash will be available to the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries for use in accordance with Section 411(a)(iii)(B) (to repay other Senior Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) or Section 411(a)(iii)(C) and the amount of Excess Proceeds will be reset at zero. The Company shall not be required to make an Offer for Notes pursuant to this Section 411 if the Net Available Cash available therefor (after application of the proceeds as provided in Section 411(a)(iii)(A)) is less than \$50.0 million for any particular Asset Disposition (which lesser amounts shall be carried forward for purposes of determining whether an Offer is required with respect to the Net Available Cash from any subsequent Asset Disposition). No Note will be repurchased in part if less than \$2,000 in original principal amount of such Note would be left outstanding.

(c) The Company shall, not later than 45 days after the Company becomes obligated to make an Offer pursuant to this Section 411, mail or otherwise deliver in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC a notice to each Holder with a copy to the Trustee stating: (1) that an Asset Disposition that requires the purchase of a portion of the Notes has occurred and that such Holder has the right (subject to the prorating described below) to require the Company to purchase a portion of such Holder’s Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 100.0% of the principal amount thereof, *plus* accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on a record date to receive interest on the relevant Interest Payment Date falling prior to or on the purchase date); (2) the repurchase date (which shall be no earlier than 10 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed or delivered, except that such notice may be delivered more than 60 days prior to the purchase date if the purchase is delayed as provided in clause (5) of this Section 411(c)); (3) the instructions determined by the Company, consistent with this Section 411, that a Holder must follow in order to have its Notes purchased; (4) the amount of the Offer which amount may be contingent upon the Net Available Cash remaining following the application of Net Available Cash pursuant to Section 411(a)(iii)(A) and (5) if such notice is mailed or delivered prior to the date the Net Available Cash attributable to such Asset Disposition is received, that such offer is conditioned upon receipt of such Net Available Cash and that the purchase date may, in the Company’s discretion, be delayed until such time as the Net Available Cash is received. If, upon the expiration of the period for which the Offer remains open, the aggregate principal amount of Notes surrendered by Holders exceeds the amount of the Offer, the Company shall select the Notes to be purchased on a *pro rata* basis (with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the Company so that only Notes in denominations of \$2,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof shall be purchased).

(d) The Company will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the repurchase of Notes pursuant to this Section 411. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with provisions of this Section 411, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 411 by virtue thereof.

Section 412. Limitation on Transactions with Affiliates. (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into or conduct any transaction or series of related transactions (including the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of any property or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate of the Company (an “Affiliate Transaction”) involving aggregate consideration in excess of the greater of \$20.0 million and 0.50% of Consolidated Tangible Assets unless (i) the terms of such Affiliate Transaction are not materially less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, than those that could be obtained at the time in a transaction with a Person who is not such an Affiliate and (ii) if such Affiliate Transaction involves aggregate consideration in excess of the greater of \$50.0 million and 1.25% of Consolidated Tangible Assets, the terms of such Affiliate Transaction have been approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. For purposes of this Section 412(a), any Affiliate Transaction shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements set forth in this Section 412(a) if (x) such Affiliate Transaction is approved by a majority of the Disinterested Directors or (y) in the event there are no Disinterested Directors, a fairness opinion is provided by a nationally recognized appraisal or investment banking firm with respect to such Affiliate Transaction.

(b) The provisions of Section 412(a) will not apply to:

(i) any Restricted Payment Transaction;

(ii) (1) the entering into, maintaining or performance of any employment or consulting contract, collective bargaining agreement, benefit plan, program or arrangement, related trust agreement or any other similar arrangement for or with any current or former management member, employee, officer or director or consultant of or to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary heretofore or hereafter entered into in the ordinary course of business, including vacation, health, insurance, deferred compensation, severance, retirement, savings or other similar plans, programs or arrangements, (2) payments, compensation, performance of indemnification or contribution obligations, the making or cancellation of loans in the ordinary course of business to any such management members, employees, officers, directors or consultants, (3) any issuance, grant or award of stock, options, other equity related interests or other securities, to any such management members, employees, officers, directors or consultants, (4) the payment of reasonable fees to directors of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (as determined in good faith by the Company or such Subsidiary), or (5) any transaction with an officer or director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business, or (6) Management Advances and payments in respect thereof (or in reimbursement of any expenses referred to in the definition of such term);

(iii) any transaction between or among any of the Company, one or more Restricted Subsidiaries, or one or more Receivables Subsidiaries,

(iv) (A) any agreement or arrangement as in effect as of the Issue Date (or transactions pursuant thereto), (B) any other agreements or arrangements (or transactions pursuant thereto) as in effect on the Escrow Release Date (including the Transaction Documents) or pursuant to or in connection with the Transaction Documents (including the Transactions) or (C) any amendment, modification or supplement to the agreements referenced in clauses (A) or (B) above or any replacement thereof, as long as the terms of such agreement or arrangement, as so amended, modified, supplemented or replaced are not materially more disadvantageous to the Holders when taken as a whole when compared to the applicable agreements or arrangements as in effect on the Issue Date or as generally described in the Offering Memorandum, as applicable, as determined in good faith by the Company;

(v) any transaction in the ordinary course of business on terms that are fair to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the reasonable determination of the Board of Directors or senior management of the Company, or are not materially less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that could be obtained at the time in a transaction with a Person who is not an Affiliate of the Company;

(vi) any transaction in the ordinary course of business, or approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, between the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and any Affiliate of the Company controlled by the Company that is a joint venture or similar entity;

(vii) the Transactions and all transactions in connection therewith (including but not limited to the financing thereof), to the extent consistent with the descriptions thereof in the Offering Memorandum, and all fees and expenses paid or payable in connection with the Transactions;

(viii) any issuance or sale of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or Junior Capital or any capital contribution to the Company;

(ix) any investment by any Affiliate of the Company in securities or term loans of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (and payment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any such Affiliate in connection therewith) so long as such securities or term loans are being offered generally to investors (other than Affiliates of the Company) on the same or more favorable terms; and

(x) any transactions undertaken in connection with the VS Transaction, the Separation, the Escrow Release Date Payment or the Escrow Release Date Distribution.

Section 413. Limitation on Liens. The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist any Lien (the “Initial Lien”) on any of its property or assets (including Capital Stock of any other Person), whether owned on the date of this Indenture or thereafter acquired, securing any Indebtedness, other than such Initial Lien if (a) the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees are equally and ratably secured with (or on a senior basis to, in the case such Initial Lien secures any Subordinated Obligations) the Obligations secured by such Initial Lien or (b) such Initial Lien is a Permitted Lien.

Any such Lien thereby created in favor of the Notes or any such Subsidiary Guarantee will be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon (i) the release and discharge of the Initial Lien to which it relates, (ii) in the case of any such Lien in favor of any such Subsidiary Guarantee, upon the termination and discharge of such Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the terms of Section 1303 or (iii) any sale, exchange or transfer (other than a transfer constituting a transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company that is governed by Section 501) to any Person not an Affiliate of the Company of the property or assets secured by such Initial Lien, or of all of the Capital Stock held by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in, or all or substantially all the assets of, any Restricted Subsidiary creating such Initial Lien.

Section 414. Future Subsidiary Guarantors. After the Escrow Release Date, the Company will cause each Wholly Owned Domestic Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor and that (x) guarantees payment by the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor of any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor under any of the Senior Credit Facilities, (y) becomes a borrower under the ABL Facility or (z) becomes a primary obligor or guarantor in respect of any Material Indebtedness to execute and deliver to the Trustee within 30 days thereafter a supplemental indenture or other instrument pursuant to which such Wholly Owned Domestic Restricted Subsidiary will guarantee payment of the Notes, whereupon such Wholly Owned Domestic Restricted Subsidiary will become a Subsidiary Guarantor for all purposes under this Indenture. The Company will also have the right to cause any other Subsidiary to guarantee payment of the Notes. Subsidiary Guarantees will be subject to release and discharge under certain circumstances prior to payment in full of the Notes pursuant to Section 1303.

Section 415. Purchase of Notes Upon a Change of Control. (a) If a Change of Control occurs after the Escrow Release Date, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Notes pursuant to Article X, Noteholders will have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or any part in an integral multiple of \$1,000 of such Noteholder's Notes (provided that no Note will be purchased in part if the remaining principal amount of such Note would be less than \$2,000) pursuant to the offer described below (the "Change of Control Offer") on the terms set forth in this Indenture. In the Change of Control Offer, the Company will be required to offer payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes repurchased, to but excluding the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment"). Within 30 days following any Change of Control, or, at the Company's option, prior to any Change of Control, but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, the Company will be required to send a notice to Noteholders describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase the Notes on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is sent (the "Change of Control Payment Date"), pursuant to the procedures required by this Indenture and described in such notice. The notice shall, if sent prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice. The Company must comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 of the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of this Indenture, the Company will be required to comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 415 by virtue of such conflicts.

(b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will be required, to the extent lawful, to (i) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer; (ii) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered; and (iii) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an officers' certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being purchased.

(c) The Company will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

(d) The Company will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the repurchase of Notes pursuant to this Section 415. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with provisions of this Section 415, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Section 415 by virtue thereof.

(e) A Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, conditional upon such Change of Control, if a definitive agreement that if fully performed would result in a Change of Control is in effect at the time of making of the Change of Control Offer.

Section 416. Suspension of Covenants on Achievement of Investment Grade Rating. (a) If on any day following the Escrow Release Date (a) the Notes have Investment Grade Ratings from both Rating Agencies, and (b) no Default has occurred and is continuing under this Indenture (the occurrence of the events described in the foregoing clauses (a) and (b) being collectively referred to as a “Covenant Suspension Event”), then, beginning on that day (the “Suspension Date”) and subject to the provisions of the following paragraph, the covenants set forth in Section 407, Section 409, Section 410, Section 411, Section 412, Section 414, Section 501(a)(iii) and Section 501(a)(iv) (collectively, the “Suspended Covenants”) will be suspended. During any period that the foregoing covenants have been suspended, the Board of Directors may not designate any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries unless such designation would have complied with Section 409 as if Section 409 would have been in effect during such period.

(b) If on any subsequent date one or both of the Rating Agencies downgrade the ratings assigned to the Notes below an Investment Grade Rating, the foregoing covenants will be reinstated as of and from the time at which the Company obtains actual knowledge of such rating decline (any such time, a “Reversion Time”). The period of time between the Suspension Date and the Reversion Time is referred to as the “Suspension Period.” Upon such reinstatement, all Indebtedness Incurred during the Suspension Period will be deemed to have been Incurred under the exception provided by Section 407(b)(iii). With respect to Restricted Payments made after any such reinstatement, the amount of Restricted Payments will be calculated as if Section 409 had been in effect prior to, but not during, the Suspension Period. For purposes of Section 411, upon the occurrence of the Reversion Time the amount of Net Available Cash not applied in accordance with such covenant will be deemed to be reset to zero. In addition, for purposes of Section 412, all agreements and arrangements entered into by the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary with an Affiliate of the Company during the Suspension Period prior to such Reversion Time will be deemed to have been entered into on or prior to the Issue Date, and for purposes of Section 410, all contracts entered into during the Suspension Period prior to such Reversion Time that contain any of the encumbrances or restrictions subject to such covenant will be deemed to have been existing on the Issue Date. The Subsidiary Guarantees of the Subsidiary Guarantors will be released during the Suspension Period. The Trustee shall not have any duty to monitor any Suspension Period or Reversion Time or to notify Holders of such.

(c) During the Suspension Period, any reference in the definitions of “Permitted Liens” and “Unrestricted Subsidiary” to Section 407 or any provision thereof shall be construed as if such covenant were in effect during the Suspension Period.

Notwithstanding that the Suspended Covenants may be reinstated, no Default or Event of Default will be deemed to have occurred as a result of any actions taken by the Company or any Subsidiary (including for the avoidance of doubt any failure to comply with the Suspended Covenants) or other events that occurred during any Suspension Period (or upon termination of the Suspension Period or after that time arising out of events that occurred or actions taken during the Suspension Period) and the Company and any Subsidiary will be permitted, without causing a Default or Event of Default or breach of any kind under this Indenture, to honor, comply with or otherwise perform any contractual commitments or obligations entered into during a Suspension Period following a Reversion Time and to consummate the transactions contemplated thereby.

(d) The Company shall deliver promptly to the Trustee an Officer’s Certificate notifying it of the occurrence of any Suspension Date or any Reversion Time, but failure to so notify the Trustee shall not invalidate the occurrence of any Suspension Date or Reversion Time and shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default by the Company. The Trustee shall have no independent obligation to determine if a Suspension Period or Reversion Time has commenced or terminated or to notify Holders regarding the same.

Section 418. Additional Limitations on Intellectual Property Transfers. The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, transfer the ownership of any intellectual property that the Company determines in good faith is material to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole ("Material Intellectual Property") to an Unrestricted Subsidiary except to the extent such Material Intellectual Property is related to the anticipated business activities to be conducted by such Unrestricted Subsidiary (as determined by the Company in good faith).

Section 419. Activities of the Company Prior to the Escrow Release. Prior to the Escrow Release Date, the Company's activities shall be limited to (i) issuing the Notes, (ii) issuing equity interests to, and receiving capital contributions from, L Brands, Inc. or any of its Subsidiaries and maintaining in effect the L Brands Commitment, (iii) Incurring Obligations solely for purposes of paying any Special Mandatory Redemption, (iv) performing its obligations in respect of the Notes under this Indenture and the Escrow Agreement, (v) consummating the Restructuring (including interim transactions required to effect the Restructuring in accordance with the Separation Agreement) or redeeming the Notes on the Special Mandatory Redemption Date, as applicable, (vi) directing the investment by the Escrow Agent of the amounts deposited in the Escrow Account as specified under the Escrow Agreement and (vii) conducting such other activities as are necessary or appropriate to carry out, or are incidental or related to, the activities described above, including borrowing under the Senior Credit Agreements in connection with the Separation as described in the Offering Memorandum. Prior to the Restructuring on the Escrow Release Date, the Company shall not Incur any Indebtedness (other than Obligations solely for purposes of paying any Special Mandatory Redemption) other than the Notes and Indebtedness under the Senior Credit Agreements or own, hold or otherwise have any interest in any assets other than the Escrowed Property and cash or the MMDA.

## ARTICLE V

### SUCCESSORS

Section 501. When the Company May Merge, Etc. (a) After the Escrow Release Date, the Company shall not consolidate with or merge with or into, or convey, lease or otherwise transfer other than for cash all or substantially all its assets to, any Person, unless:

(i) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person (the "Successor Company") will be a Person organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia and the Successor Company (if not the Company) will expressly assume all the obligations of the Company under the Notes and this Indenture by executing and delivering to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate, an Opinion of Counsel and a supplemental indenture or one or more other documents or instruments in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee;

(ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction (and treating any Indebtedness that becomes an obligation of the Successor Company or any Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Successor Company or such Restricted Subsidiary at the time of such transaction), no Default will have occurred and be continuing;

(iii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, either (A) the Company (or, if applicable, the Successor Company with respect thereto) could incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 407(a) or (B) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio of the Company (or, if applicable, the Successor Company with respect thereto) would equal or exceed the Consolidated Coverage Ratio of the Company immediately prior to giving effect to such transaction;

(iv) each Subsidiary Guarantor (other than (x) any Subsidiary Guarantor that will be released from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee in connection with such transaction and (y) any party to any such consolidation or merger) shall have delivered a supplemental indenture or other document or instrument in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, confirming its Subsidiary Guarantee (other than any Subsidiary Guarantee that will be discharged or terminated in connection with such transaction); and

(v) the Company will have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each to the effect that such consolidation, merger or transfer complies with the provisions described in this Section 501(a); provided that (x) in giving such opinion such counsel may rely on an Officer's Certificate as to compliance with the foregoing clauses (ii) and (iii) and as to any matters of fact, and (y) no Opinion of Counsel will be required for a consolidation, merger or transfer described in Section 501(b).

Any Indebtedness that becomes an obligation of the Company (or, if applicable, the Successor Company with respect thereto) or any Restricted Subsidiary (or that is deemed to be Incurred by any Restricted Subsidiary that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary) as a result of any such transaction undertaken in compliance with this Section 501, and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto, shall be deemed to have been Incurred in compliance with Section 407.

(b) Clauses (ii) and (iii) of Section 501(a) will not apply to any transaction in which the Company consolidates or merges with or into or transfers all or substantially all its properties and assets to (x) an Affiliate incorporated or organized for the purpose of reincorporating or reorganizing the Company in another jurisdiction or changing its legal structure to a corporation, limited liability company or other entity or (y) a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company so long as all assets of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries immediately prior to such transaction (other than Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary) are owned by such Restricted Subsidiary and its Restricted Subsidiaries immediately after the consummation thereof. Section 501(a) will not apply to any transaction in which any Restricted Subsidiary consolidates with, merges into or transfers all or part of its assets to the Company.

For the avoidance of doubt, this Section 501 shall not prohibit, restrict or limit the Company's ability to consummate the Separation.

Section 502. Successor Company Substituted. Upon any transaction involving the Company in accordance with Section 501 in which the Company is not the Successor Company, the Successor Company will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under the Note Documents, and thereafter the predecessor Company shall be relieved of all obligations and covenants under the Note Documents, except that the predecessor Company the case of a lease of all or substantially all its assets will not be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes.



REMEDIES

Section 601. Events of Default. An “Event of Default” means the occurrence of the following:

- (i) a default in any payment of interest on any Note when due, continued for a period of 30 days;
- (ii) a default in the payment of principal of any Note when due, whether at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption, Special Mandatory Redemption, required repurchase, declaration of acceleration or otherwise;
- (iii) the failure by the Company to comply with its obligations under Sections 501(a);
- (iv) the failure by the Company to comply for 30 days after the notice specified in the penultimate paragraph of this Section 601 with any of its obligations under Section 415 (other than a failure to purchase the Notes);
- (v) the failure by the Company to comply for (x) 180 days after the notice specified in the penultimate paragraph of this Section 601 with any of its obligations under Section 405 or (y) 60 days after the notice specified in the penultimate paragraph of this Section 601 with its other agreements contained in a Note Document;
- (vi) the failure by any Subsidiary Guarantor to comply for 45 days after the notice specified in the penultimate paragraph of this Section 601 with its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee;
- (vii) the failure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to pay any Indebtedness for borrowed money (other than Indebtedness owed to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary) within any applicable grace period after final maturity or the acceleration of any such Indebtedness by the holders thereof because of a default, if the total amount of such Indebtedness so unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$100.0 million or its foreign currency equivalent; provided that no Default or Event of Default will be deemed to occur with respect to any such Indebtedness that is paid or otherwise acquired or retired (or for which such failure to pay or acceleration is waived or rescinded) within 20 Business Days after such failure to pay or such acceleration;
- (viii) the taking of any of the following actions by the Company or a Significant Subsidiary, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
  - (A) the commencement of a voluntary case;
  - (B) the consent to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case;
  - (C) the consent to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for any substantial part of its property; or
  - (D) the making of a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors;

(ix) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

- (A) is for relief against the Company or any Significant Subsidiary in an involuntary case;
- (B) appoints a Custodian of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or for any substantial part of its property; or
- (C) orders the winding up or liquidation of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary;

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

(x) the rendering of any judgment or decree for the payment of money in an amount (net of any insurance or indemnity payments actually received in respect thereof prior to or within 90 days from the entry thereof, or to be received in respect thereof in the event any appeal thereof shall be unsuccessful) in excess of \$100.0 million or its foreign currency equivalent against the Company or a Significant Subsidiary that is not discharged, or bonded or insured by a third Person, if such judgment or decree remains outstanding for a period of 90 days following such judgment or decree and is not discharged, waived or stayed; or

(xi) the failure of any Subsidiary Guarantee by a Subsidiary Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary to be in full force and effect (except as contemplated by the terms thereof or of this Indenture) or the denial or disaffirmation in writing by any Subsidiary Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary of its obligations under this Indenture or any Subsidiary Guarantee (other than by reason of the termination of this Indenture or such Subsidiary Guarantee or the release of such Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with such Subsidiary Guarantee or this Indenture), if such Default continues for 10 days.

The foregoing will constitute Events of Default whatever the reason for any such Event of Default and whether it is voluntary or involuntary or is effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body.

The term “Bankruptcy Law” means Title 11, United States Code, or any similar Federal, state or foreign law for the relief of debtors. The term “Custodian” means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator, custodian or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

However, a Default under Section 601(iv), Section 601(v) or Section 601(vi) will not constitute an Event of Default until the Trustee or the Holders of at least 30.0% in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes notify the Company in writing of the Default and the Company does not cure such Default within 30 days after receipt of such notice. Such notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that such notice is a “Notice of Default.” When a Default or an Event of Default is cured, it ceases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth above, a notice of Default may not be given with respect to any action taken, and reported publicly or to Holders, more than two years prior to such notice of Default.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 30 days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer’s Certificate of any Event of Default under Section 601(vii) or Section 601(x) and any event that with the giving of notice or the lapse of time would become an Event of Default under Section 601(iv), Section 601(v) or Section 601(vi), its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 602. Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 601(viii) or Section 601(ix) with respect to the Company) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by written notice to the Company, or the Holders of at least 30.0% in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, in either case specifying in such notice the respective Event of Default and that such notice is a “notice of acceleration,” may declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on all the Notes to be due and payable. Upon the effectiveness of such a declaration, such principal and interest will be due and payable immediately.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 601(viii) or Section 601(ix) with respect to the Company occurs and is continuing, the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on all the Outstanding Notes will *ipso facto* become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes by notice to the Company and the Trustee may rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except non-payment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of such acceleration. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Section 603. Other Remedies; Collection Suit by Trustee. If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may, but is not obligated under this Section 603 to, pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal of or interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture. If an Event of Default specified in Section 601(i) or 601(ii) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount then due and owing (together with interest on any unpaid interest to the extent lawful) and the amounts provided for in Section 707.

Section 604. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim. The Trustee may 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 and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Notes, its creditors or its property and, unless prohibited by law or applicable regulations, may vote on behalf of the Holders in any election of a trustee in bankruptcy or other Person performing similar functions, and any Custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make 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 its counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 707.

No provision of this Indenture shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder thereof or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

Section 605. Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Notes. All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Notes may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

Section 606. Application of Money Collected. Any money or property collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article VI shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money or property on account of principal (or premium, if any) or interest, upon presentation of the Notes and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

*First:* to the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 707;

*Second:* to the payment in full of the Obligations in respect of the Notes (including the Subsidiary Guarantees) (the amounts so applied to be distributed among the holders of such Obligations pro rata in accordance with the amounts of the obligations owed to them on the date of such distribution); and

*Third:* to the Company or such other Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable, their successors or assigns, or as a court of competent jurisdiction may otherwise direct.

Section 607. Limitation on Suits. No Holder may pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes unless:

- (i) such Holder has previously given the Trustee written notice that an Event of Default is continuing;
- (ii) Holders of at least 30.0% in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes have requested the Trustee in writing to pursue the remedy;
- (iii) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;
- (iv) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and
- (v) Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes have not given the Trustee a written direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

A Holder may not use this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of another Holder, to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder or to enforce any right under this Indenture except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all Holders.

Any notice of Default, notice of acceleration or instruction to the Trustee to provide a notice of Default, notice of acceleration or take any other action (a “Noteholder Direction”) provided by any one or more Holders (each a “Directing Holder”) must be accompanied by a written representation from each such Holder to the Company and the Trustee that such Holder is not (or, in the case such Holder is DTC or its nominee, that such Holder is being instructed solely by beneficial owners that have represented to such Holder that they are not) Net Short (a “Position Representation”), which representation, in the case of a Noteholder Direction relating to a notice of Default shall be deemed repeated at all times until the resulting Event of Default is cured or otherwise ceases to exist or the notes are accelerated. In addition, each Directing Holder must, at the time of providing a Noteholder Direction, covenant to provide the Company with such other information as the Company may reasonably request from time to time in order to verify the accuracy of such Holder’s Position Representation within five Business Days of request therefor (a “Verification Covenant”). In any case in which the Holder is DTC or its nominee, any Position Representation or Verification Covenant required hereunder shall be provided by the beneficial owner of the Notes in lieu of DTC or its nominee. If, following the delivery of a Noteholder Direction, but prior to the acceleration of the Notes, the Company determines in good faith that there is a reasonable basis to believe a Directing Holder providing such Noteholder Direction was, at any relevant time, in breach of its Position Representation and provides to the Trustee evidence that the Company has filed papers with a court of competent jurisdiction seeking a determination that such Directing Holder was, at such time, in breach of its Position Representation, and seeking to invalidate any Event of Default that resulted from the applicable Noteholder Direction, the cure period with respect to such Event of Default shall be automatically stayed pending a final and non-appealable determination of a court of competent jurisdiction on such matter. If, following the delivery of a Noteholder Direction, but prior to acceleration of the Notes, the Company provides to the Trustee an Officer’s Certificate stating that a Directing Holder failed to satisfy its Verification Covenant, the cure period with respect to any Event of Default that resulted from the applicable Noteholder Direction shall be automatically stayed pending satisfaction of such Verification Covenant. Any breach of the Position Representation shall result in such Holder’s participation in such Noteholder Direction being disregarded; and, if, without the participation of such Holder, the percentage of Notes held by the remaining Holders that provided such Noteholder Direction would have been insufficient to validly provide such Noteholder Direction, such Noteholder Direction shall be void ab initio, with the effect that such Event of Default shall be deemed never to have occurred.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely without liability on any Noteholder Direction delivered to it in accordance with this Indenture, shall have no duty to inquire as to or investigate the accuracy of any Position Representation, enforce compliance with any Verification Covenant, verify any statements in any Officer’s Certificate delivered to it, or otherwise make calculations, investigations or determinations with respect to Derivative Instruments, Net Shorts, Long Derivative Instruments, Short Derivative Instruments or otherwise and shall have no liability for ceasing to take any action or staying any remedy. The Trustee shall have no liability to the Company, any Holder or any other Person in acting in good faith on a Noteholder Direction or taking no action in good faith with respect thereto.

Section 609. Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture or any Note and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case the Company, any other obligor upon the Notes, the Trustee and the Holders shall, subject to any determination in such proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

Section 610. Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 611. Delay or Omission Not Waiver. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Note to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article VI or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

Section 612. Control by Holders. The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Notes shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee; provided that

- (1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture, and
- (2) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or, subject to Section 701, that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other Holder or that would subject the Trustee to personal liability; provided, however, that the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction. Prior to taking any action under this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to indemnification satisfactory to it in its sole discretion against all losses and expenses caused by taking or not taking such action.

Section 613. Waiver of Past Defaults. The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Notes may on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes waive any past Default hereunder and its consequences, except a Default

- (1) in the payment of principal of or interest on any Note (which may only be waived with the consent of each Holder of Notes), or
- (2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof that pursuant to the second paragraph of Section 902 cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note.

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 Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon. In case of any such waiver, the Company, any other obligor upon the Notes, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder and under the Notes, respectively.

Section 614. Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Note by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or the Notes, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant. This Section 614 shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10.0% in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Note on or after the respective Stated Maturity or Interest Payment Dates expressed in such Note.

Section 615. Waiver of Stay, Extension or Usury Laws. The Company agrees (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it shall not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law or any usury or other similar law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that would prohibit or forgive the Company from paying all or any portion of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on the Notes contemplated herein or in the Notes or that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and shall not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

## ARTICLE VII

### THE TRUSTEE

Section 701. Certain Duties and Responsibilities. (a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default,

(1) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Note Documents, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(2) in the absence of negligence or willful misconduct 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; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions that by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture, but need not verify the contents thereof.

(b) In case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(c) No provision of this Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that (i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of Section 701(a); (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Trust 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 612.

(d) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(e) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 701 and Section 703.

Section 702. Notice of Defaults. If a Default occurs and is continuing and is known to the Trustee, the Trustee must mail within 90 days after it occurs, to all Holders as their names and addresses appear in the Note Register, notice of such Default hereunder known to the Trustee unless such Default shall have been cured or waived; provided, however, that, except in the case of a Default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, any Note, the Trustee may withhold notice if it in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders. The Trustee will not be deemed to have knowledge of any Defaults or Events of Default unless written notice of a Default or Event of Default has been delivered to and actually received by a Trust Officer of the Trustee at its office specified in this Indenture and such notice references the Notes and this Indenture and states that it is a "Notice of Default."

Section 703. Certain Rights of Trustee. Subject to the provisions of Section 701:

(1) the Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(2) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order thereof, and any resolution of any Person's board of directors shall be sufficiently evidenced if certified by an Officer of such Person as having been duly adopted and being in full force and effect on the date of such certificate;

(3) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may request and, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officer's Certificate of the Company;

(4) the Trustee shall be entitled to request and receive written instructions from the Company and shall have no responsibility or liability for any losses or damages of any nature that may arise from any action taken or not taken by the Trustee in accordance with the written direction of the Company;

(5) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;

(6) 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 pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;

(7) the Trustee shall not be responsible for nor have any duty to monitor the performance or any action of the Company or any other party to this Indenture, or any of their directors, members, officers, agents, affiliates or employee, nor shall it have any liability in connection with the malfeasance or nonfeasance by such party;



(8) the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document;

(9) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder;

(10) to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Trustee shall not be liable to any Person for special, punitive, indirect, consequential or incidental loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits), even if the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage; and

(11) the permissive rights of the Trustee to do things enumerated in this Indenture shall not be construed as a duty unless so specified herein.

Section 704. Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Notes. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes, except the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and neither the Trustee nor any Authenticating Agent assumes any responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Notes, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Indenture, authenticate the Notes and perform its obligations hereunder. Neither the Trustee nor any Authenticating Agent shall be accountable for the use or application by the Company of Notes or the proceeds thereof.

Section 705. May Hold Notes. The Trustee, any Authenticating Agent, any Paying Agent, any Note Registrar or any other agent of the Company, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and, subject to Section 708 and Section 713, may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee, Authenticating Agent, Paying Agent, Note Registrar or such other agent.

Section 706. Money Held in Trust. Money held by the Trustee in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. The Trustee shall be under no liability for interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed in writing with the Company.

Section 707. Compensation and Reimbursement. The Company agrees,

(1) to pay to the Trustee from time to time the reasonable compensation agreed to by the Company in writing for all services rendered by the Trustee hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(2) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the Trustee upon its request for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or willful misconduct; and

(3) to indemnify the Trustee for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or willful misconduct on the Trustee's part, arising out of or in connection with the administration of the trust or trusts hereunder, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, the costs of enforcement of this Indenture or any provision thereof and the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder.

The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld). The provisions of this Section 707 shall survive the termination of this Indenture or the resignation and removal of the Trustee.

The Trustee shall have a claim prior to the Notes for payment of all amounts due the Trustee under this Section 707 on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, other than money or property held in trust to pay the principal of and interest on any Notes.

Section 708. Conflicting Interests. If the Trustee has or shall acquire a conflicting interest within the meaning of the TIA, the Trustee shall eliminate such interest, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as Trustee with such conflict or resign, to the extent and in the manner provided by, and subject to the provisions of, the TIA and this Indenture. The Trustee shall not be deemed to have a conflicting interest by virtue of being a trustee under this Indenture with respect to Initial Notes and Additional Notes, or a trustee under any other indenture between the Company and the Trustee.

Section 709. Corporate Trustee Required; Eligibility. There shall at all times be one (and only one) Trustee hereunder. The Trustee shall be a Person that is eligible pursuant to the TIA to act as such and has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50.0 million. If any such Person publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section 709 and to the extent permitted by the TIA, the combined capital and surplus of such Person shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section 709, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.

Section 710. Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor. No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 711.

The Trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Company. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 711 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

The Trustee may be removed at any time by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes delivered to the Trustee and to the Company.

If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with Section 708 after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Note for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 709 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder, or

(3) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation,

then, in any such case, (A) the Company may remove the Trustee, or (B) subject to Section 614, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Note for at least six months may, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 711. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Notes delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 711, become the successor Trustee and to that extent supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Company. If no successor Trustee shall have been so appointed by the Company or the Holders and accepted appointment in the manner required by Section 711, then, subject to Section 614, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Note for at least six months may, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

The Company shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee and each appointment of a successor Trustee to all Holders in the manner provided in Section 110. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

Notwithstanding the replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 710, the Company's obligations under Section 707 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

Section 711. Acceptance of Appointment by Successor. In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee, every such successor Trustee so appointed shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee; but, on the request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder.

Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to above.

No successor Trustee shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Trustee shall be qualified and eligible under this Article VII.

Section 712. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business. Any corporation into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder; provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article VII, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any Notes shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Notes so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Notes.

Section 713. Preferential Collection of Claims Against the Company. If and when the Trustee shall be or become a creditor of the Company (or any other obligor upon the Notes), the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of the TIA regarding the collection of claims against the Company (or any such other obligor) or realizing on certain property received by it in respect of such claims.

Section 714. Appointment of Authenticating Agent. The Trustee may appoint an Authenticating Agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate such Notes. Any such appointment shall be evidenced by an instrument in writing signed by a Trust Officer, a copy of which instrument shall be promptly furnished to the Company. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, an Authenticating Agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication (or execution of a certificate of authentication) by the Trustee includes authentication (or execution of a certificate of authentication) by such Authenticating Agent. An Authenticating Agent has the same rights as any Note Registrar, Paying Agent or agent for service of notices and demands.

## ARTICLE VIII

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

Section 801. The Company to Furnish Trustee Names and Addresses of Holders. The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee

(1) semi-annually, not more than 10 days after each Regular Record Date, a list, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Holders as of such Regular Record Date, and

(2) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

provided, however, that if and to the extent and so long as the Trustee shall be the Note Registrar, no such list need be furnished pursuant to this Section 801.

Section 802. Preservation of Information; Communications to Holders. The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, the names and addresses of Holders contained in the most recent list, if any, furnished to the Trustee as provided in Section 801 and the names and addresses of Holders received by the Trustee in its capacity as Note Registrar; provided, however, that if and so long as the Trustee shall be the Note Registrar, the Note Register shall satisfy the requirements relating to such list. None of the Company, any Subsidiary Guarantor or the Trustee or any other Person shall be under any responsibility with regard to the accuracy of such list. The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 801 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.

The rights of Holders to communicate with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Notes, and the corresponding rights and privileges of the Trustee, shall be as provided by the TIA.

Every Holder of Notes, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee that neither the Company, nor the Trustee, nor any agent of any of them, shall be held accountable by reason of any disclosure of information as to names and addresses of Holders made pursuant to the TIA.

Section 803. Reports by Trustee. Within 60 days after each June 1, beginning with June 1, 2022, the Trustee shall transmit to Holders such reports concerning the Trustee and its actions under this Indenture as may be required pursuant to the TIA at the times and in the manner provided pursuant thereto for so long as any Notes remain outstanding. A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to Holders, be filed by the Trustee or any applicable listing agent with each stock exchange upon which any Notes are listed, with the SEC and with the Company. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing when any Notes are listed on any stock exchange, but any failure to so notify the Trustee shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default by Company.

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT OR WAIVER

Section 901. Without Consent of Holders. Without the consent of any Holder, the Company, the Trustee and, as applicable, any Subsidiary Guarantor may amend or supplement the Note Documents for any of the following purposes:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, mistake, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (2) to provide for the assumption by a successor of the obligations of the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor under any Note Document (and to make appropriate conforming changes to the Note Documents in connection therewith);
- (3) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;
- (4) to add Guarantees with respect to the Notes;
- (5) to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant any Lien in favor of the Trustee and the Holders, as security for the payment and performance of all or any portion of the Obligations in respect of the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees, in any property or assets, including any which are required to be mortgaged, pledged or hypothecated, or in which a Lien is required to be granted to or for the benefit of the Trustee pursuant to this Indenture;
- (6) to evidence a successor Trustee;
- (7) to confirm and evidence the release, termination or discharge of any Subsidiary Guarantee when such release, termination or discharge is provided for under this Indenture or the Notes;
- (8) to add to the covenants of the Company for the benefit of the Holders or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor;

- (9) to provide for or confirm the issuance of Additional Notes in compliance with this Indenture;
- (10) to conform the text of the Note Documents to any provision of the “Description of Notes” section of the Offering Memorandum;
- (11) to make any change that does not materially adversely affect the rights of any Holder; or
- (12) to comply with any requirement of the SEC in connection with any qualification of this Indenture under the TIA or otherwise.

Section 902. With Consent of Holders. Subject to Section 608 and except as otherwise expressly provided below in this Section 902, the Company, the Trustee and (as applicable) any Subsidiary Guarantor may amend or supplement the Note Documents with the written consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Notes (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for Notes) and the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Notes by written notice to the Trustee (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for Notes) may waive any existing Default or Event of Default or compliance by the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor with any provision of this Indenture, the Notes or any Subsidiary Guarantee.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 902 to the contrary, without the consent of Holders of at least 90% of the principal amount of the Outstanding Notes (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for Notes), an amendment, supplement or waiver, including a waiver pursuant to Section 613, may not:

- (i) reduce the principal amount of the Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (ii) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any Note;
- (iii) reduce the principal of or extend the Stated Maturity of any Note;
- (iv) reduce the premium payable upon the redemption of any Note or change the date on which any Note may be redeemed as described in Section 1009;
- (v) make any Note payable in money other than that stated in such Note;
- (vi) amend or waive the legal right of any Holder to receive payment of principal of and interest on such Holder's Note on or after the Stated Maturity for the principal or Interest Payment Date for the interest expressed in such Note, or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity or Interest Payment Date;
- (vii) make any change or modification to the ranking of the Notes that would adversely affect the rights of a Holder in any material respect;
- (viii) change the provisions applicable to the redemption of any Note pursuant to Section 1010 that would adversely affect the rights of a Holder in any material respect;

- (ix) make any change in the Escrow Agreement that would adversely affect the Holders in any material respect; or
- (x) make any change in the amendment or waiver provisions described in this paragraph.

Any amendment, supplement or waiver referred to in any of the preceding clauses (i) through (x) that are consented to by Holders of at least 90% of the principal amount of the Outstanding Notes will be binding on any non-consenting Holder of the Notes.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section 902 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

Section 903. Execution of Amendments, Supplements or Waivers. After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 902 becomes effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee, 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 supplemental indenture or the effectiveness of any such amendment, supplement or waiver. The Trustee shall sign any amendment, supplement or waiver authorized pursuant to this Article IX if the amendment, supplement or waiver does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. If it does, the Trustee may, but need not, sign it. In signing or refusing to sign such amendment, supplement or waiver, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the execution of such amendment, supplement or waiver is authorized or permitted or complies with this Indenture, that all conditions precedent to such amendment, supplement or waiver required by this Indenture have been complied with and that such amendment, supplement or waiver is a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms.

Section 904. Revocation and Effect of Consents. Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of that Note or any Note that evidences all or any part of the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. Subject to the following paragraph of this Section 904, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to such Holder's Note by written notice to the Trustee or the Company, received by the Trustee or the Company, as the case may be, before the date on which the Trustee receives an Officer's Certificate from the Company certifying that the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Notes have consented (and not theretofore revoked such consent) to the amendment, supplement or waiver. The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to consent to any amendment, supplement or waiver as set forth in Section 108.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, it shall bind every Holder of Notes.

Section 905. [Reserved].

Section 906. Notation on or Exchange of Notes. If an amendment, supplement or waiver changes the terms of a Note, the Trustee shall (if required by the Company and in accordance with the specific direction of the Company) request the Holder of the Note to deliver it to the Trustee. The Trustee shall (if required by the Company and in accordance with the specific direction of the Company) place an appropriate notation on the Note about the changed terms and return it to the Holder. Alternatively, if the Company or the Trustee so determines, the Company in exchange for the Note shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate a new Note that reflects the changed terms. Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

REDEMPTION OF NOTES

Section 1001. Applicability of Article. The Notes are redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, before their Stated Maturity in accordance with this Article X.

Section 1002. [Reserved].

Section 1003. Election to Redeem; Notice to Trustee. In case of any redemption of less than all of the Notes, the Company shall, at least two Business Days (but not more than 60 days (except that such notice may be delivered more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date if the Redemption Date is delayed as provided in Section 1009)), prior to the date on which notice is required to be delivered to Holders pursuant to Section 1005, notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed, but failure to so notify the Trustee shall not invalidate any notice given in accordance with Section 1005 and shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default by the Company.

Section 1004. Selection by Trustee of Notes to Be Redeemed. In the case of any partial redemption, selection of the Notes for redemption will be made by the Trustee on a *pro rata* basis, by lot or by such other method as the Trustee in its sole discretion shall deem to be fair and appropriate, and in the case of global notes, in accordance with the procedures of DTC, in integral multiples of \$1,000, although no Note of \$2,000 in original principal amount or less will be redeemed in part.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. On and after the Redemption Date, interest will cease to accrue on Notes or portions thereof called for redemption.

For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Notes shall relate, in the case of the Notes redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of the Notes that has been or is to be redeemed.

Section 1005. Notice of Redemption. Subject to the third paragraph of Section 110, notice of redemption or purchase as provided in Section 1001 shall be given electronically or, at the Company's option, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date (except that such notice may be delivered more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date if such notice is issued in connection with the defeasance of Notes pursuant to Section 1201 or a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture and the Notes pursuant to Section 1101, or if the Redemption Date is delayed as provided in Section 1009), to each Holder of Notes to be redeemed, at such Holder's address appearing in the Note Register.

Any such notice shall state:

- (1) the expected Redemption Date,



- (2) the redemption price (or the formula by which the redemption price will be determined),
- (3) if less than all Outstanding Notes are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the portion of the respective principal amounts) of the Notes to be redeemed,
- (4) that, on the Redemption Date, the redemption price will become due and payable upon each such Note, and that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment or the Paying Agent is prohibited from making such payment pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said date, and
- (5) the place where such Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price.

In addition, if such redemption, purchase or notice is subject to satisfaction (or, waiver by the Company in its sole discretion) of one or more conditions precedent, as permitted by Section 1009, such notice shall describe each such condition, and if applicable, shall state that, in the Company's discretion, the Redemption Date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Company in its sole discretion), or such redemption or purchase may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been (or, in the Company's sole determination, may not be) satisfied (or waived by the Company in its sole discretion) by the Redemption Date, or by the Redemption Date as so delayed.

The Company may provide in such notice that payment of the redemption price and the performance of the Company's obligations with respect to such redemption may be performed by another Person.

Notice of any redemption or purchase of Notes hereunder (or the selection of Notes in connection with a partial redemption) to be so redeemed or purchased at the election of the Company shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request (made to the Trustee at least 15 days (or such shorter period as shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee) prior to the Redemption Date), by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company. Any such request will set forth the information to be stated in such notice, as provided by this Section 1005.

The notice if delivered in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice by mail or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Note designated for redemption as a whole or in part shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Note.

Section 1006. Deposit of Redemption Price. On or prior to 12:00 p.m., New York City time, on any Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, the Company shall segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 403) an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of, and any accrued and unpaid interest on, all the Notes or portions thereof which are to be redeemed on that date.

Section 1007. Notes Payable on Redemption Date. Notice of redemption having been given as provided in this Article X, the Notes so to be redeemed shall (subject to the satisfaction or waiver by the Company of any applicable conditions precedent), on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the redemption price herein specified and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the redemption price or the Paying Agent is prohibited from paying the redemption price pursuant to the terms of this Indenture) such Notes shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of such Notes for redemption in accordance with such notice, such Notes shall be paid by the Company at the redemption price. Installments of interest whose Interest Payment Date is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable to the Holders of such Notes registered as such on the relevant Regular Record Dates according to their terms and the provisions of Section 307.

On and after any Redemption Date, if money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and any accrued and unpaid interest on Notes called for redemption shall have been made available in accordance with Section 1006, the Notes (or the portions thereof) called for redemption will cease to accrue interest and the only right of the Holders of such Notes (or portions thereof) will be to receive payment of the redemption price of and, subject to the last sentence of the preceding paragraph, any accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes (or portions thereof) to the Redemption Date. If any Note (or portion thereof) called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal (and premium, if any) shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the rate borne by the Note (or portion thereof).

Section 1008. Notes Redeemed in Part. Any Note that is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the Place of Payment (with due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company duly executed by, the Holder thereof or its attorney duly authorized in writing) and the Company shall execute and (upon receipt of an Authentication Order) the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Note without service charge, a new Note or Notes, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Note so surrendered (or if the Note is a global note, an adjustment shall be made to the schedule attached thereto).

Section 1009. Optional Redemption.

The Notes will be redeemable, at the Company’s option, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time on and after July 15, 2024, at the applicable redemption price set forth below. The Notes will be so redeemable at the following redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the relevant Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Regular Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date falling prior to or on the Redemption Date), if redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on July 15 of the years set forth below:

Redemption Period Price	
2024	102.313%
2025	101.156%
2026 and thereafter	100.000%

In addition, at any time and from time to time after the Escrow Release Date and prior to July 15, 2024, the Company at its option may redeem Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to up to 40.0% of the original aggregate principal amount of the Notes (including the principal amount of any Additional Notes), with funds in an aggregate amount not exceeding the aggregate proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings consummated after the Escrow Release Date, at a redemption price (expressed as a percentage of principal amount thereof) of 104.625%, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Regular Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date falling prior to or on the Redemption Date); provided, however, that if Notes are redeemed pursuant to this paragraph, an aggregate principal amount of Notes equal to at least 50.0% of the original aggregate principal amount of Notes (including the principal amount of any Additional Notes) must remain outstanding immediately after each such redemption of Notes (unless all the Notes not redeemed under this paragraph are concurrently being redeemed under any other applicable provision of this Indenture). Any amount payable in any such redemption may be funded from any source. Any notice of any such redemption may be given prior to the completion of the related Equity Offering, but in no event may be given more than 180 days after the completion of the related Equity Offering.

At any time and from time to time after the Escrow Release Date and prior to July 15, 2024, Notes may also be redeemed in whole or in part, at the Company's option, at a price equal to 100.0% of the principal amount thereof plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued but unpaid interest, if any, to, the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Regular Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date falling prior to or on the Redemption Date).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with any tender offer for any Notes, if Holders of not less than 90% in the aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Notes validly tender and do not withdraw such Notes in such tender offer and the Company, or any other Person making such tender offer, purchases all of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company will have the right, upon notice given not more than 30 days following such purchase pursuant to such tender offer, to redeem all of the Notes that remain outstanding following such purchase at a price in cash equal to the highest price offered to each Holder in such tender offer, plus, to the extent not included in the tender offer payment, accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date falling prior to or on the Redemption Date).

Except as set forth in Section 1010, any redemption of Notes may be made upon notice sent electronically or, at the Company's option, mailed by first-class mail to each Holder's registered address in accordance with Section 1005, and, if applicable, the Company should notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date, and the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed in accordance with Section 1003. The Company may provide in any redemption notice that payment of the redemption price and the performance of the Company's obligations with respect to such redemption may be performed by another Person.

Except with respect to a Special Mandatory Redemption, any redemption of Notes (including in connection with an Equity Offering) or notice thereof may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to the satisfaction (or, waiver by the Company in its sole discretion) of one or more conditions precedent, which may include consummation of any related Equity Offering or the occurrence of a Change of Control. If such redemption or notice is subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice may state that, in the Company's discretion, the Redemption Date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Company in its sole discretion), or such redemption may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been (or, in the Company's sole determination, may not be) satisfied (or waived by the Company in its sole discretion) by the Redemption Date, or by the Redemption Date so delayed.

Section 1010. Special Mandatory Redemption. If (i) the Escrow Agent has not received the Officer's Certificate described in the definition of "Escrow Release Date" on or prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Escrow End Date or (ii) the Company notifies the Escrow Agent in writing on or prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Escrow End Date that the Company will not pursue the Separation, then the Escrow Agent shall, without the requirement of notice to or action by the Company, the Trustee or any other Person, release the Escrowed Property (including investment earnings thereon and proceeds thereof) to the Trustee (x) in the case of the foregoing clause (i), within three Business Days of the Escrow End Date and (y) in the case of the foregoing clause (ii), within three Business Days of the date such notice is delivered to the Escrow Agent, and in either case, the Trustee shall apply (or cause a paying agent to apply) such proceeds, together with cash received pursuant to the L Brands Commitment, to redeem the Notes (the "Special Mandatory Redemption") on the third Business Day following the date of the release of the Escrowed Property to the Trustee (the "Special Mandatory Redemption Date") or as otherwise required by the applicable procedures of DTC, at a redemption price (the "Special Mandatory Redemption Price") equal to 101% of the principal amount of the Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the Special Mandatory Redemption Date. In the event that there are insufficient funds in the Escrow Account to pay the aggregate Special Mandatory Redemption Price for all Notes, the Company shall separately transfer to the Trustee an amount in cash equal to such shortfall, including cash received pursuant to the L Brands Commitment. On the Special Mandatory Redemption Date, the Trustee shall pay to the Company any Escrowed Property in excess of the amount necessary to effect the Special Mandatory Redemption.

SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 1101. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture. The Outstanding Notes and this Indenture shall be discharged and shall cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Notes herein expressly provided for), and the Trustee on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of the Outstanding Notes and this Indenture, when

(i) either

(a) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 306, and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 403) have been cancelled or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(b) all such Notes not theretofore cancelled or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation

(1) have become due and payable,

(2) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or

(3) have been called for redemption, or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company;

(ii) the Company has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee money, U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof, sufficient (without reinvestment) to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the Notes not previously cancelled or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal (and premium, if any) and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Notes that have become due and payable), or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be (provided that if such redemption shall be pursuant to the third paragraph of Section 1009, (x) the amount of money or U.S. Government Obligations, or a combination thereof, that the Company must irrevocably deposit or cause to be deposited shall be determined using an assumed Applicable Premium calculated as of the date of such deposit, as calculated by the Company in good faith, and (y) the Company must irrevocably deposit or cause to be deposited additional money in trust on the Redemption Date, as required by Section 1006, as necessary to pay the Applicable Premium as determined on such date);

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

(iv) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each to the effect that all conditions precedent provided for in this Section 1101 relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with; provided that any such counsel may rely on any Officer's Certificate as to matters of fact (including as to compliance with the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii)).

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture and the Outstanding Notes, (a) the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 707 and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 1101(ii), the obligations of the Trustee under Section 1103 shall survive such satisfaction and discharge, and (b) if such satisfaction and discharge is effected through redemption in accordance with Section 1101(i)(b)(3), the provisions of Section 1007 shall survive such satisfaction and discharge, and the other provisions of Article X shall survive such satisfaction and discharge until the Redemption Date shall have occurred.

Section 1102. [Reserved]

Section 1103. Application of Trust Money. Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 403, all money and/or U.S. Government Obligations (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 1101 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest on the Notes; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

## ARTICLE XII

### DEFEASANCE OR COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Section 1201. The Company's Option to Effect Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance. The Company may, at its option, at any time, elect to have terminated the obligations of the Company with respect to Outstanding Notes and the other Note Documents and to have terminated all of the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantors with respect to the Subsidiary Guarantees, in each case, as set forth in this Article XII, and elect to have either Section 1202 or 1203 be applied to all of the Outstanding Notes (the "Defeased Notes"), upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in Section 1204. Either Section 1202 or Section 1203 may be applied to the Defeased Notes to any Redemption Date or the Stated Maturity of the Notes.

Section 1202. Defeasance and Discharge. Upon the Company's exercise under Section 1201 of the option applicable to this Section 1202, the Company shall be deemed to have been released and discharged from its obligations with respect to the Defeased Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantors shall be deemed to have been released and discharged from their obligations with respect to the Subsidiary Guarantees on the date the relevant conditions set forth in Section 1204 are satisfied (hereinafter, "Defeasance"). For this purpose, such Defeasance means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the Defeased Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "Outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 1205 and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (a) and (b) below, and the Company, and each of the Subsidiary Guarantors shall be deemed to have satisfied all other obligations under such Notes, Subsidiary Guarantees and this Indenture insofar as such Notes are concerned (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following, which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder: (a) the rights of Holders of Defeased Notes to receive, solely from the trust fund described in Section 1204 and as more fully set forth in such Section, payments in respect of principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Notes when such payments are due, (b) the Company's obligations with respect to such Defeased Notes under Sections 304, 305, 306, 402, and 403, (c) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder, including the Trustee's rights (and the Company's obligations) under Section 707, and (d) this Article XII. If the Company exercises its option under this Section 1202, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default with respect thereto. Subject to compliance with this Article XII, the Company may, at its option and at any time, exercise its option under this Section 1202 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 1203 with respect to the Notes.

Section 1203. Covenant Defeasance. Upon the Company's exercise under Section 1201 of the option applicable to this Section 1203, (a) the Company shall be released from its obligations under any covenant or provision contained in Section 405, Sections 407 through 415, the provisions of clauses (iii), (iv) and (v) of Section 501(a) and the provisions of clauses (iii) and (iv) of Section 501(b) shall not apply, and (b) the occurrence of any event specified in clause (iv), (v) (with respect to Section 405, Sections 407 through 415, inclusive), (vi), (vii), (viii) (with respect to Subsidiaries), (ix) (with respect to Subsidiaries), (x) or (xi) of Section 601 shall be deemed not to be or result in an Event of Default, in each case with respect to the Defeased Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not to be "Outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or Act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants or provisions, but shall continue to be deemed "Outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder. For this purpose, such Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the Outstanding Notes, 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 or provision, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or provision or by reason of any reference in any such covenant or provision 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 601, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Outstanding Notes shall be unaffected thereby.

Section 1204. Conditions to Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance. The following shall be the conditions to application of either Section 1202 or Section 1203 to the Outstanding Notes:

(1) The Company shall have irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee, in trust, money or U.S. Government Obligations, or a combination thereof, in amounts as will be sufficient (without reinvestment), to pay and discharge the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the Defeased Notes issued by the Company to the Stated Maturity or relevant Redemption Date in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Notes (provided that if such redemption shall be pursuant to the third paragraph of Section 1009, (x) the amount of money or U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof that the Company must irrevocably deposit or cause to be deposited shall be determined using an assumed Applicable Premium calculated as of the date of such deposit, as calculated by the Company in good faith and (y) the Company must irrevocably deposit or cause to be deposited additional money in trust on the Redemption Date, as required by Section 1006, as necessary to pay the Applicable Premium as determined on such date);

(2) No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit;

(3) Such deposit shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a Default or Event of Default under, this Indenture or any other material agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(4) In the case of an election under Section 1202, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that (x) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (y) since the Issue Date, there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm to the effect that, the Holders of the Outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such Defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Defeasance had not occurred; provided that such Opinion of Counsel need not be delivered if all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 306, and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 403) not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or have been called for redemption or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company;

(5) In the case of an election under Section 1203, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of the Outstanding Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to U.S. 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

(6) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each to the effect that all conditions precedent provided for in this Section 1204 relating to either the Defeasance under Section 1202 or the Covenant Defeasance under Section 1203, as the case may be, have been complied with. In rendering such Opinion of Counsel, counsel may rely on an Officer's Certificate as to compliance with the foregoing clauses (1), (2) and (3) of this Section 1204 or as to any matters of fact.

Section 1205. Deposited Money and U.S. Government Obligations to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions. Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 403, all money and U.S. Government Obligations (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or such other Person that would qualify to act as successor trustee under Article VII, collectively and solely for purposes of this Section 1205, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 1204 in respect of the Defeased Notes shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company shall pay and indemnify the Trustee and its agents and hold them harmless against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the U.S. Government Obligations deposited by the Company pursuant to Section 1204, or the principal, premium, if any, and interest received in respect thereof, other than any such tax, fee or other charge that by law is for the account of the Holders of the Defeased Notes.

Anything in this Article XII to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver to the Company from time to time, upon Company Request, any money or U.S. Government Obligations held by it as provided in Section 1204 that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized accounting or investment banking firm expressed in a written certification thereof to the Trustee, are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance. Subject to Article VII, the Trustee shall not incur any liability to any Person by relying on such opinion.

Section 1206. Reinstatement. If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with Section 1202 or 1203, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the obligations of the Company and the Subsidiary Guarantors under this Indenture, the Notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 1202 or 1203, as the case may be, until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money and U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with Section 1202 or 1203, as the case may be; provided, however, that if the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor makes any payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company or Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money and U.S. Government Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

Section 1207. Repayments to the Company. The Trustee shall pay to the Company upon Company Request any money held by it for the payment of principal or interest that remains unclaimed for two years after the Stated Maturity or the Redemption Date, as the case may be. After payment to the Company, Holders entitled to money must look to the Company for payment as general creditors unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another Person and all liability of the Trustee or Paying Agent with respect to such money shall thereupon cease.

## ARTICLE XIII

### SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES

Section 1301. Guarantees Generally.

(a) Guarantee of Each Subsidiary Guarantor. On the Escrow Release Date, Company shall cause each of its Wholly Owned Domestic Restricted Subsidiaries that Guarantees, or is a co-borrower in respect of, the Senior Term Facility or the ABL Facility to, jointly and severally, unconditionally Guarantee on a senior basis the obligations of the Company under this Indenture and the Notes by executing and delivering to the Trustee a Guarantor Supplemental Indenture, or a supplemental indenture otherwise in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee evidencing its Subsidiary Guarantee on substantially the terms set forth in this Article XIII. Each Subsidiary Guarantor, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, jointly and severally, irrevocably and fully and unconditionally Guarantees, on a senior basis, the punctual payment when due, whether at Stated Maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of all monetary obligations of the Company under this Indenture and the Notes, whether for principal of or interest on the Notes, expenses, indemnification or otherwise (all such obligations guaranteed by such Subsidiary Guarantors being herein called the “Subsidiary Guaranteed Obligations”).



The obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor will be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Subsidiary Guarantor (including, but not limited to, any Guarantee by it of any other Indebtedness) and after giving effect to any collections from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Subsidiary Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee or pursuant to its contribution obligations under this Indenture, result in the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under the Subsidiary Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law, or being void or unenforceable under any law relating to insolvency of debtors.

(b) Further Agreements of Each Subsidiary Guarantor. (i) Each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby agrees that (to the fullest extent permitted by law) its obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes or the obligations of the Company or any other Subsidiary Guarantor to the Holders, the Trustee hereunder or thereunder, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, any release of any other Subsidiary Guarantor, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the same, whether or not a notation concerning its Subsidiary Guarantee is made on any particular Note, or any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a Subsidiary Guarantor.

(ii) Each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby waives (to the fullest extent permitted by law) the benefit of diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenants that (except as otherwise provided in Section 1303) its Subsidiary Guarantee will not be discharged except by complete performance of the obligations contained in the Notes, this Indenture and this Subsidiary Guarantee. Such Subsidiary Guarantee is a guarantee of payment and not of collection. Each Subsidiary Guarantor further agrees (to the fullest extent permitted by law) that, as between it, on the one hand, and the Holders of Notes and the Trustee, on the other hand, subject to this Article XIII, (1) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed by its Subsidiary Guarantee may be accelerated as and to the extent provided in Article VI for the purposes of such Subsidiary Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed by such Subsidiary Guarantee, and (2) in the event of any acceleration of such obligations as provided in Article VI, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by such Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with the terms of this Section 1301 for the purpose of such Subsidiary Guarantee. Neither the Trustee nor any other Person shall have any obligation to enforce or exhaust any rights or remedies or to take any other steps under any security for the Subsidiary Guaranteed Obligations or against the Company or any other Person or any property of the Company or any other Person before the Trustee is entitled to demand payment and performance by any or all Subsidiary Guarantors of their obligations under their respective Subsidiary Guarantees or under this Indenture.

(iii) Until terminated in accordance with Section 1303, each Subsidiary Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and continue to be effective should any petition be filed by or against the Company for liquidation or reorganization, should the Company become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or should a receiver or trustee be appointed for all or any significant part of the Company's assets, and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment and performance of the Notes are, pursuant to applicable law, rescinded or reduced in amount, or must otherwise be restored or returned by any obligee on such Notes, whether as a "voidable preference," "fraudulent transfer" or otherwise, all as though such payment or performance had not been made. In the event that any payment, or any part thereof, is rescinded, reduced, restored or returned, the Notes shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be reinstated and deemed reduced only by such amount paid and not so rescinded, reduced, restored or returned.

(c) Each Subsidiary Guarantor that makes a payment or distribution under its Subsidiary Guarantee shall have the right to seek contribution from the Company or any non-paying Subsidiary Guarantor that has also Guaranteed the relevant Subsidiary Guaranteed Obligations in respect of which such payment or distribution is made, so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Subsidiary Guarantees.

(d) Each Subsidiary Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by this Indenture and that its Subsidiary Guarantee, and the waiver set forth in Section 1305, are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

(e) Each Subsidiary Guarantor, pursuant to its Subsidiary Guarantee, also hereby agrees to pay any and all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by the Trustee or the Holders in enforcing any rights under its Subsidiary Guarantee.

Section 1302. Continuing Guarantees. (a) Each Subsidiary Guarantee shall be a continuing Guarantee and shall (i) subject to Section 1303, remain in full force and effect until payment in full of the principal amount of all Outstanding Notes (whether by payment at maturity, purchase, redemption, defeasance, retirement or other acquisition) and all other Subsidiary Guaranteed Obligations then due and owing, (ii) be binding upon such Subsidiary Guarantor, and (iii) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Trustee, the Holders and their permitted successors, transferees and assigns.

(b) The obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any payment which would otherwise have reduced or terminated the obligations of any Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder and under its Subsidiary Guarantee (whether such payment shall have been made by or on behalf of the Company, or by or on behalf of a Subsidiary Guarantor) is rescinded or reclaimed from any of the Holders upon the insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of the Company, or any Subsidiary Guarantor or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made.

Section 1303. Release of Subsidiary Guarantees. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1302, from and after the Escrow Release Date, Subsidiary Guarantees will be subject to termination and discharge under the circumstances described in this Section 1303. Any Subsidiary Guarantor will automatically and unconditionally be released from all obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee, and such Subsidiary Guarantee shall thereupon terminate and be discharged and of no further force or effect, (i) concurrently with any direct or indirect sale or disposition (by merger or otherwise) of any Subsidiary Guarantor or any interest therein, or any other transaction, (x) in accordance with the terms of this Indenture (including Section 411 and Section 501) or (y) pursuant to an enforcement action in accordance with the terms of any intercreditor agreement, in each case, following which such Subsidiary Guarantor is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company, (ii) on the substantially concurrent release, discharge or termination of (x) the Guarantee by such Subsidiary Guarantor under the Senior Credit Facilities and (y) if applicable, all of its obligations as a borrower under the ABL Facility and as a primary obligor or guarantor in respect of any other then outstanding Material Indebtedness, in each case other than a release, discharge or termination resulting from payment under the relevant Indebtedness (it being understood that a release subject to contingent reinstatement is still a release, and that if any such Guarantee or obligation is reinstated, such Subsidiary Guarantee shall also be reinstated to the extent that such Subsidiary Guarantor would then be required to provide a Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to Section 414), (iii) upon the merger or consolidation of any Subsidiary Guarantor with and into the Company or another Subsidiary Guarantor that is the surviving Person in such merger or consolidation, or upon the liquidation of such Subsidiary Guarantor following the transfer of all of its assets to the Company or another Subsidiary Guarantor, (iv) concurrently with any Subsidiary Guarantor becoming an Unrestricted Subsidiary or ceasing to constitute a Wholly Owned Domestic Subsidiary of the Company, (v) upon the occurrence of a Covenant Suspension Event; provided that after the Reversion Time, such Subsidiary Guarantee shall be reinstated to the extent required and within the time period provided under the covenant described under Section 414, (vi) upon Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance of the Company's obligations under, or satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to Section 1101, or (vii) subject to Section 1302(b), upon payment in full of the aggregate principal amount of all Notes then Outstanding and all other Subsidiary Guaranteed Obligations then due and owing. In addition, the Company will have the right, upon 10 days' notice to the Trustee (or such shorter period as agreed to by the Trustee), to cause any Subsidiary Guarantor that is not a primary obligor or guarantor under any of the Senior Credit Facilities or any other then outstanding Material Indebtedness to be unconditionally released from all obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee, and such Subsidiary Guarantee shall thereupon terminate and be discharged and of no further force or effect.

Upon any such occurrence specified in this Section 1303, the Trustee shall execute any documents (subject to the review and approval of counsel to the Trustee) reasonably requested by the Company in order to evidence such release, discharge and termination in respect of such Subsidiary Guarantee.

Section 1304. [Reserved].

Section 1305. Waiver of Subrogation. Each Subsidiary Guarantor hereby irrevocably waives any claim or other rights that it may now or hereafter acquire against the Company that arise from the existence, payment, performance or enforcement of the Company's obligations under the Notes and this Indenture or such Subsidiary Guarantor's obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee and this Indenture, including any right of subrogation, reimbursement, exoneration, indemnification, and any right to participate in any claim or remedy of any Holder of Notes against the Company, whether or not such claim, remedy or right arises in equity, or under contract, statute or common law, until this Indenture is discharged and all of the Notes are discharged and paid in full. If any amount shall be paid to any Subsidiary Guarantor in violation of the preceding sentence and the Notes shall not have been paid in full, such amount shall be deemed to have been paid to such Subsidiary Guarantor for the benefit of, and held in trust for the benefit of, the Holders of the Notes, and shall forthwith be paid to the Trustee for the benefit of such Holders to be credited and applied upon the Notes, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

Section 1306. Notation Not Required. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary Guarantor shall be required to make a notation on the Notes to reflect any such Subsidiary Guarantee or any release, termination or discharge thereof.

Section 1307. Successors and Assigns of Subsidiary Guarantors. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by each Subsidiary Guarantor shall bind its respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 1308. Execution and Delivery of Subsidiary Guarantees. The Company shall cause each Restricted Subsidiary that is required to become a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to Section 414, and each Subsidiary of the Company that the Company causes to become a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to Section 414 or Section 1301(a), to promptly execute and deliver to the Trustee a Guarantor Supplemental Indenture, or a supplemental indenture otherwise in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee evidencing its Subsidiary Guarantee on substantially the terms set forth in this Article XIII. Concurrently therewith, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such Guarantor Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized or permitted or complies with this Indenture, that all conditions precedent to such Guarantor Supplemental Indenture required by this Indenture have been complied with and that such Guarantor Supplemental Indenture is a valid and binding agreement of the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor, enforceable against such Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

Section 1309. Notices. Notice to any Subsidiary Guarantor shall be sufficient if addressed to such Subsidiary Guarantor care of the Company at the address, place and manner provided in Section 109.

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

VICTORIA’S SECRET & CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

[Signature Page to Indenture]

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

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Form of Initial Note<sup>1</sup>  
(FACE OF NOTE)

Victoria's Secret & Co.

4.625% Senior Notes due 2029

CUSIP No. [         ]

ISIN No. [         ]

No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Victoria's Secret & Co., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, (and its successors and assigns, the "Company") hereby promises to pay to \_\_\_\_\_, or its registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ([         ] United States Dollars) [(or such lesser or greater amount as shall be outstanding hereunder from time to time in accordance with Sections 312 and 313 of the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof)]<sup>2</sup> (the "Principal Amount") on July 15, 2029. The Company hereby promises to pay interest semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 in each year, commencing [         ], 20[     ]<sup>3</sup>, at the rate of 4.625% per annum (subject to adjustment as provided below), until the Principal Amount is paid or made available for payment. [Interest on this Note will accrue from the most recent date to which interest on this Note or any of its Predecessor Notes has been paid or duly provided for or, if no interest has been paid, from the Issue Date.]<sup>4</sup> [Interest on this Note will accrue (or will be deemed to have accrued) from the most recent date to which interest on this Note or any of its Predecessor Notes has been paid or duly provided for or, if no such interest has been paid, from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_].<sup>5</sup> Interest on the Notes shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The interest so payable, and punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be the January 1 or July 1 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on such Regular Record Date and may either be paid to the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to Holders of Notes not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Notes may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, all as more fully provided in said Indenture.

<sup>1</sup> Insert any applicable legends as provided in Article II of the Indenture.

<sup>2</sup> Include only if the Note is issued in global form.

<sup>3</sup> January 15, 2022 for the Initial Notes.

<sup>4</sup> Include only for Initial Notes.

<sup>5</sup> Insert applicable date.

<sup>6</sup> Include only for Additional Notes.

Payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on this Note will be made at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, or such other office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made through the Paying Agent by wire transfer or immediately available funds to the account designated to the Company by the Person entitled thereto or by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Note Register.

Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:



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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

This Note is one of the duly authorized issue of 4.625% Senior Notes due 2029 of the Company (herein called the “Notes”), issued under an Indenture, dated as of July [●], 2021 (the “Indenture,” which term shall have the meaning assigned to it in such instrument), among Victoria’s Secret & Co., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the “Company”), as issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, in its capacity as Trustee (herein called the “Trustee,” which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, any other obligor upon this Note, the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes and of the terms upon which the Notes are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and Holders are referred to the Indenture for a statement of such terms. To the maximum extent permitted by law, in the case of any conflict between the provisions of this Note and the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall control. Additional Notes may be issued from time to time under the Indenture and will vote as a class with the Notes and otherwise be treated as Notes for purposes of the Indenture.

All terms used in this Note that are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

From and after the Escrow Release Date, this Note may be entitled to certain Subsidiary Guarantees made for the benefit of the Holders. Reference is made to Article XIII of the Indenture for terms relating to such Subsidiary Guarantees, including the release, termination and discharge thereof. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary Guarantor shall be required to make any notation on this Note to reflect any Subsidiary Guarantee or any such release, termination or discharge.

The Notes are redeemable, at the Company’s option, in whole or in part, as provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture provides that, upon the occurrence after the Escrow Release Date of a Change of Control and subject to further limitations contained therein, each Holder will have the right to require that the Company repurchase all or any part of such Holder’s Notes in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 415 of the Indenture.

The Notes will not be entitled to the benefit of a sinking fund.

[If (i) the Escrow Agent has not received the Officer’s Certificate described in the definition of “Escrow Release Date” on or prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Escrow End Date or (ii) the Company notifies the Escrow Agent in writing on or prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Escrow End Date that the Company will not pursue the Separation, then the Notes will be subject to a Special Mandatory Redemption in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 1010 of the Indenture.]<sup>7</sup>

The Indenture contains provisions for defeasance at any time of the entire Indebtedness of this Note or certain restrictive covenants and certain Events of Default with respect to this Note, in each case upon compliance with certain conditions set forth in the Indenture.

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<sup>7</sup> Include if applicable.

If an Event of Default with respect to the Notes shall occur and be continuing, the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on the Notes may be declared due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Notes to be effected under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Notes at the time Outstanding. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in principal amount of the Notes at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Notes, to waive compliance by the Company and its Subsidiaries with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note.

As provided in and subject to the provisions of the Indenture, the Holder of this Note shall not have the right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or for any other remedy thereunder, unless such Holder shall have previously given the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Notes, the Holders of not less than 30.0% in principal amount of the Notes at the time Outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to pursue such remedy in respect of such Event of Default as Trustee and offered the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense, and the Trustee shall not have received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of Notes at the time Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request, and shall have failed to institute any such proceeding, for 60 days after receipt of such notice, request and offer of security or indemnity. The foregoing shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Holder of this Note for the enforcement of any payment of principal hereof or interest hereon on or after the respective due dates expressed herein.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations and other provisions therein set forth, (a) the transfer of this Note is registrable in the Note Register, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company duly executed by, the Holder hereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new Notes, of authorized denominations and for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees, (b) the Notes are issuable only in fully registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, and (c) the Notes are exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Notes of a different authorized denomination, as requested by the Holder surrendering the same.

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

Prior to due presentment of this Note for registration or transfer, the Company, any other obligor in respect of this Note, the Trustee and any agent of any of them may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Company, any other obligor in respect of this Note, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

No past, present or future director, manager, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner or stockholder of the Company, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Subsidiary of any thereof, in their respective capacities as such, shall have any liability for any obligation of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor under the Note Documents, or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, any such obligation or its creation. Each Noteholder, by accepting the Notes, waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

THE INDENTURE AND THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE TRUSTEE, THE COMPANY, ANY OTHER OBLIGOR IN RESPECT OF THIS NOTE AND (BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOTE) THE HOLDER HEREOF AGREE TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR STATE COURT LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE, OR THE SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES.

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER]

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

Insert Taxpayer Identification No.

(Please print or typewrite name and address including zip code of assignee)

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the within Note and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing

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attorney to transfer such Note on the books of the Company with full power of substitution in the premises.

Check One

☐ (a) this Note is being transferred in compliance with the exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, provided by Rule 144A thereunder.

or

☐ (b) this Note is being transferred other than in accordance with (a) above and documents are being furnished which comply with the conditions of transfer set forth in this Note and the Indenture.

If neither of the foregoing boxes is checked, the Trustee or other Note Registrar shall not be obligated to register this Note in the name of any Person other than the Holder hereof unless and until the conditions to any such transfer of registration set forth herein and in Section 313 of the Indenture shall have been satisfied.

Date: 

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

Signature Guarantee: 

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

TO BE COMPLETED BY PURCHASER IF (a) ABOVE IS CHECKED.

The undersigned represents and warrants that it is purchasing this Note for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and that it and any such account is a “qualified institutional buyer” within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and acknowledges that it has received such information regarding the Company as the undersigned has requested pursuant to Rule 144A or has determined not to request such information and that it is aware that the transferor is relying upon the undersigned’s foregoing representations in order to claim the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTICE: To be executed by an executive officer

OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you wish to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 411 or Section 415 of the Indenture, check the box: [    ].

If you wish to have a portion of this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 411 or Section 415 of the Indenture, state the amount (in principal amount) below:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Note)

Signature Guarantee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN GLOBAL NOTE

The following increases or decreases in this Global Note have been made:

<u>Date of Exchange</u>	<u>Amount of decreases in Principal Amount of this Global Note</u>	<u>Amount of increases in Principal Amount of this Global Note</u>	<u>Principal amount of this Global Note following such decreases or increases</u>	<u>Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee</u>
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[Reserved]

Form of Certificate of Beneficial Ownership

On or after [\_\_\_\_], 20[ ]

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
 10 W Broad St  
 CN-OH-BD12  
 Columbus, OH 43215  
 Attention: Scott R. Miller, Vice President

Re: VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO. (the "Company")

4.625% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Notes")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter relates to \$\_\_\_\_\_ principal amount of Notes represented by the offshore global note certificate (the "Regulation S Global Note"). Pursuant to Section 313(3) of the Indenture dated as of July [●], 2021 relating to the Notes (as amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified, the "Indenture"), we hereby certify that (1) we are the beneficial owner of such principal amount of Notes represented by the Regulation S Global Note and (2) we are either (i) a Non-U.S. person to whom the Notes could be transferred in accordance with Rule 903 or 904 of Regulation S ("Regulation S") promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") or (ii) a U.S. person who purchased securities in a transaction that did not require registration under the Act.

You, the Company, and counsel for the Company are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby. Terms used in this certificate have the meanings set forth in Regulation S.

Very truly yours,

[Name of Holder]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized Signature

Form of Regulation S Certificate

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
10 W Broad St  
CN-OH-BD12  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Attention: Scott R. Miller, Vice President

Re: VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO. (the "Company")

4.625% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Notes")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with our proposed sale of \$\_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of Notes, we confirm that such sale has been effected pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation S ("Regulation S") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and accordingly, we hereby certify as follows:

1. The offer of the Notes was not made to a person in the United States (unless such person or the account held by it for which it is acting is excluded from the definition of "U.S. person" pursuant to Rule 902(k) of Regulation S under the circumstances described in Rule 902(h)(3) of Regulation S) or specifically targeted at an identifiable group of U.S. citizens abroad.
2. Either (a) at the time the buy order was originated, the buyer was outside the United States or we and any person acting on our behalf reasonably believed that the buyer was outside the United States or (b) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market, and neither we nor any person acting on our behalf knows that the transaction was pre-arranged with a buyer in the United States.
3. No directed selling efforts have been made in the United States in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(a)(2) or Rule 904(a)(2) of Regulation S, as applicable.
4. The proposed transfer of Notes is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act.
5. If we are a dealer or a person receiving a selling concession or other fee or remuneration in respect of the Notes, and the proposed transfer takes place before end of the distribution compliance period under Regulation S, or we are an officer or director of the Company or a distributor, we certify that the proposed transfer is being made in accordance with the provisions of Rules 903 and 904 of Regulation S.
6. If the proposed transfer takes place before the end of the distribution compliance period under Regulation S, the beneficial interest in the Notes so transferred will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear (as defined in such Indenture) or Clearstream (as defined in such Indenture).
7. We have advised the transferee of the transfer restrictions applicable to the Notes.

You, the Company, and counsel for the Company are entitled to rely upon this Certificate and are irrevocably authorized to produce this Certificate or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceeding or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby. Terms used in this certificate have the meanings set forth in Regulation S.

Very truly yours,

[NAME OF SELLER]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Address:

Date of this Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Form of Supplemental Indenture in Respect of Subsidiary Guarantee

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE, dated as of [ ] (this “Supplemental Indenture”), among [name of Guarantor(s)] (the “New Subsidiary Guarantor(s)”), Victoria’s Secret & Co. (the “Company”), and each other then-existing Subsidiary Guarantor under the Indenture referred to below (the “Existing Guarantors”), and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Indenture referred to below.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Company[, any Existing Guarantors] and the Trustee have heretofore become parties to an Indenture, dated as of July [•], 2021 (as amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified, the “Indenture”), providing for the issuance of the Notes;

[WHEREAS, Section 1301 of the Indenture provides that, on the Escrow Release Date, the Company is required to cause each of its Wholly Owned Domestic Restricted Subsidiaries that Guarantees, or is a co-borrower in respect of, the Senior Term Facility or the ABL Facility to execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which each such Wholly Owned Domestic Restricted Subsidiary shall guarantee the Subsidiary Guaranteed Obligations pursuant to a Subsidiary Guarantee on the terms and conditions set forth herein and in Article XIII of the Indenture;]

[WHEREAS, Section 1308 of the Indenture provides that the Company is required to cause (i) each Restricted Subsidiary that is required to become a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to Section 414 of the Indenture and (ii) each Subsidiary of the Company that the Company causes to become a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to Section 414 of the Indenture, to execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which such Restricted Subsidiary shall guarantee the Subsidiary Guaranteed Obligations pursuant to a Subsidiary Guarantee on the terms and conditions set forth herein and in Article XIII of the Indenture;]

WHEREAS, each New Subsidiary Guarantor desires to enter into this Supplemental Indenture for good and valuable consideration, including substantial economic benefit in that the financial performance and condition of such New Subsidiary Guarantor is dependent on the financial performance and condition of the Company, the obligations hereunder of which such New Subsidiary Guarantor has guaranteed, and on such New Subsidiary Guarantor’s access to working capital through the Company’s access to revolving credit borrowings under the ABL Credit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 901 of the Indenture, the parties hereto are authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture to amend the Indenture, without the consent of any Holder;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the New Subsidiary Guarantors, the Company, the Existing Guarantors and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes as follows:

1. Defined Terms. As used in this Supplemental Indenture, terms defined in the Indenture or in the preamble or recital hereto are used herein as therein defined. The words “herein,” “hereof” and “hereby” and other words of similar import used in this Supplemental Indenture refer to this Supplemental Indenture as a whole and not to any particular section hereof.

2. Agreement to Guarantee. The New Subsidiary Guarantor hereby agrees, jointly and severally with [all] [any] other Existing Subsidiary Guarantors and fully and unconditionally, to guarantee the Subsidiary Guaranteed Obligations under the Indenture and the Notes on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in Article XIII of the Indenture and to be bound by (and shall be entitled to the benefits of) all other applicable provisions of the Indenture as a Subsidiary Guarantor.

3. Termination, Release and Discharge. The New Subsidiary Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee shall terminate and be of no further force or effect, and the New Subsidiary Guarantor shall be released and discharged from all obligations in respect of such Subsidiary Guarantee, as and when provided in Section 1303 of the Indenture.

4. Parties. Nothing in this Supplemental Indenture is intended or shall be construed to give any Person, other than the Holders and the Trustee, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of the New Subsidiary Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee or any provision contained herein or in Article XIII of the Indenture.

5. Governing Law. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE TRUSTEE, THE COMPANY, ANY OTHER OBLIGOR IN RESPECT OF THE NOTES AND (BY THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOTES) THE HOLDERS AGREE TO SUBMIT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR STATE COURT LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

6. Ratification of Indenture; Supplemental Indentures Part of Indenture. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed and all the terms, conditions and provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect. This Supplemental Indenture shall form a part of the Indenture for all purposes, and every Holder of Notes heretofore or hereafter authenticated and delivered shall be bound hereby. The Trustee makes no representation or warranty as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture or as to the accuracy of the recitals to this Supplemental Indenture.

7. Counterparts. The parties hereto may sign one or more copies of this Supplemental Indenture in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

8. Headings. The section headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provisions hereof.

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

[NAME OF GUARANTOR(S)], as Subsidiary Guarantor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

VICTORIA’S SECRET & CO.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

Form of Certificate from Acquiring Institutional Accredited Investors

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
10 W Broad St  
CN-OH-BD12  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Attention: Scott R. Miller, Vice President

Re: VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO. (the "Company")

4.625% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Notes")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with our proposed sale of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of Notes, we confirm that:

1. We understand that any subsequent transfer of the Notes is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Indenture dated as of July [●], 2021, relating to the Notes (as amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified, the "Indenture") and the undersigned agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes except in compliance with, such restrictions and conditions and the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").
2. We understand that the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable securities law, and that the Notes may not be offered, sold or otherwise transferred except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree, on our own behalf and on behalf of any accounts for which we are acting as hereinafter stated, that if we should offer, sell, transfer, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of any Notes within one year after the original issuance of the Notes, we will do so only (A) to the Company, (B) inside the United States to a "qualified institutional buyer" in compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act, (C) inside the United States to an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined below) that, prior to such transfer, furnishes to you a signed letter substantially in the form of this letter, (D) outside the United States to a foreign person in compliance with Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (E) pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act (if available), or (F) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, and we further agree to provide to any person purchasing any of the Notes from us a notice advising such purchaser that resales of the Notes are restricted as stated herein and in the Indenture.
3. We understand that, on any proposed transfer of any Notes prior to the later of the original issue date of the Notes and the last date the Notes were held by an affiliate of the Company pursuant to paragraphs 2(C), 2(D) and 2(E) above, we will be required to furnish to you and the Company such certifications, legal opinions and other information as you and the Company may reasonably require to confirm that the proposed transfer complies with the foregoing restrictions. We further understand that the Notes purchased by us will bear a legend to the foregoing effect.
4. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act) and have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we and any accounts for which we are acting are acquiring the Notes for investment purposes and not with a view to, or offer or sale in connection with, any distribution in violation of the Securities Act, and we are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.



5. We are acquiring the Notes purchased by us for our own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an institutional “accredited investor”) as to each of which we exercise sole investment discretion.

You, the Company and counsel to the Company are entitled to rely upon this letter and are irrevocably authorized to produce this letter or a copy hereof to any interested party in any administrative or legal proceedings or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby.

Very truly yours,

(Name of Transferee)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

**FORM OF  
L BRANDS TO VS TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**dated as of**

**[ ], 2021**

**by and between**

**L BRANDS, INC.**

**and**

**VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.**

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# L BRANDS TO VS TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT

L BRANDS TO VS TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT (this “**Agreement**”) dated as of [\_\_\_], 2021 (the “**Effective Date**”) between Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation (“**VS**”), and L Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**Service Provider**”).

## W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, VS and Service Provider have entered into a Separation and Distribution Agreement dated as of [\_\_\_], 2021 (the “**Separation Agreement**”), pursuant to which and on the terms and conditions set forth therein, among other things, Service Provider has agreed to distribute the VS Business to the holders of the L Brands Common Stock as of the Record Date;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Separation Agreement, Service Provider has agreed to enter into this Agreement to cause to be provided certain services to the Service Recipients on the terms and conditions set forth herein in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Separation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Service Provider has agreed to cause the Services to be provided in accordance with the terms hereof in order to facilitate the orderly transition of the VS Business from L Brands and the members of the L Brands Group to VS and the members of the VS Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. *Definitions.* (a) As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Dependent Services**” means, with respect to any specified Service (or portion thereof), any and all Services (or portion thereof) that, in Service Provider’s good faith reasonable determination, are dependent on the continuation of such specified Service (or portion thereof) or would be adversely affected by the termination or suspension of such specified Service (or portion thereof).

“**Disengagement Costs**” means any and all costs, charges and expenses of any kind incurred by Service Provider or any of its Affiliates in connection with the termination of this Agreement or relating to the cessation of any Services hereunder, including all third party charges, costs or fees, all third party cancellation or termination charges, costs or fees and the market value of all Disengagement Services provided by other Persons.

“**Disengagement Services**” means all services (other than the Services) provided hereunder at the request of VS primarily for the purpose of disengaging and transitioning Services from Service Provider and its Affiliates to VS or any of its Affiliates.

“**Service Costs**” means the Service Fees and Service Taxes.

“**Services**” means, subject to the limitations set forth herein and solely to the extent related to the VS Business, the transition services described on Schedules A-1 through A-[\_\_\_]; each such schedule a “**Service Schedule**” and collectively the “**Service Schedules**”.

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“**TSA Employee**” means each individual who (i) is employed by Service Provider or any of its Affiliates (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, any employee of any Service Recipient) and (ii) provides Services (or any portion thereof) pursuant to this Agreement.

(b) All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Separation Agreement.

(c) Each of the following terms is defined in the Section set forth opposite such term:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Section</b>
Additional Service	2.01(c)
Administrative Charge	3.01(c)
Agreement	Preamble
Allocated Cost	3.01(c)
Applicable Agreements	9.15
Arbitration Association	9.07(c)
Cap	6.06(b)
Confidential Information	5.01
Cost Components	3.01(c)
Covered Severance Costs	4.04(b)(i)
Covered TSA Employee	4.04(b)(ii)
Customary Billing	3.01(b)
Damages	6.01(a)
Developed Intellectual Property	2.09(d)
Dispute	9.07(a)
Effective Date	Preamble
Excluded TSA Employee	4.04(c)
Fixed Fee Billing	3.01(b)
Hiring Plan	4.01
Indemnified Party	6.02(a)
Indemnifying Party	6.02(a)
Integrated Agreements	9.15
IT Breach	2.11
Mediation Notice	9.07(b)
Mediation Period	9.07(c)
Net Sales Ratio	3.04
Pass-Through Billing	3.01(b)
Payment Date	3.06(b)
Percent of Sales Billing	3.01(b)
Representatives	2.12
Separation Agreement	Recitals
Service Fees	3.01(b)
Service Manager	2.14
Service Provider	Preamble
Service Provider Indemnitees	6.01(a)
Service Provider Party	2.02
Service Recipient Indemnitees	6.01(b)
Service Recipients	2.01(a)
Service Taxes	3.08(a)
Specific Billing	3.01(b)
Term	2.01(b)
Termination Fees	7.02
Third Party Claim	6.02(a)
Third Party Consent Costs	2.08(a)
Third Party Provider	2.02
Transition Date	4.02(c)(ii)
Transition Employee	4.02(c)(i)
VS	Preamble
VS Developed Intellectual Property	2.09(d)
VS to L Brands TSA	9.15

Section 1.02. *Other Definitional and Interpretive Provisions.* The words “hereof”, “herein” and “hereunder” and words of like import used in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. The captions herein are included for convenience of reference only and shall be ignored in the construction or interpretation hereof. References to Articles, Sections, Exhibits, Appendices, Annexes and Schedules are to Articles, Sections, Exhibits, Appendices, Annexes and Schedules of this Agreement unless otherwise specified. All Exhibits, Appendices, Annexes and Schedules annexed hereto or referred to herein are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement as if set forth in full herein. Any capitalized terms used in any Exhibit, Appendix, Annex or Schedule but not otherwise defined therein, shall have the meaning as defined in this Agreement. Any singular term in this Agreement shall be deemed to include the plural, and any plural term the singular. Whenever the words “include”, “includes” or “including” are used in this Agreement, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words “without limitation”, whether or not they are in fact followed by those words or words of like import. “Writing”, “written” and comparable terms refer to printing, typing and other means of reproducing words (including electronic media) in a visible form. References to any statute shall be deemed to refer to such statute as amended from time to time and to any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder. References to any agreement or contract are to that agreement or contract as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof. References to any Person include the successors and permitted assigns of that Person. References from or through any date mean, unless otherwise specified, from and including or through and including, respectively. References to “law”, “laws” or to a particular statute or law shall be deemed also to include any and all Applicable Law. The word “or” means “and/or” unless the context provides otherwise. References to “dollars” or “\$” shall mean U.S. dollars, and whenever conversion of values to or from any currency other than U.S. dollars for a particular date shall be required, such conversion shall be made using the closing rate provided by Bloomberg as of the date that is one Business Day prior to such date. References to one gender shall be held to include the other gender as the context requires. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms set forth in any Service Schedule, the terms set forth in the applicable Service Schedule shall prevail unless expressly provided otherwise.

## ARTICLE 2

### SERVICES

Section 2.01. *Services.* (a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Service Provider shall cause the Service Provider Parties to provide to VS and its Affiliates (collectively the “**Service Recipients**”), and the Service Recipients shall receive, the Services for the term indicated in Section 2.01(b). A detailed description of each Service to be provided by the Service Provider Parties to the Service Recipients hereunder is set forth in the Service Schedules.

(b) Service Provider shall cause the Service Provider Parties to provide, and the Service Recipients shall receive, each Service for the period specified for such Service in the applicable Service Schedule (each such period, a “**Term**”). The Term for each Service may be (i) extended or shortened by mutual written agreement of VS and Service Provider, and (ii) terminated by VS or Service Provider, as applicable, pursuant to Section 7.01, in each case to be reflected in an amendment to the applicable Service Schedule.

(c) In addition to the Services to be provided or procured by Service Provider in accordance with Section 2.01(a), if due to a good faith oversight, the Service Schedules fail to identify a service provided by the Service Provider Parties to the VS Business during the twelve month period prior to the date hereof (an “**Additional Service**”), and such Additional Service is necessary for the Service Recipients during the term of this Agreement to operate the VS Business in substantially the same manner as the VS Business had been operated during the twelve month period prior to the date hereof, upon written request of any Service Recipient that identifies and states its desire to receive such Additional Service, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith for Service Provider to provide or cause to be provided such Additional Service; *provided* that (i) nothing herein shall obligate either party hereto to agree to any such terms or to provide or receive any such Additional Service unless agreed in writing by both parties hereto and (ii) no Additional which such Additional Service would be provided, the Service Fees for such Additional Service and any other terms applicable thereto. Upon amendment of the Service Schedules to include such Additional Service, such Additional Service shall be deemed part of the “Services” provided under this Agreement subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section 2.02. *Service Provider’s Affiliates and Third Party Providers.* In providing, or otherwise making available, the Services to the Service Recipients, Service Provider may use, at its discretion, its own personnel or the personnel of any of its Affiliates (including the TSA Employees) or employ the services of contractors, subcontractors, vendors or other third parties (each, a “**Third Party Provider**”); *provided* that Service Provider shall remain responsible for ensuring that its obligations with respect to such Services, including the general standard of service described below under Section 2.03, are satisfied with respect to all Services provided by any Service Provider Party. Each of Service Provider, its Affiliates and any Third Party Provider that provides Services shall be referred to as a “**Service Provider Party**”.

Section 2.03. *General Standard of Service.* Except as otherwise agreed in writing by the parties hereto or expressly provided in this Agreement, each Service Provider Party shall provide Services in all material respects in substantially the same manner in terms of the nature, quality and standard of care as such services have been provided by Service Provider and its Affiliates to the Affiliates and other businesses of Service Provider during the twelve month period prior to the date hereof and after the date hereof. Service Provider shall not be responsible for any inability to provide a Service or any delay in doing so to the extent that such inability or delay is the result of the failure of any Service Recipient to timely provide the information, access or other cooperation necessary for a Service Provider Party to provide such Service. Service Provider's obligation to cause the Services to be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in this Section 2.03 shall be subject to Service Provider's right to supplement, modify, substitute or otherwise alter any of the Services from time to time in a manner that is generally consistent with supplements, modifications, substitutions or alterations made for similar services provided or otherwise made available by a Service Provider Party to Service Provider or any of its Affiliates or as required by Applicable Law.

Section 2.04. *Compliance with Applicable Law.* The parties hereto will comply, and will cause their Affiliates and their respective employees to comply, with all Applicable Law in the performance of this Agreement.

Section 2.05. *Force Majeure.* Neither party hereto shall be liable to the other party hereto for any interruption of service, any delays or any failure to perform under this Agreement caused by matters or events occurring that are beyond the reasonable control of such party, including, strikes, lockouts or other labor difficulties; fires, floods, acts of God, extremes of weather, earthquakes, tornadoes, or similar occurrences; riot, insurrection or other hostilities; embargo; fuel or energy shortage; delays by unaffiliated suppliers or carriers; inability to obtain necessary labor, materials or utilities; or any epidemic, pandemic or disease outbreak (including COVID-19) or worsening thereof. Any delays, interruptions or failures to perform caused by such occurrences shall not be deemed to be a breach or failure to perform under this Agreement; *provided* that (i) this Section 2.05 only operates to suspend, and not to discharge, a party's obligations under this Agreement, and that when the causes of the failure or delay are removed or alleviated, the affected party shall resume performance of its obligations hereunder and to the extent such suspension adversely impacts the progress of the transition of any Service to a Service Recipient, the Service Recipient may request in writing that the Term for such Service shall be tolled for the duration of such suspension and (ii) this Section 2.05 shall not excuse a party's obligation to pay money; *provided, further*, that VS shall not be obligated to pay (other than previously accrued Service Costs) for any particular Service during the pendency of Service Provider's failure to provide such particular Service. Each party hereto shall use its good faith efforts to promptly notify the other upon learning of the occurrence of such event of a force majeure and (x) the affected party shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate and eliminate the force majeure in order to resume performance as promptly as practicable, *provided* that such affected party will have no obligation to incur any costs or liabilities to do so, and (y) the unaffected party shall have no obligation hereunder with respect to the obligations the affected party is unable to perform due to the force majeure event. If Service Provider is unable to provide any of the Services due to a force majeure event, the parties hereto shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperatively seek a solution that is mutually satisfactory, such as the subcontracting of all or part of the provision of the Services under the supervision of Service Provider for the period of time during or affected by the force majeure.

Section 2.06. *Limitations.* (a) VS agrees that the Services will be used by each Service Recipient solely in connection with the operation of the VS Business and to facilitate an orderly transition of the operation of the VS Business following the Distribution Time. No member of the VS Group may resell, license the use of or otherwise permit the use by any Person other than the Service Recipients of any Services, except with the prior written consent of Service Provider.



(b) In providing the Services, no Service Provider Party shall be obligated to, unless expressly agreed in writing by the parties or expressly set forth on the applicable Service Schedule: (i) hire any additional employees; (ii) maintain the employment of any specific employee; (iii) purchase, lease or license any additional equipment, hardware, Intellectual Property Right or software, except to the extent (A) software is reasonably necessary for the performance or receipt of a Service and (B) VS agrees to solely bear the applicable cost and expense (and which shall be subject to VS's prior written approval) or (iv) provide any Service to any Service Recipient for any fiscal year at a volume or level that is more than 120% of the volume or level of such Service in the preceding fiscal year.

Section 2.07. *Labor Matters.* All labor matters relating to any TSA Employees shall be within the exclusive control of Service Provider (or its applicable Affiliate or Third Party Provider), and VS and its Affiliates shall not take any action affecting such matters. Except as expressly provided in Article 4, nothing in this Agreement is intended to transfer the employment of any TSA Employee to VS or any of its Affiliates. All TSA Employees will be deemed for all compensation, employee benefits, tax and social security contribution purposes to be employees of Service Provider (or its applicable Affiliate or Third Party Provider) and not employees of VS or any of its Affiliates. In providing the Services, the TSA Employees will be under the direction, control and supervision of Service Provider or its Affiliates or Third Party Provider and not of VS or any of its Affiliates. Except with respect to the VS Assets, or any other assets and materials provided by VS in accordance with Section 2.08(b), all procedures, methods, systems, strategies, tools, equipment, facilities and other resources of any Service Provider Party that are used by any Service Provider Party in connection with the provision of Services hereunder (including any Intellectual Property Right whether existing or created in connection with the provision of the Services or otherwise) shall remain the property of such Service Provider Party and shall at all times be under the sole direction and control of Service Provider.

Section 2.08. *Facilities; Cooperation; Further Actions.* (a) Service Provider and VS shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain, and to keep and maintain in effect (or to cause their respective Affiliates to obtain, and to keep and maintain in effect), all governmental or third party licenses and consents required for the provision of any Service by a Service Provider Party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; *provided* that if Service Provider or any of its Affiliates is unable to obtain any such license or consent, Service Provider shall promptly notify VS in writing and shall, and shall cause its Affiliates to, use commercially reasonable efforts to implement an appropriate alternative arrangement. The costs relating to obtaining any such licenses or consents shall be borne solely by VS (the "**Third Party Consent Costs**") and none of Service Provider or any of its Affiliates shall be required to pay any money or other consideration or grant any other accommodation to any Person (including any amendment to any contract) or initiate any action, suit or proceeding against any Person to obtain any such license or consent; *provided* that Service Provider and its Affiliates shall not incur any such costs without the prior written consent of VS. If any such license, consent or alternative arrangement is not available despite the commercially reasonable efforts of Service Provider and its Affiliates or as a result of VS failing to consent to the incurrence of costs relating to obtaining any such license or consent, Service Provider shall not be required to cause to be provided the affected Services.

(b) To the extent necessary, or upon Service Provider's reasonable request, VS shall make all VS Assets or other facilities (including all ancillary facilities-related services), assets, information technology systems and applications or materials of the Service Recipients available to Service Provider or the applicable Service Provider Party for the provision of the Services (it being understood that, as between the parties hereto, title to all VS Assets and such other facilities, assets, information technology systems and applications or materials shall at all times remain with the applicable Service Recipient and such Service Recipient shall at all times be the owner of record of such VS Assets and other facilities, assets information technology systems and applications or materials and shall be solely responsible for any matters arising therefrom or related thereto); *provided* that in the event VS fails to make any such VS Assets or other facilities, assets, information technology systems and applications or materials available to Service Provider or the applicable Service Provider Party, Service Provider shall have no further obligation to provide any affected Services to the extent such VS Assets or other facilities, assets, information technology systems and applications or materials are required for the provision of such Services.

Section 2.09. *Intellectual Property.* (a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, with respect to each Service, Service Provider (on behalf of itself and its Affiliates) hereby grants to each Service Recipient and its Affiliates a limited, non-exclusive, non-sublicenseable, non-assignable (except as expressly provided for in Section 9.04) license, solely during the Term for such Service, to use any Intellectual Property Right (other than Trademarks), software and data that is (i) owned by Service Provider or its Affiliates and (ii) provided or otherwise made available by Service Provider or its Affiliates to such Service Recipient as part of such Service, but in each case solely to the extent necessary for such Service Recipient and its Affiliates to receive and use such Service as provided for and in accordance with this Agreement, subject to any applicable third party restrictions or limitations.

(b) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, with respect to each Service, each Service Recipient (on behalf of itself and its Affiliates) hereby grants to Service Provider and its Affiliates a limited, non-exclusive, royalty-free, non-sublicenseable (except as expressly set forth herein), non-assignable (except as expressly provided for in Section 9.04) license, solely during the Term for such Service, in and to any Intellectual Property Right (other than Trademarks), software and data owned or controlled by such Service Recipient or any of its Affiliates, but in each case solely to the extent necessary for Service Provider, its Affiliates or any Third Party Provider to perform such Service as provided for and in accordance with this Agreement, subject to any applicable third party restrictions or limitations (it being understood that Service Provider shall have the right to grant a sublicense under the foregoing license to any Third Party Provider).

(c) ALL SERVICES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS LICENSED HEREUNDER ARE PROVIDED ON AN “AS IS” BASIS WITH NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING WITH RESPECT TO MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT, NO LICENSES OR OTHER RIGHTS TO ANY SOFTWARE, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, DATA OR OTHER ASSETS ARE GRANTED TO EITHER PARTY HERETO UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER BY IMPLICATION, ESTOPPEL, EXHAUSTION OR OTHERWISE, AND EACH PARTY HERETO RETAINS AND RESERVES ALL RIGHTS NOT EXPRESSLY GRANTED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

(d) The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that, as between the parties, Service Provider shall solely own all right, title and interest in and to all Intellectual Property Rights (other than Trademarks) authored, conceived, developed or reduced to practice by any Service Provider Party (whether solely or jointly with others) in connection with the Services (“**Developed Intellectual Property**”), *provided* that VS shall own all right, title and interest in and to all Developed Intellectual Property exclusively used in the VS Business (“**VS Developed Intellectual Property**”). VS hereby irrevocably assigns, and shall cause the other Service Recipients to assign, to Service Provider all of its or their right, title and interest in and to all Developed Intellectual Property (other than VS Developed Intellectual Property), and hereby waives any and all moral rights that it or they may have in all such Developed Intellectual Property. Service Provider hereby irrevocably assigns, and shall cause the other Service Provider Parties to assign, to VS all of its or their right, title and interest in and to all VS Developed Intellectual Property, and hereby waives any and all moral rights that it or they may have in any VS Developed Intellectual Property. The parties hereto agree to execute all other documents and take all actions as may be necessary or desirable to enable the other party to prosecute, perfect, enforce, defend, register and/or record its right, title and interest in, to and under the Developed Intellectual Property or VS Developed Intellectual Property, as applicable.

Section 2.10. *Data Ownership and Data Protection.* As between the parties hereto, the applicable Service Recipient shall be the owner of all data collected, used, stored or otherwise processed by or on behalf of such Service Recipient under this Agreement to the extent related to the VS Business. Service Provider shall, and VS shall cause the Service Recipients to, comply with the Data Processing Addendum attached as Annex A hereto and all applicable privacy and data protection laws that are or that may in the future be applicable to the provision of Services hereunder.

Section 2.11. *Information Technology.* VS shall cause each Service Recipient, its employees and any subcontractors to: (a) not attempt to obtain access to or use any information technology systems of any Service Provider Party, or any data owned by any Service Provider Party, or any data used or processed by any Service Provider Party (other than any data of any Service Recipient), except to the extent required to receive the Services; (b) maintain reasonable security measures to protect the systems of each Service Provider Party to which it has access pursuant to this Agreement from access by unauthorized third parties, and any “back door”, “time bomb”, “Trojan Horse”, “worm”, “drop dead device”, “virus” or other computer software routine intended or designed to disrupt, disable, harm or otherwise impede in any manner the operation of such systems; (c) not permit access or use of information technology systems of any Service Provider Party by a third party other than as authorized by prior written consent of Service Provider; (d) not disable, damage or erase or disrupt or impair the normal operation of the information technology systems of any Service Provider Party; and (e) comply with the security policies and procedures of each Service Provider Party (to the extent previously provided to each Service Recipient in writing). Each party hereto shall promptly notify the other party in the event it or any of its respective Affiliates becomes aware of or suspects that there has been a breach of security or a loss, theft or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of any information technology systems (collectively, “**IT Breach**”) of any Service Provider Party or any Service Recipient to the extent such (i) IT Breach could adversely affect the provision or receipt of the Services hereunder or such other party’s data or Confidential Information or (ii) notice is required by Applicable Law.

Section 2.12. *Policies and Procedures.* VS shall cause each Service Recipient and its employees, officers, directors, advisors and representatives (collectively, “**Representatives**”) and any subcontractors to comply with the internal policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Service Provider Parties (as may be updated from time to time) applicable to (a) the use of the Service Provider Parties’ information technology systems, computers, networks, telephone systems, software, data, equipment or other facilities in connection with the Services or (b) such Service Recipient’s conduct while on a Service Provider Party’s premises or utilizing a Service Provider Party’s facilities in connection with the Services, in each case to the extent such policies, procedures, rules or regulations are generally applicable to such Service Provider Party’s own organization.

Section 2.13. *Access to Information.* (a) Subject to Applicable Law, VS shall, and shall cause the other Service Recipients to, with respect to any Service during the Term of such Service, upon reasonable advance notice, afford Service Provider and its Representatives, including Service Provider’s internal and external auditors, reasonable access, during normal business hours, to the employees, properties, books and records and other documents of the Service Recipients that are reasonably requested by Service Provider in connection with the provision and receipt of such Service hereunder.

(b) Subject to Applicable Law, Service Provider shall, upon reasonable advance notice, afford VS’s internal audit associates and VS’s current external audit firm (who has executed an appropriate confidentiality agreement reasonably acceptable to Service Provider) reasonable access, during normal business hours, to the information technology systems used by Service Provider with respect to the provision of any Service hereunder solely during the Term of such Service and solely for the purpose of performing audit procedures to support the audit of VS’s financial statements and VS’s internal control environment, including VS’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. VS’s internal audit associates and VS’s external audit firm shall be authorized to maintain documentation supporting the findings of their respective audit procedures. If VS wishes to use a new external audit firm for its 2021 or 2022 fiscal year audits, VS must obtain prior written consent from Service Provider, and such new firm must execute an appropriate confidentiality agreement reasonable acceptable to Service Provider, before such new firm is granted access to Service Provider’s information technology systems pursuant to this Section 2.13(b).

Section 2.14. *Transition Governance.* Service Provider, on the one hand, and VS, on the other hand, shall each designate a service manager (that party's "**Service Manager**"), who shall be directly responsible for coordinating and managing for the party he or she represents all activities undertaken by such party hereunder, including making available to the other party the information, facilities, resources and other support services required for the performance of, or receipt of, the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Service Managers shall meet or confer, by telephone or in person, from time to time as necessary, and at least once per month or otherwise as the parties agree, during the term of this Agreement in order to promote open and efficient communication regarding effective and coordinated performance of, and the resolution of questions and issues related to, the Services. The Service Managers shall also discuss progress in the transition of the Services hereunder and may establish a set of procedures, including frequency of meetings and reporting, and other reasonable structures for their cooperation and the cooperation of the parties in the execution of their obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Service Provider, on the one hand, and VS, on the other hand, may, in its sole discretion, replace its respective Service Manager from time to time with a substitute upon notice to the other party.

### ARTICLE 3 SERVICE FEES

#### Section 3.01. *Fees for Services.*

(a) In consideration for the Services provided under this Agreement, VS shall pay to Service Provider (or the Service Provider Party designated by Service Provider) the fees for each Service, as calculated below.

(b) Each Service Schedule indicates, with respect to each Service listed therein, whether the costs to be charged to the Service Recipients for such Service are determined by (i) the customary billing method described in Section 3.02 ("**Customary Billing**"), (ii) the pass-through billing method described in Section 3.03 ("**Pass-Through Billing**"), (iii) the percentage of net sales method described in Section 3.04 ("**Percent of Sales Billing**"), (iv) the fixed fee method described in Section 3.05 ("**Fixed Fee Billing**"), (v) a specific billing method to be mutually agreed upon by the applicable Service Recipients and Service Provider ("**Specific Billing**") or (vi) some combination thereof. The amounts calculated by the Service Provider pursuant to the Customary Billing, Pass-Through Billing, Percent of Sales Billing, Fixed Fee Billing and Specific Billing methods applicable to Services provided to the Service Recipients and charged to the Service Recipients as provided herein, together with any and all Disengagement Costs incurred in connection with the provision of any and all Disengagement Services, are collectively referred to herein as the "**Service Fees**."

(c) The Service Fees calculated pursuant to each of the specific billing methods described herein may include without limitation (and without duplication) one or more of the following costs: (i) direct (i.e., out-of-pocket) costs incurred by the Service Provider Parties in providing the Services, (ii) subject to the express terms of any applicable Service Schedule, a reasonably and fairly allocated portion of costs or expenses (including the allocable portion of the compensation, benefits and other employment-related costs relating to the TSA Employees (including with respect to participation by such TSA Employees in any L Brands H&W Plan (as defined in the Employee Matters Agreement), but excluding the cost of any severance and other termination-related payments and benefits (which shall be reimbursable in accordance with Section 4.04), and service-specific overhead costs and the costs of depreciation of new and existing assets) incurred by one or more of the Service Provider Parties in providing services to one or more of the Service Provider and its Affiliates and the Service Recipients (each, an "**Allocated Cost**"), and (iii) third party costs, including but not limited to Third Party Consent Costs, incurred by one or more of the Service Provider Parties in providing the Services (each of (i)-(iii), a "**Cost Component**," and collectively, the "**Cost Components**"). To the extent expressly set forth in the Service Schedules, the Service Fees may include a cost-plus billing method based upon the aggregate costs incurred by Service Provider or its Affiliates relative to a particular Service plus a percentage of such costs in consideration of Service Provider's or its Affiliates' procurement and administration ("**Administrative Charge**") of such Service.

(d) The parties hereto intend and agree that this Agreement provides for the orderly and efficient transition of the VS Business to stand-alone functionality and that the methods of calculation of the Service Fees hereunder shall permit the Service Provider (or its Affiliates, if so designated) to receive full reimbursement for all overhead, administrative and supervisory costs and expenses incurred directly or indirectly by the Service Provider Parties in connection with the provision of the Services consistent with the manner in which the Service Provider Party charges and/or receives reimbursement from its Affiliates from time to time (including one or more of the Cost Components, together with any other amounts agreed to by the parties hereto) as provided in the applicable Service Schedule or as otherwise agreed by the parties hereto. It is further understood and agreed that when any Service Fees for Services hereunder are to be determined or agreed upon by Service Provider and VS (whether before or after the Distribution Time), such Service Fees shall, except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, in all events include all pertinent Cost Components and any other amounts therefor mutually agreed to by the parties hereto, including any Administrative Charge to the extent expressly set forth in the Service Schedule.

Section 3.02. *Customary Billing.* The Service Fees to which the Customary Billing method applies shall, subject to Section 3.01(c) and (d), be calculated on a basis that is substantially equivalent to the basis on which costs are attributed (whether through direct or indirect charges, allocations or otherwise) from time to time, now or in the future, to other companies or businesses operated by Service Provider for the same or comparable services (including one or more of the Cost Components); *provided*, that (i) in respect of any particular Services, if Service Provider does not generally attribute costs associated with the same or comparable services to other companies or businesses operated by Service Provider as provided above, then the Customary Billing method for such Services shall be equivalent to the market value of all Services provided by Service Provider personnel and other Persons (including all Cost Components) which are reasonably allocable to the provision of such Services to the Service Recipients and (ii) if Service Provider provides financial relief from time to time to any companies or businesses operated by Service Provider with respect to any costs, fees, expenses and/or allocations that are otherwise generally allocated to or paid by companies or businesses operated by Service Provider, the Service Recipients shall not be entitled to the same financial relief.

Section 3.03. *Pass-Through Billing.* The costs of Services to which the Pass-Through Billing method applies shall, subject to Section 3.01(c) and (d), be equal to the aggregate amount of the third-party costs and expenses incurred (which costs shall include but not be limited to adjustments for attributable rebates and Third Party Consent Costs) by any Service Provider Party on behalf of the Service Recipients.

Section 3.04. *Percent of Sales Billing.* The costs of Services to which the Percent-of-Sales Billing method applies shall, subject to Section 3.01(c) and (d), be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying (x) the aggregate cost incurred each month by the Service Provider and its Affiliates in providing such Services to one or more businesses of Service Provider or its Affiliates and to all Service Recipients by (y) the Net Sales Ratio for such month. “**Net Sales Ratio**” means the net sales of the applicable Service Recipients for a particular month divided by the aggregate net sales of all businesses of Service Provider, combined with (i) the net sales of the Service Recipient to which costs for such month are being allocated and (ii) the net sales of any Service Recipient other than the Service Recipient identified in clause (i) receiving such Services to which costs for such month are being allocated. In order to permit Service Provider to calculate the billing method provided for in this Section 3.04 (and for no other purpose), the applicable Service Recipient shall provide Service Provider with all reasonably necessary sales information not later than the close of business on the first Business Day immediately following such calendar month.

Section 3.05. *Fixed Fee Billing.* The cost of Services to which the Fixed Fee Billing method applies shall be in the amount set forth in the applicable Service Schedule.

Section 3.06. *Invoicing of Fees.* (a) Service Provider shall invoice, or shall cause the applicable Service Provider Party to invoice, VS on a monthly basis (not later than the fifteenth day of the following month), for the Service Costs and any applicable Disengagement Costs incurred in the prior month, including reasonable supporting data. Service Provider shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause invoices to be presented to VS on the schedule set forth in this Section 3.06, but no delay in presentation of an invoice shall affect VS's obligation to pay the full amount of such invoice, when presented, on the terms set forth herein.

(b) Except as specifically provided on the applicable Service Schedule, VS shall pay, or shall cause to be paid, each invoice delivered pursuant to Section 3.06(a) on or before the date (each, a "**Payment Date**") that is 30 days after the date of receipt of such invoice. Such payments shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated by Service Provider.

(c) If VS fails to pay the full amount of any invoice under this Agreement within 15 days of the applicable Payment Date, VS shall be obligated to pay, in addition to the amount due on such Payment Date, interest on such amount at the rate of 12% per annum, compounded monthly from the applicable Payment Date through the date of payment; *provided* that such interest rate shall not exceed the maximum rate permitted by Applicable Law. All payments made shall be applied first to unpaid interest and then to amounts invoiced but unpaid. If VS fails to pay the full amount of any invoice within 30 days of the applicable Payment Date, such failure shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement, and to the extent the aggregate amount of such overdue unpaid invoices exceeds \$1,000,000, Service Provider may, after 10 days' prior notice to VS, elect to suspend, without liability, its obligations hereunder to cause to be provided any or all Services to VS until such time as such invoices have been paid in full.

(d) If any Service requires any Service Provider Party to make any payment to any third party on behalf of any Service Recipient or any of its Affiliates, VS shall deposit, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated by Service Provider, the amount of such payment at least one Business Day prior to the date on which such payment is to be made; *provided* that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Service Provider shall have no obligation to cause any such payment to be made unless and until VS deposits the full amount of any such payment in accordance with this Section 3.06(d).

Section 3.07. *Right to Set Off.* Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or the VS to L Brands TSA to the contrary and without limiting any of VS's or any of its Affiliates' other remedies under contract or Applicable Law, VS shall have the right, but not the obligation, to set off any payments that are past due by Service Provider or any member of the L Brands Group under the VS to L Brands TSA and not yet paid by Service Provider or any such L Brands Group member against any Service Fees that have become payable and not yet been paid by VS hereunder; *provided* that such set off amount shall be identified in reasonable detail in the next applicable invoice sent to Service Provider. Except as set forth herein, VS hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waives any rights of set off, netting, offset, recoupment, or similar right that VS has or may have with respect to the payment of the Service Fees or any other payments to be made by VS pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 3.08. *Taxes.* (a) VS shall bear and pay all applicable sales, use, transaction, consumption, excise, services, value added, transfer, payroll, employment and other similar Taxes (and any related interest, penalty, addition to tax or additional amount imposed) incurred or imposed with respect to the provision of the Services, to this Agreement or to any payment hereunder ("**Service Taxes**"), whether or not such Service Taxes are shown on any invoices. If any Service Provider Party pays any portion of such Service Taxes, VS shall reimburse such Service Provider Party within five (5) days of receipt of evidence that such Service Taxes have been paid. Any Service Taxes shall be incremental to other payments or charges identified in this Agreement.

(b) All sums payable under this Agreement shall be paid free and clear of all deductions or withholdings unless such deduction or withholding is required by Applicable Law, in which event VS shall promptly inform the Service Provider Party of such required deduction or withholding and the amount of the payment due from VS shall be increased to an amount that after any deduction or withholding leaves an amount equal to the payment that would have been due if no such deduction or withholding had been required. VS shall pay (or cause to be paid) such deducted or withheld amounts over to the applicable Governmental Authority in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Law and provide the applicable Service Provider Party with an official receipt confirming payment.

Section 3.09. *Audits.* Throughout the term of this Agreement and for one year thereafter, VS shall have the right once within each calendar year, at its own expense and on 30 days' advance written notice to Service Provider, to have an independent auditor reasonably acceptable to Service Provider (and who has executed an appropriate confidentiality agreement reasonably acceptable to Service Provider) audit the books and records of Service Provider or any of its Affiliates for the sole purpose of certifying the accuracy of the Service Fees and Cost Components charged by Service Provider to the Service Recipients in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for the preceding calendar year; *provided* that (i) any such audit shall take place during reasonable business hours on a mutually agreed upon date, (ii) such auditor shall in no event be entitled to any contingency fee (or otherwise have any portion of its compensation be directly or indirectly determined based on the outcome of such audit) and (iii) no such books and records may be audited more than one time. Service Provider may designate competitively sensitive information which such auditor may see and review but which it may not disclose to VS and all such books and records, and any applicable audit report and findings, shall be the Confidential Information of Service Provider. VS shall provide to Service Provider a copy of each such audit report promptly after its receipt thereof. In the event that any such audit indicates any overpayment or underpayment of amounts paid to Service Provider by any Service Recipient, the applicable party shall pay to the other party (within 30 days following the date of delivery of such audit report to Service Provider) the amount of such overpayment or underpayment, as the case may be, plus (if the overpayment or underpayment amount exceeds \$250,000.00) interest accruing monthly from the date of such overpayment or underpayment until such amount is paid at 12% per annum, compounded monthly from the relevant payment due date through the date of payment (*provided* that such interest rate shall not exceed the maximum rate permitted by Applicable Law). If either party hereto has a good faith dispute with respect to the findings of such audit, the parties shall follow the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section 9.07.

#### ARTICLE 4

##### HIRING PLAN; TRANSITION EMPLOYEES; SEVERANCE

Section 4.01. *Hiring Plan.* With respect to each applicable Service, each of Service Provider and VS (or their applicable Service Managers) shall mutually cooperate to establish a hiring plan setting forth the additional number of new employees to be hired by Service Provider and its Affiliates following the Distribution Date for purposes of providing the applicable Services (the "**Hiring Plan**").

Section 4.02. *Employment of Transition Employees.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or in the Employee Matters Agreement:

(a) Service Provider or an Affiliate of Service Provider shall retain in its employ each Transition Employee until the Transition Date applicable to such Transition Employee (unless the employment of the relevant Transition Employee is otherwise terminated by such Transition Employee or by the employer of such Transition Employee in the ordinary course of business); and

(b) VS shall, or shall cause one of its Affiliates to, offer employment to each Transition Employee, effective as of the Transition Date applicable to such Transition Employee, in accordance with Section 4.03 below.

(c) For these purposes:

(i) “**Transition Employee**” means each TSA Employee with respect to whom Service Provider and VS have mutually identified and agreed in writing will transfer employment from Service Provider or one of its Affiliates to VS or one of its Affiliates.

(ii) “**Transition Date**” means, with respect to each Transition Employee who accepts an offer of employment from VS or its applicable Affiliate pursuant to this Article 4, the date on which such Transition Employee’s employment commences with VS or an applicable Affiliate of VS, which shall be the earliest of (A) the first day immediately following the last day of the applicable Term, as identified in the applicable Service Schedule, (B) the termination of (x) the applicable Service in which such Transition Employee is engaged or (y) this Agreement, in each case pursuant to Section 7.01 or (C) any other day mutually agreed upon in writing by VS and Service Provider.

Section 4.03. *Transfer of Transition Employees.*

(a) Each of Service Provider and VS will cooperate in good faith to mutually identify the Transition Employees as promptly as practicable following the date of this Agreement.

(b) VS shall, or shall cause an Affiliate of VS to, offer employment to each Transition Employee on terms and conditions consistent with (i) the Employee Matters Agreement and (ii) the terms and conditions of employment applicable to such Transition Employee as of immediately prior to the applicable Transition Date. Subject to such Transition Employee’s acceptance of such offer, such employment shall commence effective as of the Transition Date applicable to such Transition Employee. Such offer of employment shall be communicated by VS (or its applicable Affiliate) to such Transition Employee in a reasonable amount of time prior to such Transition Date in accordance with procedures to be mutually determined by Service Provider and VS.

(c) Subject to such Transition Employee’s acceptance of such offer of employment, such Transition Employee shall be deemed a Delayed VS Transfer Employee (as defined in the Employee Matters Agreement), effective as of such Transition Employee’s applicable Transition Date, for all purposes under the Employee Matters Agreement, and the provisions of Employee Matters Agreement shall apply with respect to such Transition Employee.

(d) As provided under the Employee Matters Agreement, and without limiting any other provisions of this Agreement or the Employee Matters Agreement, VS (or its applicable Affiliate) will take all measures that are required or appropriate in order to (i) effectuate the transfer of employment of each Transition Employee to VS (or its applicable Affiliate) as of the Transition Date applicable to such Transition Employee (including by making an offer of employment to such Transition Employee in accordance with the terms of this Article 4) and (ii) avoid and mitigate, to the maximum extent possible, the incurrence of any severance obligations or termination-related obligations in connection with the transfer of employment of any Transition Employee to VS (or its applicable Affiliate) in accordance with this Section 4.03 (including by the provision of all appropriate notices, assurances and offers of employment and the assignment and assumption of obligations or undertakings with respect to the employment, compensation, benefits, protections or other obligations relating to any such Transition Employee).

(e) Service Provider and VS shall reasonably cooperate to (i) enable VS and its applicable Affiliates to communicate with the Transition Employees and receive information with respect to the terms of employment of the Transition Employees as necessary and appropriate to facilitate VS’s obligations under this Article 4 and (ii) transfer and assign to VS (or its applicable Affiliate), and effectuate the assumption by VS (or its applicable Affiliate), all employment- and benefit-related obligations of the Service Provider (and its Affiliates) with respect to each Transition Employee who accepts and commences employment with VS (or its applicable Affiliate) in accordance with the Employee Matters Agreement, other than the obligations expressly retained by the Service Provider (and its Affiliates) pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement. VS shall notify Service Provider in writing of each offer of employment made by VS (or its applicable Affiliate) to each Transition Employee, including the date of the offer, the proposed employment date and the terms and conditions of the offer.



(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or the Employee Matters Agreement, in the event of a termination of employment of any Covered TSA Employee (as defined below) that occurs (i) during the Term of the applicable Service in which such Covered TSA Employee is engaged (as may be extended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement) or (ii) in connection with the termination or cessation of the applicable Service in which such Covered TSA Employee is engaged, each of Service Provider and VS shall bear fifty percent (50%) (or such other applicable percentage as set forth in the applicable Service Schedule) of any Covered Severance Costs (as defined below), if any, incurred by Service Provider and its Affiliates relating to such termination of the applicable Covered TSA Employee's employment.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement:

(i) **"Covered Severance Costs"** means the total cost of any severance and other termination-related payments and benefits payable in respect of the applicable TSA Employee that are incurred in the ordinary course of business pursuant to the terms of any applicable L Brands Plan (as defined in the Employee Matters Agreement) then in effect (including, without limitation, pursuant to (A) any applicable severance guidelines of Service Provider or any of its Affiliates covering such TSA Employee, (B) any applicable employment, retention, severance or similar agreement with such TSA Employee or (C) Applicable Law).

(ii) **"Covered TSA Employee"** means, with respect to any applicable Service, any TSA Employee who (A) is engaged in such Service and (B) is either (x) employed by Service Provider or one of its Affiliates as of the Distribution Date or (B) hired by Service Provider or one of its Affiliates following the Distribution Date in accordance with the Hiring Plan.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, with respect to any TSA Employee who is not a Covered TSA Employee (for the avoidance of doubt, as a result of being hired by Service Provider or one of its Affiliates following the Distribution Date outside of the scope of the Hiring Plan) (each, an **"Excluded TSA Employee"**), in the event of a termination of the employment of such Excluded TSA Employee at any time, Service Provider shall bear 100% of the cost of any severance and other termination-related payments and benefits (including any Covered Severance Costs) payable in respect of such Excluded TSA Employee.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, each Covered TSA Employee and Excluded TSA Employee shall constitute a TSA Employee for all purposes of this Agreement (including, without limitation, for purposes of Article 3 of this Agreement).

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event that (i) any Covered TSA Employee or Excluded TSA Employee, as applicable, is identified as Transition Employee in accordance with Section 4.02(c) of this Agreement and (ii) such Covered TSA Employee or Excluded Employee, as applicable, transfers employment to VS or one of its Affiliates in accordance with Section 4.03 of this Agreement, then effective as of the applicable Transition Date (and following the effective time of such employment transfer on the Transition Date), the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement shall apply with respect to the allocation of responsibility amongst Service Provider and VS with respect to the cost of any severance or other termination-related obligations in respect of any termination of employment of such Covered TSA Employee or Excluded TSA Employee, as applicable, that occurs following the applicable Transition Date (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the terms of this Section 4.04 shall not apply to any such termination of employment that occurs following such transfer of employment to VS or one of its Affiliates).

ARTICLE 5  
CONFIDENTIALITY

Section 5.01. *Confidentiality.* From and after the Effective Date, each party hereto shall hold, and cause its Representatives to hold, in confidence, unless compelled to disclose by judicial or administrative process or by other requirements of law (in which event the disclosing party first notifies the other party hereto of such process or requirement and allows such party a reasonable opportunity to seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy to prevent such disclosure), all documents and information concerning the other party hereto provided to it pursuant to this Agreement (“**Confidential Information**”), and shall not, without the prior written consent of the other party hereto, disclose or use any Confidential Information of the other party hereto except as necessary in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement; *provided* that the term “Confidential Information” (a) does not include information that is or becomes generally available to the public (other than as a result of a breach of this Agreement), (b) does not include information that was available to the receiving party or any of its Affiliates on a non-confidential basis prior to its disclosure to such receiving party or its Affiliates pursuant to this Agreement (except that this clause (b) shall not apply to information of either party hereto in the possession of the other party prior to the date hereof by virtue of their previous Affiliate relationship), (c) does not include information that is or becomes available to the receiving party or any of its Affiliates from a third party not known by the receiving party or its Affiliates to be bound by a confidentiality agreement or any legal, fiduciary or other obligation restricting disclosure of such information and (d) does not include information that is or was independently developed by the receiving party or any of its Affiliates without use of Confidential Information or otherwise violating this Agreement. Nothing in this Section 5.01 shall limit any other confidentiality obligations among the parties to this Agreement pursuant to any other agreement among such parties.

Section 5.02. *No Rights to Confidential Information.* Each party hereto acknowledges that it will not acquire any right, title or interest in or to any Confidential Information of the other party hereto by reason of this Agreement or the provision or receipt of Services hereunder.

Section 5.03. *Third Party Non-Disclosure Agreements.* To the extent that any third party proprietor of information or software to be disclosed or made available to any Service Recipient in connection with the performance of Services requires a specific form of non-disclosure agreement as a condition of its consent to use of the same for the benefit of such Service Recipient or to permit any Service Recipient access to such information or software, VS shall cause such Service Recipient to execute (and will cause such Service Recipient’s employees to execute, if required) any such form.

Section 5.04. *Safeguards.* Each party hereto agrees to establish and maintain administrative, physical and technical safeguards, information technology and data security procedures and other protections against the destruction, loss, unauthorized access or alteration of the other party’s Confidential Information which are no less rigorous than those otherwise maintained for its own Confidential Information.

ARTICLE 6  
INDEMNIFICATION; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Section 6.01. *Indemnification.* (a) VS agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Service Provider and each other Service Provider Party, their respective Affiliates and their and their respective Representatives (collectively, the “**Service Provider Indemnitees**”) from and against any and all damage, loss and expense (including reasonable expenses of investigation and reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses in connection with any action, suit or proceeding whether involving a third party claim or a claim solely between the parties hereto) (“**Damages**”) asserted against or incurred by any Service Provider Indemnatee as a result or arising out of (i) a Service Recipient’s or any of its Affiliates’ breach of this Agreement, (ii) the provision of the Services by such Service Provider Indemnatee or the use of the Services by a Service Recipient or any of its Affiliates or (iii) a Service Recipient’s or any of its Affiliates’ gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct; *provided* that VS shall not be responsible for any Damages to the extent Service Provider is required to indemnify a Service Recipient Indemnatee pursuant to Section 6.01(b).

(b) Service Provider agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Service Recipient, its Affiliates and its and their respective Representatives (collectively, the “**Service Recipient Indemnitees**”) from and against any and all Damages asserted against or incurred by any Service Recipient Indemnitee as a result or arising out of (i) a Service Provider Party’s breach of this Agreement or (ii) a Service Provider’s gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct; *provided* that Service Provider shall not be responsible for any Damages to the extent VS is required to indemnify a Service Provider Indemnitee pursuant to Section 6.01(a).

Section 6.02. *Third Party Claim Procedures.* (a) The party seeking indemnification under Section 6.01 (the “**Indemnified Party**”) agrees to give prompt notice in writing to the party against whom indemnity is to be sought (the “**Indemnifying Party**”) of the assertion of any claim or the commencement of any suit, action or proceeding by any third party (“**Third Party Claim**”) in respect of which indemnity may be sought under such Section. Such notice shall set forth in reasonable detail such Third Party Claim and the basis for indemnification (taking into account the information then available to the Indemnified Party). The failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations hereunder, except to the extent such failure shall have materially and adversely prejudiced the Indemnifying Party.

(b) The Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to participate in the defense of any Third Party Claim and, subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, shall be entitled to control and appoint lead counsel for such defense, in each case at its own expense.

(c) If the Indemnifying Party shall assume the control of the defense of any Third Party Claim in accordance with the provisions of this Section 6.02, (i) the Indemnifying Party shall obtain the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) before entering into any settlement of such Third Party Claim, if the settlement does not release the Indemnified Party and its Affiliates from all liabilities and obligations with respect to such Third Party Claim or the settlement imposes injunctive or other equitable relief against the Indemnified Party or any of its Affiliates and (ii) the Indemnified Party shall be entitled to participate in the defense of any Third Party Claim and to employ separate counsel of its choice for such purpose. The fees and expenses of such separate counsel shall be paid by the Indemnified Party.

(d) Each party hereto shall cooperate, and cause their respective Affiliates to cooperate, in the defense or prosecution of any Third Party Claim and shall furnish or cause to be furnished such records, information and testimony, and attend such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trials or appeals, as may be reasonably requested in connection therewith.

Section 6.03. *Direct Claim Procedures.* In the event an Indemnified Party has a claim for indemnity under Section 6.01 against an Indemnifying Party that does not involve a Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Party agrees to give prompt notice in writing of such claim to the Indemnifying Party. Such notice shall set forth in reasonable detail such claim and the basis for indemnification (taking into account the information then available to the Indemnified Party). The failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations hereunder, except to the extent such failure shall have materially and adversely prejudiced the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party does not notify the Indemnified Party within 30 days following the receipt of a notice with respect to any such claim that the Indemnifying Party disputes its indemnity obligation to the Indemnified Party for any Damages with respect to such claim, such Damages shall be conclusively deemed a liability of the Indemnifying Party and the Indemnifying Party shall promptly pay to the Indemnified Party any and all Damages arising out of such claim. If the Indemnifying Party has timely disputed its indemnity obligation for any Damages with respect to such claim, the parties shall follow the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section 9.07.

Section 6.04. *Calculation of Damages.* The amount of any Damages payable under Section 6.01 by the Indemnifying Party shall be net of any amounts recovered by the Indemnified Party under applicable insurance policies or from any other Person alleged to be responsible therefor. If the Indemnified Party receives any amounts under applicable insurance policies, or from any other Person alleged to be responsible for any Damages, subsequent to an indemnification payment by the Indemnifying Party, then such Indemnified Party shall promptly reimburse the Indemnifying Party for any payment made or expense incurred by such Indemnifying Party in connection with providing such indemnification payment up to the amount received by the Indemnified Party, net of any expenses incurred by such Indemnified Party in collecting such amount.

Section 6.05. *No Warranties.* Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, neither party hereto makes, and no party hereto is relying on, any warranty, express or implied, with respect to the Services and each party hereto hereby specifically disclaims any implied warranty of reasonable care or workmanlike effort.

Section 6.06. *Limitation of Liability; Exclusion of Damages.* (a) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EXCEPT FOR A PARTY'S BREACH OF ITS CONFIDENTIALITY OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER OR A PARTY'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE, FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, NO PARTY HERETO WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY (I) PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY OR TREBLED DAMAGES (IN EACH CASE, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PAYABLE TO A THIRD PARTY IN RESPECT OF A THIRD PARTY PROCEEDING BASED ON A FINAL JUDGMENT OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION) OR (II) LOST PROFITS, DIMINUTION IN VALUE, MULTIPLE-BASED OR OTHER DAMAGES CALCULATED BASED ON A MULTIPLE OF ANOTHER FINANCIAL MEASURE, IN EACH CASE, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAD BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING ELSE HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, EXCEPT FOR SERVICE PROVIDER'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE, FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO THE SERVICE RECIPIENTS OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE FEES ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE SERVICES HEREUNDER (THE "CAP"); PROVIDED THAT, WITH RESPECT TO ANY DAMAGES FOR WHICH SERVICE PROVIDER IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY VS UNDER SECTION 6.01(b) AND THAT RELATE TO DATA PRIVACY, CYBERSECURITY OR OTHER SIMILAR MATTERS, IF SERVICE PROVIDER, USING COMMERCIALY REASONABLE EFFORTS AND EXERCISING GOOD FAITH, IS ABLE TO RECOVER AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN THE CAP FROM ITS APPLICABLE THIRD-PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS, SUCH EXCESS RECOVERY SHALL BE PASSED THROUGH TO VS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH DAMAGES.

## ARTICLE 7

### TERMINATION OF SERVICES

Section 7.01. *Termination.* (a) Notwithstanding Section 2.01, except as expressly set forth otherwise in the applicable Service Schedule, VS may, at any time during the term of this Agreement and for any reason, terminate Service Provider's obligations to cause to be provided any or all Services, or any part of any Service, by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice of such termination to Service Provider; provided that in the event VS elects to terminate any (but not all) of the Services, (i) Service Provider may, within 10 Business Days following its receipt of such termination notice, provide VS with written notice of all applicable Dependent Services, (ii) upon receiving Service Provider's notice pursuant to the foregoing clause (i), VS may provide notice within 5 Business Days of such receipt of its withdrawal of its termination notice and (iii) if VS does not withdraw its termination notice within such 5 Business Day period, the Dependent Services shall automatically terminate upon the effective date of termination of such terminated Service. If VS notifies Service Provider of its intent to terminate any Service in part or reduce any Service, the Service Fees shall be reduced accordingly. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the first sentence of this Section 7.01(a), if VS elects to terminate the provision of less than all Services, Service Provider shall continue to be obligated to cause to be provided any and all remaining Services.

(b) Service Provider may terminate its obligations to cause to be provided any or all Services at any time if VS shall have failed to perform any of its material obligations under this Agreement relating to any such Service (including the failure to provide any access, information or data required to effectuate such Service), but only if Service Provider shall have notified VS in writing of such failure and such failure shall have continued for a period of 30 days after receipt by VS of such written notice.

(c) If the performance of any Service subjects any Service Provider Party to a reasonable risk of violating an Applicable Law or would reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the business of Service Provider or its Affiliates, then the relevant Service Provider Party (i) in the case of a violation of an Applicable Law, may immediately upon Service Provider providing written notice of such fact and the applicable Dependent Services to VS (it being understood that Service Provider shall provide VS with as much advance notice as is reasonably practicable under the circumstances and permitted by Applicable Law), suspend performance of such Service and any and all Dependent Services without liability to Service Provider or any Service Provider Party and (ii) in the case of a material and adverse effect to the business of Service Provider or its Affiliates, may, upon Service Provider providing written notice of such fact to VS sufficiently in advance to permit VS (acting reasonably) to arrange for replacement services, suspend performance of such Service without liability; *provided that*, (A) following delivery of such notice, the parties hereto will cooperate in good faith to promptly amend this Agreement to the extent necessary to eliminate such violation of Applicable Law or such effect while as nearly as possible accomplishing the purpose of the intended Service in a mutually satisfactory manner and (B) VS shall not be obligated to pay for any such suspended Services during the pendency of any Service Provider Party's suspension of such Services (it being understood that VS shall remain liable for any Service Costs incurred or accrued for such Services prior to such suspension). If the parties hereto are unable to agree upon such an amendment to this Agreement within 30 days of such notification, then either party hereto may terminate its obligation with respect to such suspended Services upon written notice to the other party hereto; *provided that* the applicable Dependent Services shall also automatically terminate upon the effective date of termination of such suspended Services.

(d) VS may terminate Service Provider's obligation to cause to be provided any Service at any time if Service Provider shall have failed to perform any of its material obligations under this Agreement relating to such Service, but only if VS shall have notified Service Provider in writing of such failure and such failure shall have continued for a period of 30 days after receipt by Service Provider of such written notice.

(e) Subject to Section 7.02, this Agreement shall terminate in its entirety on the date when no additional Services are to be provided as set forth in each applicable Service Schedules, as the same may hereafter be amended.

Section 7.02. *Effect of Termination.* Other than as required by Applicable Law, upon expiration or termination of any or all Service(s) pursuant to Section 7.01 or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, Service Provider shall have no further obligation to cause to be provided the terminated Service(s) and VS shall have no obligation to pay any Service Fees relating to such terminated Service(s); *provided that*, notwithstanding such termination, the Service Recipients shall remain liable to Service Provider for (a) Service Costs incurred prior to the effective date of the expiration or termination of such Service(s), (b) the Disengagement Costs relating to the termination of such Service(s), and (c) in the case of a termination under Section 7.01(a), Section 7.01(b) or Section 7.01(c), without duplication of any Disengagement Costs, any fees, costs and expenses incurred by Service Provider (or any of its Affiliates) between the time of such termination and the time the provision of such Service(s) would have terminated under this Agreement absent such early termination (including early termination charges, kill fees, wind-down costs, reasonable minimum volume make-up fees and other fees and costs, in each case actually payable or that have been paid in advance by any Service Provider Party to a third party, and unamortized costs that Service Provider or its Affiliates previously incurred or are required to pay to a third party for services, equipment, licenses or other assets used for the provisions of such terminated Service) (collectively, "**Termination Fees**") to the extent Service Provider or such other Service Provider Party cannot avoid the incurrence of any such Termination Fees using commercially reasonable efforts. For clarity, no Disengagement Costs are payable in case of a termination under Section 7.01(d) or upon the expiration of the Term of any Service. All amounts payable pursuant to this Section 7.02 shall be invoiced to and payable by VS within 30 days after the date of invoice and otherwise in accordance with Section 3.06. Notwithstanding any expiration or termination pursuant to Section 7.01, Section 2.10 (but solely with respect to the first sentence), Section 3.08 and Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 shall survive any such expiration or termination indefinitely.

ARTICLE 8  
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 8.01.      *Representations and Warranties of Service Provider.* Service Provider represents and warrants to VS that:

(a)      Service Provider is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing (with respect to jurisdictions that recognize such concept) under the laws of Delaware and has all corporate powers required to carry on its business as now conducted.

(b)      The execution, delivery and performance by Service Provider of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by Service Provider are within Service Provider's corporate powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Service Provider. This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement of Service Provider enforceable against Service Provider in accordance with its terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity).

(c)      The execution, delivery and performance by Service Provider of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by Service Provider require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Authority other than any such action or filing that has already been taken or made or as to which the failure to make or obtain would not reasonably be expected to materially impede or delay the performance by Service Provider of its obligations hereunder.

Section 8.02.      *Representations and Warranties of VS.* VS represents and warrants to Service Provider that:

(a)      VS is an entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (with respect to jurisdictions that recognize such concept) under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization and has all corporate powers required to carry on its business as now conducted.

(b)      The execution, delivery and performance by VS of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by VS are within VS's corporate powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of VS. This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement of VS, enforceable against VS accordance with its terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity).

(c)      The execution, delivery and performance by VS of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by VS require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Authority other than any such action or filing that has already been taken or made or as to which the failure to make or obtain would not reasonably be expected to materially impede or delay the performance by VS of its obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE 9  
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.01. *Notices.* Any notice, instruction, direction or demand under the terms of this Agreement required to be in writing shall be duly given upon delivery, if delivered by hand, facsimile transmission, mail, or e-mail transmission to the following addresses:

if to VS, to:

Victoria's Secret & Co.  
4 Limited Parkway East  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Attention: Melinda McAfee  
E-mail: MMcAfee@lb.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Attention: William H. Aaronson  
Cheryl Chan  
E-mail: william.aaronson@davispolk.com  
cheryl.chan@davispolk.com

if to Service Provider, to:

L Brands, Inc.  
Three Limited Parkway  
Columbus, Ohio 43230  
Attention: Michael Wu  
Tim Faber  
E-mail: MiWu@lb.com  
TFaber@lb.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Attention: William H. Aaronson  
Cheryl Chan  
E-mail: william.aaronson@davispolk.com  
cheryl.chan@davispolk.com

or such other address or facsimile number as such party may hereafter specify for the purpose by notice to the other parties hereto. All such notices, requests and other communications shall be deemed received on the date of receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. in the place of receipt and such day is a Business Day in the place of receipt. Otherwise, any such notice, request or communication shall be deemed not to have been received until the next succeeding Business Day in the place of receipt.

Section 9.02. *Amendments; No Waivers.* (a) Any provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived if, but only if, such amendment or waiver is in writing and is signed, in the case of an amendment, by each party to this Agreement, or in the case of a waiver, by the party against whom the waiver is to be effective.

(b) No failure or delay by any party hereto in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. Except as set forth in Section 6.06, the rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

Section 9.03. *Expenses.* Except as otherwise provided herein, all third-party fees, costs and expenses paid or incurred in connection with this Agreement shall be paid by the party hereto incurring such fees, cost or expenses.

Section 9.04. *Independent Contractor Status.* Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a partnership or joint venture between the parties hereto. Neither party hereto is now, nor shall it be made by this Agreement, an agent, employee or legal representative of the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates for any purpose. Each party hereto acknowledges and agrees that neither party hereto shall have authority or power to bind the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates or to contract in the name of, or create a liability against, the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates in any way or for any purpose, to accept any service of process upon the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates or to receive any notices of any kind on behalf of the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates. Each party hereto is and shall be an independent contractor in the performance of Services hereunder and nothing herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with this status.

Section 9.05. *Successors and Assigns.* The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Neither this Agreement nor any right, remedy, obligations or liability arising hereunder or by reason hereof nor any of the documents executed in connection herewith may be assigned by any party hereto without the consent of the other party, which consent may be granted or withheld in the discretion of such other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party hereto may assign or transfer this Agreement and all of its rights and obligations hereunder to an Affiliate or to any third party that acquires all or substantially all of such party's assets or business to which this Agreement relates (whether by sale of assets, stock, merger, consolidation, reorganization or otherwise); *provided that* this Agreement and the Services shall not apply to any other business of such third party acquirer.

Section 9.06. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Delaware, without regard to the conflicts of law rules of such state.

Section 9.07. *Dispute Resolution.* (a) With respect to matters relating to the Services or under this Agreement requiring dispute resolution (each, a “**Dispute**”), the disputing party shall notify the other party hereto of such Dispute in writing and, upon the non-disputing party's receipt of such written notice, the parties' respective Service Managers shall attempt to resolve such Dispute in good faith within 30 days of such receipt, and if such Service Managers are unable to resolve such Dispute in such 30 day period, then such Service Managers shall escalate such Dispute to each party's Chief Financial Officer for resolution.

(b) If the parties' Chief Financial Officers are unable to resolve such Dispute within 30 days following such receipt of such notice, then either party hereto shall initiate a non-binding mediation by providing written notice (“**Mediation Notice**”) to the other party hereto within five Business Days following the expiration of such 30 day period.

(c) Upon receipt of a Mediation Notice, the applicable Dispute shall be submitted within five Business Days following such receipt of such Mediation Notice for non-binding mediation conducted in accordance with the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association (“**Arbitration Association**”), and the parties hereto agree to bear equally the costs of such mediation (including any fees or expenses of the applicable mediator); *provided, however,* that each party hereto shall bear its own costs in connection with participating in such mediation. The parties hereto agree to participate in good faith in such mediation for a period of 45 days or such longer period as the parties hereto may mutually agree following receipt of such Mediation Notice (the “**Mediation Period**”).

(d) In connection with such mediation, the parties hereto shall cooperate with the Arbitration Association and with one another in selecting a neutral mediator with relevant industry experience and in scheduling the mediation proceedings during the applicable Mediation Period. If the parties hereto are unable to agree on a neutral mediator within five Business Days of submitting a Dispute for mediation pursuant to Section 9.07(c), application shall be made by the parties to the Arbitration Association for the Arbitration Association to select and appoint a neutral mediator on the parties' behalf in accordance with the Commercial Mediation Rules of the Arbitration Association.



(e) The parties hereto further agree that all information, whether oral or written, provided in the course of any such mediation by either party hereto, their agents, employees, experts and attorneys, and by the applicable mediator and any employees of the mediation service, is confidential, privileged, and inadmissible for any purpose, including impeachment, in any Action involving the parties hereto; *provided* that any such information that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible or non-discoverable as a result of its use in such mediation.

(f) If the parties hereto cannot resolve the Dispute for any reason, on and following the expiration of the Mediation Period, either party may commence litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.08. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall deny either party hereto the right to seek injunctive or other equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction in the context of a bona fide emergency or prospective irreparable harm, and such an Action may be filed and maintained notwithstanding any ongoing efforts under this Section 9.07.

Section 9.08. *Jurisdiction.* The parties hereto agree that any suit, action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any matter arising out of or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be brought in the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware and any state appellate court therefrom within the State of Delaware (or if the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any federal or state court sitting in the State of Delaware and any federal or state appellate court therefrom), and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts (and of the appropriate appellate courts therefrom) in any such suit, action or proceeding and irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court or that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Process in any such suit, action or proceeding may be served on any party hereto anywhere in the world, whether within or without the jurisdiction of any such court. Without limiting the foregoing, each party hereto agrees that service of process on such party as provided in Section 9.01 shall be deemed effective service of process on such party.

Section 9.09. *WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.* EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 9.10. *Counterparts; Effectiveness; Third Party Beneficiaries.* This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts (which may include counterparts delivered by any standard form of telecommunication), each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” and words of like import in this Agreement or in any other certificate, agreement or document related to this Agreement shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including “pdf,” “tif” or “jpg”) and other electronic signatures (including DocuSign and AdobeSign). The use of electronic signatures and electronic records (including any contract or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means) shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based recordkeeping system to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law. This Agreement shall become effective when each party hereto shall have received a counterpart hereof signed by the other party hereto. Until and unless each party hereto has received a counterpart hereof signed by the other party hereto, this Agreement shall have no effect and no party hereto shall have any right or obligation hereunder (whether by virtue of any other oral or written agreement or other communication). Except for the indemnification and release provisions of Article 6, neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof is intended to confer any rights, benefits, remedies, obligations, or liabilities hereunder upon any Person other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

Section 9.11. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement, together with the other Distribution Documents, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both oral and written, between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition or warranty not set forth herein or in the other Distribution Documents has been made or relied upon by either party hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 9.12. *Severability.* If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement should be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained in this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party hereto. Upon such a declaration, the parties hereto shall modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner so that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

Section 9.13. *Specific Performance.* The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that damages for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of this Agreement would be inadequate and irreparable harm would occur. In recognition of this fact, each party hereto agrees that, if there is a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any damages, the other non-breaching party to this Agreement, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to seek and obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, temporary or permanent injunction, attachment, or any other equitable remedy which may then be available to obligate the breaching party (i) to perform its obligations under this Agreement or (ii) if the breaching party is unable, for whatever reason, to perform those obligations, to take any other actions as are necessary, advisable or appropriate to give the other party to this Agreement the economic effect which comes as close as possible to the performance of those obligations (including transferring, or granting liens on, the assets of the breaching party to secure the performance by the breaching party of those obligations).

Section 9.14. *Interpretation.* In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties hereto, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party hereto by virtue of its authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 9.15. *Integration.* The parties hereto agree that each of (a) this Agreement, (b) each of the Service Schedules, (c) the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement, dated as of the date hereof between VS and Service Provider (the “**VS to L Brands TSA**”), (d) each of the Service Schedules (as defined in the VS to L Brands TSA), and (e) all addenda, supplemental agreements, amendments and letter agreements executed in connection with the foregoing, ((a) through (e) collectively, the “**Integrated Agreements**”) are integrated and non-severable parts of one and the same transaction among the parties hereto, each representing an essential, necessary and interdependent component of such transaction forming part of the consideration given by the parties hereto under and in connection with this Agreement, and the parties hereto agree that all of the Integrated Agreements comprising such transaction constitute one single agreement and are integrated and non-severable for all purposes at law and equity, including for purposes of section 365 of title 11 of the United States Code and New York law, and that any breach of any one of such agreements shall be deemed a breach under all such agreements. The Integrated Agreements embody the entire understanding of the parties hereto, and there are no further or other agreements or understandings, written or oral, in effect between the parties hereto, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. In addition to, and without limitation of, the rights of the parties hereto set forth above or any right available in law or in equity, pursuant to contract or otherwise, in the event of the failure by a party to this Agreement or any Affiliate of such party to make timely payment of amounts due and owing (following the expiration of any relevant cure periods thereunder) under any of the Integrated Agreements, the Separation Agreement or any other agreement related to the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (together, the “**Applicable Agreements**”), such amounts may at the election of the non-defaulting party be reduced by set-off against any sum or obligation (whether or not matured or contingent and irrespective of the currency or place of payment) owed by the non-defaulting party or any Affiliate of the non-defaulting party to the defaulting party or any Affiliate of the defaulting party under any Applicable Agreement.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

**VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**L BRANDS, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

**FORM OF  
VS TO L BRANDS TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**dated as of**

**[ ], 2021**

**by and between**

**L BRANDS, INC.**

**and**

**VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.**

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## VS TO L BRANDS TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT

VS TO L BRANDS TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT (this “**Agreement**”) dated as of [\_\_\_], 2021 (the “**Effective Date**”) between Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation (“**Service Provider**”), and L Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**L Brands**”).

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, L Brands and Service Provider have entered into a Separation and Distribution Agreement dated as of [\_\_\_], 2021 (the “**Separation Agreement**”), pursuant to which and on the terms and conditions set forth therein, among other things, L Brands has agreed to distribute the VS Business to the holders of the L Brands Common Stock as of the Record Date;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Separation Agreement, Service Provider has agreed to enter into this Agreement to cause to be provided certain services to the Service Recipients on the terms and conditions set forth herein in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Separation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Service Provider has agreed to cause the Services to be provided in accordance with the terms hereof in order to facilitate the orderly separation of the L Brands Business from the VS Business.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby mutually acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. *Definitions.* (a) As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Dependent Services**” means, with respect to any specified Service (or portion thereof), any and all Services (or portion thereof) that, in Service Provider’s good faith reasonable determination, are dependent on the continuation of such specified Service (or portion thereof) or would be adversely affected by the termination or suspension of such specified Service (or portion thereof).

“**Disengagement Costs**” means any and all costs, charges and expenses of any kind incurred by Service Provider or any of its Affiliates in connection with the termination of this Agreement or relating to the cessation of any Services hereunder, including all third party charges, costs or fees, all third party cancellation or termination charges, costs or fees and the market value of all Disengagement Services provided by other Persons.

“**Disengagement Services**” means all services (other than the Services) provided hereunder at the request of L Brands primarily for the purpose of disengaging and transitioning Services from Service Provider and its Affiliates to L Brands or any of its Affiliates.

“**Service Costs**” means the Service Fees and Service Taxes.

“**Services**” means, subject to the limitations set forth herein and solely to the extent related to the L Brands Business, the transition services described on Schedules A-1 through A-[\_\_\_]; each such schedule a “**Service Schedule**” and collectively the “**Service Schedules**”.

“**TSA Employee**” means each individual who (i) is employed by Service Provider or any of its Affiliates (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, any employee of any Service Recipient) and (ii) provides Services (or any portion thereof) pursuant to this Agreement.

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(b) All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Separation Agreement.

(c) Each of the following terms is defined in the Section set forth opposite such term:

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Section 1.02. *Other Definitional and Interpretive Provisions.* The words “hereof”, “herein” and “hereunder” and words of like import used in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. The captions herein are included for convenience of reference only and shall be ignored in the construction or interpretation hereof. References to Articles, Sections, Exhibits, Appendices, Annexes and Schedules are to Articles, Sections, Exhibits, Appendices, Annexes and Schedules of this Agreement unless otherwise specified. All Exhibits, Appendices, Annexes and Schedules annexed hereto or referred to herein are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement as if set forth in full herein. Any capitalized terms used in any Exhibit, Appendix, Annex or Schedule but not otherwise defined therein, shall have the meaning as defined in this Agreement. Any singular term in this Agreement shall be deemed to include the plural, and any plural term the singular. Whenever the words “include”, “includes” or “including” are used in this Agreement, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words “without limitation”, whether or not they are in fact followed by those words or words of like import. “Writing”, “written” and comparable terms refer to printing, typing and other means of reproducing words (including electronic media) in a visible form. References to any statute shall be deemed to refer to such statute as amended from time to time and to any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder. References to any agreement or contract are to that agreement or contract as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof. References to any Person include the successors and permitted assigns of that Person. References from or through any date mean, unless otherwise specified, from and including or through and including, respectively. References to “law”, “laws” or to a particular statute or law shall be deemed also to include any and all Applicable Law. The word “or” means “and/or” unless the context provides otherwise. References to “dollars” or “\$” shall mean U.S. dollars, and whenever conversion of values to or from any currency other than U.S. dollars for a particular date shall be required, such conversion shall be made using the closing rate provided by Bloomberg as of the date that is one Business Day prior to such date. References to one gender shall be held to include the other gender as the context requires. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms set forth in any Service Schedule, the terms set forth in the applicable Service Schedule shall prevail unless expressly provided otherwise.

## ARTICLE 2 SERVICES

Section 2.01. *Services.* (a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Service Provider shall cause the Service Provider Parties to provide to L Brands and its Affiliates (collectively the “**Service Recipients**”), and the Service Recipients shall receive, the Services for the term indicated in Section 2.01(b). A detailed description of each Service to be provided by the Service Provider Parties to the Service Recipients hereunder is set forth in the Service Schedules.

(b) Service Provider shall cause the Service Provider Parties to provide, and the Service Recipients shall receive, each Service for the period specified for such Service in the applicable Service Schedule (each such period, a “**Term**”). The Term for each Service may be (i) extended or shortened by mutual written agreement of L Brands and Service Provider, and (ii) terminated by L Brands or Service Provider, as applicable, pursuant to Section 7.01, in each case to be reflected in an amendment to the applicable Service Schedule.

(c) In addition to the Services to be provided or procured by Service Provider in accordance with Section 2.01(a), if due to a good faith oversight, the Service Schedules fail to identify a service provided by the Service Provider Parties to the L Brands Business during the twelve month period prior to the date hereof (an “**Additional Service**”), and such Additional Service is necessary for the Service Recipients during the term of this Agreement to operate the L Brands Business in substantially the same manner as the L Brands Business had been operated during the twelve month period prior to the date hereof, upon written request of any Service Recipient that identifies and states its desire to receive such Additional Service, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith for Service Provider to provide or cause to be provided such Additional Service; *provided* that (i) nothing herein shall obligate either party hereto to agree to any such terms or to provide or receive any such Additional Service unless agreed in writing by both parties hereto and (ii) no Additional Service shall be provided for a Term extending beyond 24 months following the Distribution Date. To the extent the parties hereto reach a written agreement with respect to providing such Additional Service, the parties shall cooperate and act in good faith to add such Additional Service to the Service Schedules and mutually agree in good faith to a description of such Additional Service, the Term during which such Additional Service would be provided, the Service Fees for such Additional Service and any other terms applicable thereto. Upon amendment of the Service Schedules to include such Additional Service, such Additional Service shall be deemed part of the “Services” provided under this Agreement subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section 2.02. *Service Provider’s Affiliates and Third Party Providers.* In providing, or otherwise making available, the Services to the Service Recipients, Service Provider may use, at its discretion, its own personnel or the personnel of any of its Affiliates (including the TSA Employees) or employ the services of contractors, subcontractors, vendors or other third parties (each, a “**Third Party Provider**”); provided that Service Provider shall remain responsible for ensuring that its obligations with respect to such Services, including the general standard of service described below under Section 2.03, are satisfied with respect to all Services provided by any Service Provider Party. Each of Service Provider, its Affiliates and any Third Party Provider that provides Services shall be referred to as a “**Service Provider Party**”.

Section 2.03. *General Standard of Service.* Except as otherwise agreed in writing by the parties hereto or expressly provided in this Agreement, each Service Provider Party shall provide Services in all material respects in substantially the same manner in terms of the nature, quality and standard of care as such services have been provided to the Affiliates and other businesses of Service Provider or L Brands, as applicable, during the twelve month period prior to the date hereof and after the date hereof. Service Provider shall not be responsible for any inability to provide a Service or any delay in doing so to the extent that such inability or delay is the result of the failure of any Service Recipient to timely provide the information, access or other cooperation necessary for a Service Provider Party to provide such Service. Service Provider's obligation to cause the Services to be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in this Section 2.03 shall be subject to Service Provider's right to supplement, modify, substitute or otherwise alter any of the Services from time to time in a manner that is generally consistent with supplements, modifications, substitutions or alterations made for similar services provided or otherwise made available by a Service Provider Party to Service Provider or any of its Affiliates or as required by Applicable Law.

Section 2.04. *Compliance with Applicable Law.* The parties hereto will comply, and will cause their Affiliates and their respective employees to comply, with all Applicable Law in the performance of this Agreement.

Section 2.05. *Force Majeure.* Neither party hereto shall be liable to the other party hereto for any interruption of service, any delays or any failure to perform under this Agreement caused by matters or events occurring that are beyond the reasonable control of such party, including, strikes, lockouts or other labor difficulties; fires, floods, acts of God, extremes of weather, earthquakes, tornadoes, or similar occurrences; riot, insurrection or other hostilities; embargo; fuel or energy shortage; delays by unaffiliated suppliers or carriers; inability to obtain necessary labor, materials or utilities; or any epidemic, pandemic or disease outbreak (including COVID-19) or worsening thereof. Any delays, interruptions or failures to perform caused by such occurrences shall not be deemed to be a breach or failure to perform under this Agreement; *provided* that (i) this Section 2.05 only operates to suspend, and not to discharge, a party's obligations under this Agreement, and that when the causes of the failure or delay are removed or alleviated, the affected party shall resume performance of its obligations hereunder and to the extent such suspension adversely impacts the progress of the transition of any Service to a Service Recipient, the Service Recipient may request in writing that the Term for such Service shall be tolled for the duration of such suspension and (ii) this Section 2.05 shall not excuse a party's obligation to pay money; *provided, further*, that L Brands shall not be obligated to pay (other than previously accrued Service Costs) for any particular Service during the pendency of Service Provider's failure to provide such particular Service. Each party hereto shall use its good faith efforts to promptly notify the other upon learning of the occurrence of such event of a force majeure and (x) the affected party shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate and eliminate the force majeure in order to resume performance as promptly as practicable, provided that such affected party will have no obligation to incur any costs or liabilities to do so, and (y) the unaffected party shall have no obligation hereunder with respect to the obligations the affected party is unable to perform due to the force majeure event. If Service Provider is unable to provide any of the Services due to a force majeure event, the parties hereto shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperatively seek a solution that is mutually satisfactory, such as the subcontracting of all or part of the provision of the Services under the supervision of Service Provider for the period of time during or affected by the force majeure.

Section 2.06. *Limitations.* (a) L Brands agrees that the Services will be used by each Service Recipient solely in connection with the operation of the L Brands Business and to facilitate an orderly separation of the L Brands Business from the VS Business following the Distribution Time. No member of the L Brands Group may resell, license the use of or otherwise permit the use by any Person other than the Service Recipients of any Services, except with the prior written consent of Service Provider.

(b) In providing the Services, no Service Provider Party shall be obligated to, unless expressly agreed in writing by the parties or expressly set forth on the applicable Service Schedule: (i) hire any additional employees; (ii) maintain the employment of any specific employee; (iii) purchase, lease or license any additional equipment, hardware, Intellectual Property Right or software, except to the extent (A) software is reasonably necessary for the performance or receipt of a Service and (B) L Brands agrees to solely bear the applicable cost and expense (and which shall be subject to L Brands' prior written approval) or (iv) provide any Service to any Service Recipient for any fiscal year at a volume or level that is more than 120% of the volume or level of such Service in the preceding fiscal year.

Section 2.07. *Labor Matters.* All labor matters relating to any TSA Employees shall be within the exclusive control of Service Provider (or its applicable Affiliate or Third Party Provider), and L Brands and its Affiliates shall not take any action affecting such matters. Except as expressly provided in Article 4, nothing in this Agreement is intended to transfer the employment of any TSA Employee to L Brands or any of its Affiliates. All TSA Employees will be deemed for all compensation, employee benefits, tax and social security contribution purposes to be employees of Service Provider (or its applicable Affiliate or Third Party Provider) and not employees of L Brands or any of its Affiliates. In providing the Services, the TSA Employees will be under the direction, control and supervision of Service Provider or its Affiliates or Third Party Provider and not of L Brands or any of its Affiliates. Except with respect to the L Brands Assets, or any other assets and materials provided by L Brands in accordance with Section 2.08(b), all procedures, methods, systems, strategies, tools, equipment, facilities and other resources of any Service Provider Party that are used by any Service Provider Party in connection with the provision of Services hereunder (including any Intellectual Property Right whether existing or created in connection with the provision of the Services or otherwise) shall remain the property of such Service Provider Party and shall at all times be under the sole direction and control of Service Provider.

Section 2.08. *Facilities; Cooperation; Further Actions.* (a) Service Provider and L Brands shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain, and to keep and maintain in effect (or to cause their respective Affiliates to obtain, and to keep and maintain in effect), all governmental or third party licenses and consents required for the provision of any Service by a Service Provider Party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; provided that if Service Provider or any of its Affiliates is unable to obtain any such license or consent, Service Provider shall promptly notify L Brands in writing and shall, and shall cause its Affiliates to, use commercially reasonable efforts to implement an appropriate alternative arrangement. The costs relating to obtaining any such licenses or consents shall be borne solely by L Brands (the “**Third Party Consent Costs**”) and none of Service Provider or any of its Affiliates shall be required to pay any money or other consideration or grant any other accommodation to any Person (including any amendment to any contract) or initiate any action, suit or proceeding against any Person to obtain any such license or consent; provided that Service Provider and its Affiliates shall not incur any such costs without the prior written consent of L Brands. If any such license, consent or alternative arrangement is not available despite the commercially reasonable efforts of Service Provider and its Affiliates or as a result of L Brands failing to consent to the incurrence of costs relating to obtaining any such license or consent, Service Provider shall not be required to cause to be provided the affected Services.

(b) To the extent necessary, or upon Service Provider’s reasonable request, L Brands shall make all L Brands Assets or other facilities (including all ancillary facilities-related services), assets, information technology systems and applications or materials of the Service Recipients available to Service Provider or the applicable Service Provider Party for the provision of the Services (it being understood that, as between the parties hereto, title to all L Brands Assets and such other facilities, assets, information technology systems and applications or materials shall at all times remain with the applicable Service Recipient and such Service Recipient shall at all times be the owner of record of such L Brands Assets and other facilities, assets, information technology systems and applications or materials and shall be solely responsible for any matters arising therefrom or related thereto); provided that in the event L Brands fails to make any such L Brands Assets or other facilities, assets, information technology systems and applications or materials available to Service Provider or the applicable Service Provider Party, Service Provider shall have no further obligation to provide any affected Services to the extent such L Brands Assets or other facilities, assets, information technology systems and applications or materials are required for the provision of such Services.

Section 2.09. *Intellectual Property.* (a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, with respect to each Service, Service Provider (on behalf of itself and its Affiliates) hereby grants to each Service Recipient and its Affiliates a limited, non-exclusive, non-sublicenseable, non-assignable (except as expressly provided for in Section 9.04) license, solely during the Term for such Service, to use any Intellectual Property Right (other than Trademarks), software and data that is (i) owned by Service Provider or its Affiliates and (ii) provided or otherwise made available by Service Provider or its Affiliates to such Service Recipient as part of such Service, but in each case solely to the extent necessary for such Service Recipient and its Affiliates to receive and use such Service as provided for and in accordance with this Agreement, subject to any applicable third party restrictions or limitations.

(b) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, with respect to each Service, each Service Recipient (on behalf of itself and its Affiliates) hereby grants to Service Provider and its Affiliates a limited, non-exclusive, royalty-free, non-sublicenseable (except as expressly set forth herein), non-assignable (except as expressly provided for in Section 9.04) license, solely during the Term for such Service, in and to any Intellectual Property Right (other than Trademarks), software and data owned or controlled by such Service Recipient or any of its Affiliates, but in each case solely to the extent necessary for Service Provider, its Affiliates or any Third Party Provider to perform such Service as provided for and in accordance with this Agreement, subject to any applicable third party restrictions or limitations (it being understood that Service Provider shall have the right to grant a sublicense under the foregoing license to any Third Party Provider).

(c) ALL SERVICES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS LICENSED HEREUNDER ARE PROVIDED ON AN “AS IS” BASIS WITH NO REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING WITH RESPECT TO MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR NON-INFRINGEMENT. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT, NO LICENSES OR OTHER RIGHTS TO ANY SOFTWARE, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, DATA OR OTHER ASSETS ARE GRANTED TO EITHER PARTY HERETO UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER BY IMPLICATION, ESTOPPEL, EXHAUSTION OR OTHERWISE, AND EACH PARTY HERETO RETAINS AND RESERVES ALL RIGHTS NOT EXPRESSLY GRANTED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

(d) The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that, as between the parties, Service Provider shall solely own all right, title and interest in and to all Intellectual Property Rights (other than Trademarks) authored, conceived, developed or reduced to practice by any Service Provider Party (whether solely or jointly with others) in connection with the Services (“**Developed Intellectual Property**”), *provided* that L Brands shall own all right, title and interest in and to all Developed Intellectual Property exclusively used in the L Brands Business (“**L Brands Developed Intellectual Property**”). L Brands hereby irrevocably assigns, and shall cause the other Service Recipients to assign, to Service Provider all of its or their right, title and interest in and to all Developed Intellectual Property (other than L Brands Developed Intellectual Property), and hereby waives any and all moral rights that it or they may have in all such Developed Intellectual Property. Service Provider hereby irrevocably assigns, and shall cause the other Service Provider Parties to assign, to L Brands all of its or their right, title and interest in and to all L Brands Developed Intellectual Property, and hereby waives any and all moral rights that it or they may have in any L Brands Developed Intellectual Property. The parties hereto agree to execute all other documents and take all actions as may be necessary or desirable to enable the other party to prosecute, perfect, enforce, defend, register and/or record its right, title and interest in, to and under the Developed Intellectual Property or L Brands Developed Intellectual Property, as applicable.

Section 2.10. *Data Ownership and Data Protection.* As between the parties hereto, the applicable Service Recipient shall be the owner of all data collected, used, stored or otherwise processed by or on behalf of such Service Recipient under this Agreement to the extent related to the L Brands Business. Service Provider shall, and L Brands shall cause the Service Recipients to, comply with the Data Processing Addendum attached as Annex A hereto and all applicable privacy and data protection laws that are or that may in the future be applicable to the provision of Services hereunder.

Section 2.11. *Information Technology.* L Brands shall cause each Service Recipient, its employees and any subcontractors to: (a) not attempt to obtain access to or use any information technology systems of any Service Provider Party, or any data owned by any Service Provider Party, or any data used or processed by any Service Provider Party (other than any data of any Service Recipient), except to the extent required to receive the Services; (b) maintain reasonable security measures to protect the systems of each Service Provider Party to which it has access pursuant to this Agreement from access by unauthorized third parties, and any “back door”, “time bomb”, “Trojan Horse”, “worm”, “drop dead device”, “virus” or other computer software routine intended or designed to disrupt, disable, harm or otherwise impede in any manner the operation of such systems; (c) not permit access or use of information technology systems of any Service Provider Party by a third party other than as authorized by prior written consent of Service Provider; (d) not disable, damage or erase or disrupt or impair the normal operation of the information technology systems of any Service Provider Party; and (e) comply with the security policies and procedures of each Service Provider Party (to the extent previously provided to each Service Recipient in writing). Each party hereto shall promptly notify the other party in the event it or any of its respective Affiliates becomes aware of or suspects that there has been a breach of security or a loss, theft or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of any information technology systems (collectively, “**IT Breach**”) of any Service Provider Party or any Service Recipient to the extent such (i) IT Breach could adversely affect the provision or receipt of the Services hereunder or such other party’s data or Confidential Information or (ii) notice is required by Applicable Law.

Section 2.12. *Policies and Procedures.* L Brands shall cause each Service Recipient and its employees, officers, directors, advisors and representatives (collectively, “**Representatives**”) and any subcontractors to comply with the internal policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Service Provider Parties (as may be updated from time to time) applicable to (a) the use of the Service Provider Parties’ information technology systems, computers, networks, telephone systems, software, data, equipment or other facilities in connection with the Services or (b) such Service Recipient’s conduct while on a Service Provider Party’s premises or utilizing a Service Provider Party’s facilities in connection with the Services, in each case to the extent such policies, procedures, rules or regulations are generally applicable to such Service Provider Party’s own organization.

Section 2.13. *Access to Information.* (a) Subject to Applicable Law, L Brands shall, and shall cause the other Service Recipients to, with respect to any Service during the Term of such Service, upon reasonable advance notice, afford Service Provider and its Representatives, including Service Provider’s internal and external auditors, reasonable access, during normal business hours, to the employees, properties, books and records and other documents of the Service Recipients that are reasonably requested by Service Provider in connection with the provision and receipt of such Service hereunder.

(b) Subject to Applicable Law, Service Provider shall, upon reasonable advance notice, afford L Brands’ internal audit associates and L Brands’ current external audit firm (who has executed an appropriate confidentiality agreement reasonably acceptable to Service Provider) reasonable access, during normal business hours, to the information technology systems used by Service Provider with respect to the provision of any Service hereunder solely during the Term of such Service and solely for the purpose of performing audit procedures to support the audit of L Brands’ financial statements and L Brands’ internal control environment, including L Brands’ Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. L Brands’ internal audit associates and L Brands’ external audit firm shall be authorized to maintain documentation supporting the findings of their respective audit procedures. If L Brands wishes to use a new external audit firm for its 2021 or 2022 fiscal year audits, L Brands must obtain prior written consent from Service Provider, and such new firm must execute an appropriate confidentiality agreement reasonable acceptable to Service Provider, before such new firm is granted access to Service Provider’s information technology systems pursuant to this Section 2.13(b).

Section 2.14. *Transition Governance.* Service Provider, on the one hand, and L Brands, on the other hand, shall each designate a service manager (that party's "**Service Manager**"), who shall be directly responsible for coordinating and managing for the party he or she represents all activities undertaken by such party hereunder, including making available to the other party the information, facilities, resources and other support services required for the performance of, or receipt of, the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Service Managers shall meet or confer, by telephone or in person, from time to time as necessary, and at least once per month or otherwise as the parties agree, during the term of this Agreement in order to promote open and efficient communication regarding effective and coordinated performance of, and the resolution of questions and issues related to, the Services. The Service Managers shall also discuss progress in the transition of the Services hereunder and may establish a set of procedures, including frequency of meetings and reporting, and other reasonable structures for their cooperation and the cooperation of the parties in the execution of their obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Service Provider, on the one hand, and L Brands, on the other hand, may, in its sole discretion, replace its respective Service Manager from time to time with a substitute upon notice to the other party.

### ARTICLE 3 SERVICE FEES

#### Section 3.01. *Fees for Services.*

(a) In consideration for the Services provided under this Agreement, L Brands shall pay to Service Provider (or the Service Provider Party designated by Service Provider) the fees for each Service, as calculated below.

(b) Each Service Schedule indicates, with respect to each Service listed therein, whether the costs to be charged to the Service Recipients for such Service are determined by (i) the customary billing method described in Section 3.02 ("**Customary Billing**"), (ii) the pass-through billing method described in Section 3.03 ("**Pass-Through Billing**"), (iii) the percentage of net sales method described in Section 3.04 ("**Percent of Sales Billing**"), (iv) the fixed fee method described in Section 3.05 ("**Fixed Fee Billing**"), (v) a specific billing method to be mutually agreed upon by the applicable Service Recipients and Service Provider ("**Specific Billing**") or (vi) some combination thereof. The amounts calculated by the Service Provider pursuant to the Customary Billing, Pass-Through Billing, Percent of Sales Billing, Fixed Fee Billing and Specific Billing methods applicable to Services provided to the Service Recipients and charged to the Service Recipients as provided herein, together with any and all Disengagement Costs incurred in connection with the provision of any and all Disengagement Services, are collectively referred to herein as the "Service Fees."

(c) The Service Fees calculated pursuant to each of the specific billing methods described herein may include without limitation (and without duplication) one or more of the following costs: (i) direct (i.e., out-of-pocket) costs incurred by the Service Provider Parties in providing the Services, (ii) subject to the express terms of any applicable Service Schedule, a reasonably and fairly allocated portion of costs or expenses (including the allocable portion of the compensation, benefits and other employment-related costs relating to the TSA Employees (including with respect to participation by such TSA Employees in any VS H&W Plan (as defined in the Employee Matters Agreement), but, excluding the cost of any severance and other termination-related payments and benefits (which shall be reimbursable in accordance with Section 4.04), and service-specific overhead costs and the costs of depreciation of new and existing assets) incurred by one or more of the Service Provider Parties in providing services to one or more of the Service Provider and its Affiliates and the Service Recipients (each, an "**Allocated Cost**"), and (iii) third party costs, including but not limited to Third Party Consent Costs, incurred by one or more of the Service Provider Parties in providing the Services (each of (i)-(iii), a "**Cost Component**," and collectively, the "**Cost Components**"). To the extent expressly set forth in the Service Schedules, the Service Fees may include a cost-plus billing method based upon the aggregate costs incurred by Service Provider or its Affiliates relative to a particular Service plus a percentage of such costs in consideration of Service Provider's or its Affiliates' procurement and administration ("**Administrative Charge**") of such Service.

(d) The parties hereto intend and agree that this Agreement provides for the orderly and efficient separation of the L Brands Business from the VS Business following the Distribution Time and that the methods of calculation of the Service Fees hereunder shall permit the Service Provider (or its Affiliates, if so designated) to receive full reimbursement for all overhead, administrative and supervisory costs and expenses incurred directly or indirectly by the Service Provider Parties in connection with the provision of the Services consistent with the manner in which the Service Provider Party charges and/or receives reimbursement from its Affiliates from time to time (including one or more of the Cost Components, together with any other amounts agreed to by the parties hereto) as provided in the applicable Service Schedule or as otherwise agreed by the parties hereto. It is further understood and agreed that when any Service Fees for Services hereunder are to be determined or agreed upon by Service Provider and L Brands (whether before or after the Distribution Time), such Service Fees shall, except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, in all events include all pertinent Cost Components and any other amounts therefor mutually agreed to by the parties hereto, including any Administrative Charge to the extent expressly set forth in the Service Schedule.

Section 3.02. *Customary Billing.* The Service Fees to which the Customary Billing method applies shall, subject to Section 3.01(c) and (d), be calculated on a basis that is substantially equivalent to the basis on which costs are attributed (whether through direct or indirect charges, allocations or otherwise) from time to time, now or in the future, to other companies or businesses operated by Service Provider for the same or comparable services (including one or more of the Cost Components); provided, that (i) in respect of any particular Services, if Service Provider does not generally attribute costs associated with the same or comparable services to other companies or businesses operated by Service Provider as provided above, then the Customary Billing method for such Services shall be equivalent to the market value of all Services provided by Service Provider personnel and other Persons (including all Cost Components) which are reasonably allocable to the provision of such Services to the Service Recipients and (ii) if Service Provider provides financial relief from time to time to any companies or businesses operated by Service Provider with respect to any costs, fees, expenses and/or allocations that are otherwise generally allocated to or paid by companies or businesses operated by Service Provider, the Service Recipients shall not be entitled to the same financial relief.

Section 3.03. *Pass-Through Billing.* The costs of Services to which the Pass-Through Billing method applies shall, subject to Section 3.01(c) and (d), be equal to the aggregate amount of the third-party costs and expenses incurred (which costs shall include but not be limited to adjustments for attributable rebates and Third Party Consent Costs) by any Service Provider Party on behalf of the Service Recipients.

Section 3.04. *Percent of Sales Billing.* The costs of Services to which the Percent-of-Sales Billing method applies shall, subject to Section 3.01(c) and (d), be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying (x) the aggregate cost incurred each month by the Service Provider and its Affiliates in providing such Services to one or more businesses of Service Provider or its Affiliates and to all Service Recipients by (y) the Net Sales Ratio for such month. “**Net Sales Ratio**” means the net sales of the applicable Service Recipients for a particular month divided by the aggregate net sales of all businesses of Service Provider, combined with (i) the net sales of the Service Recipient to which costs for such month are being allocated and (ii) the net sales of any Service Recipient other than the Service Recipient identified in clause (i) receiving such Services to which costs for such month are being allocated. In order to permit Service Provider to calculate the billing method provided for in this Section 3.04 (and for no other purpose), the applicable Service Recipient shall provide Service Provider with all reasonably necessary sales information not later than the close of business on the first Business Day immediately following such calendar month.

Section 3.05. *Fixed Fee Billing.* The cost of Services to which the Fixed Fee Billing method applies shall be in the amount set forth in the applicable Service Schedule.

Section 3.06. *Invoicing of Fees.* (a) Service Provider shall invoice, or shall cause the applicable Service Provider Party to invoice, L Brands on a monthly basis (not later than the fifteenth day of the following month), for the Service Costs and any applicable Disengagement Costs incurred in the prior month, including reasonable supporting data. Service Provider shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause invoices to be presented to L Brands on the schedule set forth in this Section 3.06, but no delay in presentation of an invoice shall affect L Brands' obligation to pay the full amount of such invoice, when presented, on the terms set forth herein.

(b) Except as specifically provided on the applicable Service Schedule, L Brands shall pay, or shall cause to be paid, each invoice delivered pursuant to Section 3.06(a) on or before the date (each, a "**Payment Date**") that is 30 days after the date of receipt of such invoice. Such payments shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated by Service Provider.

(c) If L Brands fails to pay the full amount of any invoice under this Agreement within 15 days of the applicable Payment Date, L Brands shall be obligated to pay, in addition to the amount due on such Payment Date, interest on such amount at the rate of 12% per annum, compounded monthly from the applicable Payment Date through the date of payment; provided that such interest rate shall not exceed the maximum rate permitted by Applicable Law. All payments made shall be applied first to unpaid interest and then to amounts invoiced but unpaid. If L Brands fails to pay the full amount of any invoice within 30 days of the applicable Payment Date, such failure shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement, and to the extent the aggregate amount of such overdue unpaid invoices exceeds \$1,000,000, Service Provider may, after 10 days' prior notice to L Brands, elect to suspend, without liability, its obligations hereunder to cause to be provided any or all Services to L Brands until such time as such invoices have been paid in full.

(d) If any Service requires any Service Provider Party to make any payment to any third party on behalf of any Service Recipient or any of its Affiliates, L Brands shall deposit, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated by Service Provider, the amount of such payment at least one Business Day prior to the date on which such payment is to be made; provided that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Service Provider shall have no obligation to cause any such payment to be made unless and until L Brands deposits the full amount of any such payment in accordance with this Section 3.06(d).

Section 3.07. *Right to Set Off.* Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or the L Brands to VS TSA to the contrary and without limiting any of L Brands' or any of its Affiliates' other remedies under contract or Applicable Law, L Brands shall have the right, but not the obligation, to set off any payments that are past due by Service Provider or any member of the VS Group under the L Brands to VS TSA and not yet paid by Service Provider or any such VS Group member against any Service Fees that have become payable and not yet been paid by L Brands hereunder; provided that such set off amount shall be identified in reasonable detail in the next applicable invoice sent to Service Provider. Except as set forth herein, L Brands hereby unconditionally and irrevocably waives any rights of set off, netting, offset, recoupment or similar right that L Brands has or may have with respect to the payment of the Service Fees or any other payments to be made by L Brands pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 3.08. *Taxes.* (a) L Brands shall bear and pay all applicable sales, use, transaction, consumption, excise, services, value added, transfer, payroll, employment and other similar Taxes (and any related interest, penalty, addition to tax or additional amount imposed) incurred or imposed with respect to the provision of the Services, to this Agreement or to any payment hereunder ("**Service Taxes**"), whether or not such Service Taxes are shown on any invoices. If any Service Provider Party pays any portion of such Service Taxes, L Brands shall reimburse such Service Provider Party within five (5) days of receipt of evidence that such Service Taxes have been paid. Any Service Taxes shall be incremental to other payments or charges identified in this Agreement.



(b) All sums payable under this Agreement shall be paid free and clear of all deductions or withholdings unless such deduction or withholding is required by Applicable Law, in which event L Brands shall promptly inform the Service Provider Party of such required deduction or withholding and the amount of the payment due from L Brands shall be increased to an amount that after any deduction or withholding leaves an amount equal to the payment that would have been due if no such deduction or withholding had been required. L Brands shall pay (or cause to be paid) such deducted or withheld amounts over to the applicable Governmental Authority in accordance with the requirements of Applicable Law and provide the applicable Service Provider Party with an official receipt confirming payment.

Section 3.09. *Audits.* Throughout the term of this Agreement and for one year thereafter, L Brands shall have the right once within each calendar year, at its own expense and on 30 days' advance written notice to Service Provider, to have an independent auditor reasonably acceptable to Service Provider (and who has executed an appropriate confidentiality agreement reasonably acceptable to Service Provider) audit the books and records of Service Provider or any of its Affiliates for the sole purpose of certifying the accuracy of the Service Fees and Cost Components charged by Service Provider to the Service Recipients in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for the preceding calendar year; *provided* that (i) any such audit shall take place during reasonable business hours on a mutually agreed upon date, (ii) such auditor shall in no event be entitled to any contingency fee (or otherwise have any portion of its compensation be directly or indirectly determined based on the outcome of such audit) and (iii) no such books and records may be audited more than one time. Service Provider may designate competitively sensitive information which such auditor may see and review but which it may not disclose to L Brands and all such books and records, and any applicable audit report and findings, shall be the Confidential Information of Service Provider. L Brands shall provide to Service Provider a copy of each such audit report promptly after its receipt thereof. In the event that any such audit indicates any overpayment or underpayment of amounts paid to Service Provider by any Service Recipient, the applicable party shall pay to the other party (within 30 days following the date of delivery of such audit report to Service Provider) the amount of such overpayment or underpayment, as the case may be, plus (if the overpayment or underpayment amount exceeds \$250,000.00) interest accruing monthly from the date of such overpayment or underpayment until such amount is paid at 12% per annum, compounded monthly from the relevant payment due date through the date of payment (provided that such interest rate shall not exceed the maximum rate permitted by Applicable Law). If either party hereto has a good faith dispute with respect to the findings of such audit, the parties shall follow the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section 9.07.

#### ARTICLE 4

##### HIRING PLAN; TRANSITION EMPLOYEES; SEVERANCE

Section 4.01. *Hiring Plan.* With respect to each applicable Service, each of Service Provider and L Brands (or their applicable Service Managers) shall mutually cooperate to establish a hiring plan setting forth the additional number of new employees to be hired by Service Provider and its Affiliates following the Distribution Date for purposes of providing the applicable Services (the "**Hiring Plan**").

Section 4.02 *Employment of Transition Employees.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or in the Employee Matters Agreement:

(a) Service Provider or an Affiliate of Service Provider shall retain in its employ each Transition Employee until the Transition Date applicable to such Transition Employee (unless the employment of the relevant Transition Employee is otherwise terminated by such Transition Employee or by the employer of such Transition Employee in the ordinary course of business); and

(b) L Brands shall, or shall cause one of its Affiliates to, offer employment to each Transition Employee, effective as of the Transition Date applicable to such Transition Employee, in accordance with Section 4.03 below.

(c) For these purposes:

(i) "**Transition Employee**" means each TSA Employee with respect to whom Service Provider and L Brands have mutually identified and agreed in writing will transfer employment from Service Provider or one of its Affiliates to L Brands or one of its Affiliates.

(ii) "**Transition Date**" means, with respect to each Transition Employee who accepts an offer of employment from L Brands or its applicable Affiliate pursuant to this Article 4, the date on which such Transition Employee's employment commences with L Brands or an applicable Affiliate of L Brands, which shall be the earliest of (A) the first day immediately following the last day of the applicable Term, as identified in the applicable Service Schedule, (B) the termination of (x) the applicable Service in which such Transition Employee is engaged or (y) this Agreement, in each case pursuant to Section 7.01 or (C) any other day mutually agreed upon in writing by L Brands and Service Provider.

- (a) Each of Service Provider and L Brands will cooperate in good faith to mutually identify the Transition Employees as promptly as practicable following the date of this Agreement.
- (b) L Brands shall, or shall cause an Affiliate of L Brands to, offer employment to each Transition Employee on terms and conditions consistent with (i) the Employee Matters Agreement and (ii) the terms and conditions of employment applicable to such Transition Employee as of immediately prior to the applicable Transition Date. Subject to such Transition Employee's acceptance of such offer, such employment shall commence effective as of the Transition Date applicable to such Transition Employee. Such offer of employment shall be communicated by L Brands (or its applicable Affiliate) to such Transition Employee in a reasonable amount of time prior to such Transition Date in accordance with procedures to be mutually determined by Service Provider and L Brands.
- (c) Subject to such Transition Employee's acceptance of such offer of employment, such Transition Employee shall be deemed a Delayed L Brands Transfer Employee (as defined in the Employee Matters Agreement), effective as of such Transition Employee's applicable Transition Date, for all purposes under the Employee Matters Agreement, and the provisions of Employee Matters Agreement shall apply with respect to such Transition Employee.
- (d) As provided under the Employee Matters Agreement, and without limiting any other provisions of this Agreement or the Employee Matters Agreement, L Brands (or its applicable Affiliate) will take all measures that are required or appropriate in order to (i) effectuate the transfer of employment of each Transition Employee to L Brands (or its applicable Affiliate) as of the Transition Date applicable to such Transition Employee (including by making an offer of employment to such Transition Employee in accordance with the terms of this Article 4) and (ii) avoid and mitigate, to the maximum extent possible, the incurrence of any severance obligations or termination-related obligations in connection with the transfer of employment of any Transition Employee to L Brands (or its applicable Affiliate) in accordance with this Section 4.03 (including by the provision of all appropriate notices, assurances and offers of employment and the assignment and assumption of obligations or undertakings with respect to the employment, compensation, benefits, protections or other obligations relating to any such Transition Employee).
- (e) Service Provider and L Brands shall reasonably cooperate to (i) enable L Brands and its applicable Affiliates to communicate with the Transition Employees and receive information with respect to the terms of employment of the Transition Employees as necessary and appropriate to facilitate L Brands' obligations under this Article 4 and (ii) transfer and assign to L Brands (or its applicable Affiliate), and effectuate the assumption by L Brands (or its applicable Affiliate), all employment- and benefit-related obligations of the Service Provider (and its Affiliates) with respect to each Transition Employee who accepts and commences employment with L Brands (or its applicable Affiliate) in accordance with the Employee Matters Agreement, other than the obligations expressly retained by the Service Provider (and its Affiliates) pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement. L Brands shall notify Service Provider in writing of each offer of employment made by L Brands (or its applicable Affiliate) to each Transition Employee, including the date of the offer, the proposed employment date and the terms and conditions of the offer.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or the Employee Matters Agreement, in the event of a termination of employment of any Covered TSA Employee (as defined below) that occurs (i) during the Term of the applicable Service in which such Covered TSA Employee is engaged (as may be extended in accordance with the terms of this Agreement) or (ii) in connection with the termination or cessation of the applicable Service in which such Covered TSA Employee is engaged, each of Service Provider and L Brands shall bear fifty percent (50%) (or such other applicable percentage as set forth in the applicable Service Schedule) of any Covered Severance Costs (as defined below), if any, incurred by Service Provider and its Affiliates relating to such termination of the applicable Covered TSA Employee's employment.

(b) For purposes of this Agreement:

(i) **"Covered Severance Costs"** means the total cost of any severance and other termination-related payments and benefits payable in respect of the applicable TSA Employee that are incurred in the ordinary course of business pursuant to the terms of any applicable VS Plan (as defined in the Employee Matters Agreement) then in effect (including, without limitation, pursuant to (A) any applicable severance guidelines of Service Provider or any of its Affiliates covering such TSA Employee, (B) any applicable employment, retention, severance or similar agreement with such TSA Employee or (C) Applicable Law).

(ii) **"Covered TSA Employee"** means, with respect to any applicable Service, any TSA Employee who (A) is engaged in such Service and (B) is either (x) employed by Service Provider or one of its Affiliates as of the Distribution Date or (B) hired by Service Provider or one of its Affiliates following the Distribution Date in accordance with the Hiring Plan.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, with respect to any TSA Employee who is not a Covered TSA Employee (for the avoidance of doubt, as a result of being hired by Service Provider or one of its Affiliates following the Distribution Date outside of the scope of the Hiring Plan) (each, an **"Excluded TSA Employee"**), in the event of a termination of the employment of such Excluded TSA Employee at any time, Service Provider shall bear 100% of the cost of any severance and other termination-related payments and benefits (including any Covered Severance Costs) payable in respect of such Excluded TSA Employee.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, each Covered TSA Employee and Excluded TSA Employee shall constitute a TSA Employee for all purposes of this Agreement (including, without limitation, for purposes of Article 3 of this Agreement).

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event that (i) any Covered TSA Employee or Excluded TSA Employee, as applicable, is identified as Transition Employee in accordance with Section 4.02(c) of this Agreement and (ii) such Covered TSA Employee or Excluded Employee, as applicable, transfers employment to L Brands or one of its Affiliates in accordance with Section 4.03 of this Agreement, then effective as of the applicable Transition Date (and following the effective time of such employment transfer on the Transition Date), the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement shall apply with respect to the allocation of responsibility amongst Service Provider and L Brands with respect to the cost of any severance or other termination-related obligations in respect of any termination of employment of such Covered TSA Employee or Excluded TSA Employee, as applicable, that occurs following the applicable Transition Date (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the terms of this Section 4.04 shall not apply to any such termination of employment that occurs following such transfer of employment to L Brands or one of its Affiliates).

ARTICLE 5  
CONFIDENTIALITY

Section 5.01. *Confidentiality.* From and after the Effective Date, each party hereto shall hold, and cause its Representatives to hold, in confidence, unless compelled to disclose by judicial or administrative process or by other requirements of law (in which event the disclosing party first notifies the other party hereto of such process or requirement and allows such party a reasonable opportunity to seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy to prevent such disclosure), all documents and information concerning the other party hereto provided to it pursuant to this Agreement (“**Confidential Information**”), and shall not, without the prior written consent of the other party hereto, disclose or use any Confidential Information of the other party hereto except as necessary in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement; provided that the term “Confidential Information” (a) does not include information that is or becomes generally available to the public (other than as a result of a breach of this Agreement), (b) does not include information that was available to the receiving party or any of its Affiliates on a non-confidential basis prior to its disclosure to such receiving party or its Affiliates pursuant to this Agreement (except that this clause (b) shall not apply to information of either party hereto in the possession of the other party prior to the date hereof by virtue of their previous Affiliate relationship), (c) does not include information that is or becomes available to the receiving party or any of its Affiliates from a third party not known by the receiving party or its Affiliates to be bound by a confidentiality agreement or any legal, fiduciary or other obligation restricting disclosure of such information and (d) does not include information that is or was independently developed by the receiving party or any of its Affiliates without use of Confidential Information or otherwise violating this Agreement. Nothing in this Section 5.01 shall limit any other confidentiality obligations among the parties to this Agreement pursuant to any other agreement among such parties.

Section 5.02. *No Rights to Confidential Information.* Each party hereto acknowledges that it will not acquire any right, title or interest in or to any Confidential Information of the other party hereto by reason of this Agreement or the provision or receipt of Services hereunder.

Section 5.03. *Third Party Non-Disclosure Agreements.* To the extent that any third party proprietor of information or software to be disclosed or made available to any Service Recipient in connection with the performance of Services requires a specific form of non-disclosure agreement as a condition of its consent to use of the same for the benefit of such Service Recipient or to permit any Service Recipient access to such information or software, L Brands shall cause such Service Recipient to execute (and will cause such Service Recipient’s employees to execute, if required) any such form.

Section 5.04. *Safeguards.* Each party hereto agrees to establish and maintain administrative, physical and technical safeguards, information technology and data security procedures and other protections against the destruction, loss, unauthorized access or alteration of the other party’s Confidential Information which are no less rigorous than those otherwise maintained for its own Confidential Information.

ARTICLE 6  
INDEMNIFICATION; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Section 6.01. *Indemnification.* (a) L Brands agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Service Provider and each other Service Provider Party, their respective Affiliates and their and their respective Representatives (collectively, the “**Service Provider Indemnitees**”) from and against any and all damage, loss and expense (including reasonable expenses of investigation and reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses in connection with any action, suit or proceeding whether involving a third party claim or a claim solely between the parties hereto) (“**Damages**”) asserted against or incurred by any Service Provider Indemnitee as a result or arising out of (i) a Service Recipient’s or any of its Affiliates’ breach of this Agreement, (ii) the provision of the Services by such Service Provider Indemnitee or the use of the Services by a Service Recipient or any of its Affiliates or (iii) a Service Recipient’s or any of its Affiliates’ gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct; *provided* that L Brands shall not be responsible for any Damages to the extent Service Provider is required to indemnify a Service Recipient Indemnitee pursuant to Section 6.01(b).

(b) Service Provider agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Service Recipient, its Affiliates and its and their respective Representatives (collectively, the “**Service Recipient Indemnitees**”) from and against any and all Damages asserted against or incurred by any Service Recipient Indemnitee as a result or arising out of (i) a Service Provider Party’s breach of this Agreement or (ii) a Service Provider’s gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct; *provided* that Service Provider shall not be responsible for any Damages to the extent L Brands is required to indemnify a Service Provider Indemnitee pursuant to Section 6.01(a).

Section 6.02. *Third Party Claim Procedures.* (a) The party seeking indemnification under Section 6.01 (the “**Indemnified Party**”) agrees to give prompt notice in writing to the party against whom indemnity is to be sought (the “**Indemnifying Party**”) of the assertion of any claim or the commencement of any suit, action or proceeding by any third party (“**Third Party Claim**”) in respect of which indemnity may be sought under such Section. Such notice shall set forth in reasonable detail such Third Party Claim and the basis for indemnification (taking into account the information then available to the Indemnified Party). The failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations hereunder, except to the extent such failure shall have materially and adversely prejudiced the Indemnifying Party.

(b) The Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to participate in the defense of any Third Party Claim and, subject to the limitations set forth in this Section, shall be entitled to control and appoint lead counsel for such defense, in each case at its own expense.

(c) If the Indemnifying Party shall assume the control of the defense of any Third Party Claim in accordance with the provisions of this Section 6.02, (i) the Indemnifying Party shall obtain the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) before entering into any settlement of such Third Party Claim, if the settlement does not release the Indemnified Party and its Affiliates from all liabilities and obligations with respect to such Third Party Claim or the settlement imposes injunctive or other equitable relief against the Indemnified Party or any of its Affiliates and (ii) the Indemnified Party shall be entitled to participate in the defense of any Third Party Claim and to employ separate counsel of its choice for such purpose. The fees and expenses of such separate counsel shall be paid by the Indemnified Party.

(d) Each party hereto shall cooperate, and cause their respective Affiliates to cooperate, in the defense or prosecution of any Third Party Claim and shall furnish or cause to be furnished such records, information and testimony, and attend such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trials or appeals, as may be reasonably requested in connection therewith.

Section 6.03. *Direct Claim Procedures.* In the event an Indemnified Party has a claim for indemnity under Section 6.01 against an Indemnifying Party that does not involve a Third Party Claim, the Indemnified Party agrees to give prompt notice in writing of such claim to the Indemnifying Party. Such notice shall set forth in reasonable detail such claim and the basis for indemnification (taking into account the information then available to the Indemnified Party). The failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations hereunder, except to the extent such failure shall have materially and adversely prejudiced the Indemnifying Party. If the Indemnifying Party does not notify the Indemnified Party within 30 days following the receipt of a notice with respect to any such claim that the Indemnifying Party disputes its indemnity obligation to the Indemnified Party for any Damages with respect to such claim, such Damages shall be conclusively deemed a liability of the Indemnifying Party and the Indemnifying Party shall promptly pay to the Indemnified Party any and all Damages arising out of such claim. If the Indemnifying Party has timely disputed its indemnity obligation for any Damages with respect to such claim, the parties shall follow the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section 9.07.

Section 6.04. *Calculation of Damages.* The amount of any Damages payable under Section 6.01 by the Indemnifying Party shall be net of any amounts recovered by the Indemnified Party under applicable insurance policies or from any other Person alleged to be responsible therefor. If the Indemnified Party receives any amounts under applicable insurance policies, or from any other Person alleged to be responsible for any Damages, subsequent to an indemnification payment by the Indemnifying Party, then such Indemnified Party shall promptly reimburse the Indemnifying Party for any payment made or expense incurred by such Indemnifying Party in connection with providing such indemnification payment up to the amount received by the Indemnified Party, net of any expenses incurred by such Indemnified Party in collecting such amount.

Section 6.05. *No Warranties.* Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, neither party hereto makes, and no party hereto is relying on, any warranty, express or implied, with respect to the Services and each party hereto hereby specifically disclaims any implied warranty of reasonable care or workmanlike effort.

Section 6.06. *Limitation of Liability; Exclusion of Damages.* (a) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EXCEPT FOR A PARTY'S BREACH OF ITS CONFIDENTIALITY OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER OR A PARTY'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE, FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, NO PARTY HERETO WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY (I) PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY OR TREBLED DAMAGES (IN EACH CASE, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PAYABLE TO A THIRD PARTY IN RESPECT OF A THIRD PARTY PROCEEDING BASED ON A FINAL JUDGMENT OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION) OR (II) LOST PROFITS, DIMINUTION IN VALUE, MULTIPLE-BASED OR OTHER DAMAGES CALCULATED BASED ON A MULTIPLE OF ANOTHER FINANCIAL MEASURE, IN EACH CASE, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAD BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING ELSE HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, EXCEPT FOR SERVICE PROVIDER'S GROSS NEGLIGENCE, FRAUD OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE LIABILITY OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO THE SERVICE RECIPIENTS OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED AND SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE FEES ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE SERVICES HEREUNDER (THE "**CAP**"); PROVIDED THAT, WITH RESPECT TO ANY DAMAGES FOR WHICH SERVICE PROVIDER IS OBLIGATED TO INDEMNIFY L BRANDS UNDER SECTION 6.01(b) AND THAT RELATE TO DATA PRIVACY, CYBERSECURITY OR OTHER SIMILAR MATTERS, IF SERVICE PROVIDER, USING COMMERCIALLY REASONABLE EFFORTS AND EXERCISING GOOD FAITH, IS ABLE TO RECOVER AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN THE CAP FROM ITS APPLICABLE THIRD-PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS, SUCH EXCESS RECOVERY SHALL BE PASSED THROUGH TO L BRANDS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH DAMAGES.

ARTICLE 7  
TERMINATION OF SERVICES

Section 7.01. *Termination.* (a) Notwithstanding Section 2.01, except as expressly set forth otherwise in the applicable Service Schedule, L Brands may, at any time during the term of this Agreement and for any reason, terminate Service Provider's obligations to cause to be provided any or all Services, or any part of any Service, by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice of such termination to Service Provider; provided that in the event L Brands elects to terminate any (but not all) of the Services, (i) Service Provider may, within 10 Business Days following its receipt of such termination notice, provide L Brands with written notice of all applicable Dependent Services, (ii) upon receiving Service Provider's notice pursuant to the foregoing clause (i), L Brands may provide notice within 5 Business Days of such receipt of its withdrawal of its termination notice and (iii) if L Brands does not withdraw its termination notice within such 5 Business Day period, the Dependent Services shall automatically terminate upon the effective date of termination of such terminated Service. If L Brands notifies Service Provider of its intent to terminate any Service in part or reduce any Service, the Service Fees shall be reduced accordingly. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the first sentence of this Section 7.01(a), if L Brands elects to terminate the provision of less than all Services, Service Provider shall continue to be obligated to cause to be provided any and all remaining Services.

(b) Service Provider may terminate its obligations to cause to be provided any or all Services at any time if L Brands shall have failed to perform any of its material obligations under this Agreement relating to any such Service (including the failure to provide any access, information or data required to effectuate such Service), but only if Service Provider shall have notified L Brands in writing of such failure and such failure shall have continued for a period of 30 days after receipt by L Brands of such written notice.

(c) If the performance of any Service subjects any Service Provider Party to a reasonable risk of violating an Applicable Law or would reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the business of Service Provider or its Affiliates, then the relevant Service Provider Party (i) in the case of a violation of an Applicable Law, may immediately upon Service Provider providing written notice of such fact and the applicable Dependent Services to L Brands (it being understood that Service Provider shall provide L Brands with as much advance notice as is reasonably practicable under the circumstances and permitted by Applicable Law), suspend performance of such Service and any and all Dependent Services without liability to Service Provider or any Service Provider Party and (ii) in the case of a material and adverse effect to the business of Service Provider or its Affiliates, may, upon Service Provider providing written notice of such fact to L Brands sufficiently in advance to permit L Brands (acting reasonably) to arrange for replacement services, suspend performance of such Service without liability; *provided that*, (A) following delivery of such notice, the parties hereto will cooperate in good faith to promptly amend this Agreement to the extent necessary to eliminate such violation of Applicable Law or such effect while as nearly as possible accomplishing the purpose of the intended Service in a mutually satisfactory manner and (B) L Brands shall not be obligated to pay for any such suspended Services during the pendency of any Service Provider Party's suspension of such Services (it being understood that L Brands shall remain liable for any Service Costs incurred or accrued for such Services prior to such suspension). If the parties hereto are unable to agree upon such an amendment to this Agreement within 30 days of such notification, then either party hereto may terminate its obligation with respect to such suspended Services upon written notice to the other party hereto; provided that the applicable Dependent Services shall also automatically terminate upon the effective date of termination of such suspended Services.

(d) L Brands may terminate Service Provider's obligation to cause to be provided any Service at any time if Service Provider shall have failed to perform any of its material obligations under this Agreement relating to such Service, but only if L Brands shall have notified Service Provider in writing of such failure and such failure shall have continued for a period of 30 days after receipt by Service Provider of such written notice.

(e) Subject to Section 7.02, this Agreement shall terminate in its entirety on the date when no additional Services are to be provided as set forth in each applicable Service Schedules, as the same may hereafter be amended.

Section 7.02. *Effect of Termination.* Other than as required by Applicable Law, upon expiration or termination of any or all Service(s) pursuant to Section 7.01 or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, Service Provider shall have no further obligation to cause to be provided the terminated Service(s) and L Brands shall have no obligation to pay any Service Fees relating to such terminated Service(s); provided that, notwithstanding such termination, the Service Recipients shall remain liable to Service Provider for (a) Service Costs incurred prior to the effective date of the expiration or termination of such Service(s), (b) the Disengagement Costs relating to the termination of such Service(s), and (c) in the case of a termination under Section 7.01(a), Section 7.01(b) or Section 7.01(c), without duplication of any Disengagement Costs, any fees, costs and expenses incurred by Service Provider (or any of its Affiliates) between the time of such termination and the time the provision of such Service(s) would have terminated under this Agreement absent such early termination (including early termination charges, kill fees, wind-down costs, reasonable minimum volume make-up fees and other fees and costs, in each case actually payable or that have been paid in advance by any Service Provider Party to a third party, and unamortized costs that Service Provider or its Affiliates previously incurred or are required to pay to a third party for services, equipment, licenses or other assets used for the provisions of such terminated Service) (collectively, “**Termination Fees**”) to the extent Service Provider or such other Service Provider Party cannot avoid the incurrence of any such Termination Fees using commercially reasonable efforts. For clarity, no Disengagement Costs are payable in case of a termination under Section 7.01(d) or upon the expiration of the Term of any Service. All amounts payable pursuant to this Section 7.02 shall be invoiced to and payable by L Brands within 30 days after the date of invoice and otherwise in accordance with Section 3.06. Notwithstanding any expiration or termination pursuant to Section 7.01, Section 2.10 (but solely with respect to the first sentence), Section 3.08 and Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 shall survive any such expiration or termination indefinitely.

## ARTICLE 8 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 8.01. *Representations and Warranties of Service Provider.* Service Provider represents and warrants to L Brands that:

(a) Service Provider is an entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (with respect to jurisdictions that recognize such concept) under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization and has all corporate powers required to carry on its business as now conducted.

(b) The execution, delivery and performance by Service Provider of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by Service Provider are within Service Provider’s corporate powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of Service Provider. This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement of Service Provider enforceable against Service Provider in accordance with its terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors’ rights generally and general principles of equity).

(c) The execution, delivery and performance by Service Provider of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by Service Provider require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Authority other than any such action or filing that has already been taken or made or as to which the failure to make or obtain would not reasonably be expected to materially impede or delay the performance by Service Provider of its obligations hereunder.



Section 8.02.      *Representations and Warranties of L Brands.* L Brands represents and warrants to Service Provider that:

(a)      L Brands is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing (with respect to jurisdictions that recognize such concept) under the laws of Delaware and has all corporate powers required to carry on its business as now conducted.

(b)      The execution, delivery and performance by L Brands of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by L Brands are within L Brands' corporate powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of L Brands. This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement of L Brands, enforceable against L Brands accordance with its terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity).

(c)      The execution, delivery and performance by L Brands of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby by L Brands require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any Governmental Authority other than any such action or filing that has already been taken or made or as to which the failure to make or obtain would not reasonably be expected to materially impede or delay the performance by L Brands of its obligations hereunder.

## ARTICLE 9 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.01.      *Notices.* Any notice, instruction, direction or demand under the terms of this Agreement required to be in writing shall be duly given upon delivery, if delivered by hand, facsimile transmission, mail, or e-mail transmission to the following addresses:

if to Service Provider, to:

Victoria's Secret & Co.  
4 Limited Parkway East  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Attention: Melinda McAfee  
E-mail: MMcAfee@lb.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Attention: William H. Aaronson  
Cheryl Chan  
E-mail: william.aaronson@davispolk.com  
cheryl.chan@davispolk.com

if to L Brands, to:

L Brands, Inc.  
Three Limited Parkway  
Columbus, Ohio 43230  
Attention: Michael Wu  
Tim Faber  
E-mail: MiWu@lb.com  
TFaber@lb.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Attention: William H. Aaronson  
Cheryl Chan  
E-mail: william.aaronson@davispolk.com  
cheryl.chan@davispolk.com

or such other address or facsimile number as such party may hereafter specify for the purpose by notice to the other parties hereto. All such notices, requests and other communications shall be deemed received on the date of receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. in the place of receipt and such day is a Business Day in the place of receipt. Otherwise, any such notice, request or communication shall be deemed not to have been received until the next succeeding Business Day in the place of receipt.

Section 9.02. *Amendments; No Waivers.* (a) Any provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived if, but only if, such amendment or waiver is in writing and is signed, in the case of an amendment, by each party to this Agreement, or in the case of a waiver, by the party against whom the waiver is to be effective.

(b) No failure or delay by any party hereto in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. Except as set forth in Section 6.06, the rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

Section 9.03. *Expenses.* Except as otherwise provided herein, all third-party fees, costs and expenses paid or incurred in connection with this Agreement shall be paid by the party hereto incurring such fees, cost or expenses.

Section 9.04. *Independent Contractor Status.* Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a partnership or joint venture between the parties hereto. Neither party hereto is now, nor shall it be made by this Agreement, an agent, employee or legal representative of the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates for any purpose. Each party hereto acknowledges and agrees that neither party hereto shall have authority or power to bind the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates or to contract in the name of, or create a liability against, the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates in any way or for any purpose, to accept any service of process upon the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates or to receive any notices of any kind on behalf of the other party hereto or any of its Affiliates. Each party hereto is and shall be an independent contractor in the performance of Services hereunder and nothing herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with this status.

Section 9.05. *Successors and Assigns.* The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Neither this Agreement nor any right, remedy, obligations or liability arising hereunder or by reason hereof nor any of the documents executed in connection herewith may be assigned by any party hereto without the consent of the other party, which consent may be granted or withheld in the discretion of such other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party hereto may assign or transfer this Agreement and all of its rights and obligations hereunder to an Affiliate or to any third party that acquires all or substantially all of such party's assets or business to which this Agreement relates (whether by sale of assets, stock, merger, consolidation, reorganization or otherwise); provided that this Agreement and the Services shall not apply to any other business of such third party acquirer.

Section 9.06. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Delaware, without regard to the conflicts of law rules of such state.

Section 9.07. *Dispute Resolution.* (a) With respect to matters relating to the Services or under this Agreement requiring dispute resolution (each, a “**Dispute**”), the disputing party shall notify the other party hereto of such Dispute in writing and, upon the non-disputing party’s receipt of such written notice, the parties’ respective Service Managers shall attempt to resolve such Dispute in good faith within 30 days of such receipt, and if such Service Managers are unable to resolve such Dispute in such 30 day period, then such Service Managers shall escalate such Dispute to each party’s Chief Financial Officer for resolution.

(b) If the parties’ Chief Financial Officers are unable to resolve such Dispute within 30 days following such receipt of such notice, then either party hereto shall initiate a non-binding mediation by providing written notice (“**Mediation Notice**”) to the other party hereto within five Business Days following the expiration of such 30 day period.

(c) Upon receipt of a Mediation Notice, the applicable Dispute shall be submitted within five Business Days following such receipt of such Mediation Notice for non-binding mediation conducted in accordance with the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association (“**Arbitration Association**”), and the parties hereto agree to bear equally the costs of such mediation (including any fees or expenses of the applicable mediator); *provided*, however, that each party hereto shall bear its own costs in connection with participating in such mediation. The parties hereto agree to participate in good faith in such mediation for a period of 45 days or such longer period as the parties hereto may mutually agree following receipt of such Mediation Notice (the “**Mediation Period**”).

(d) In connection with such mediation, the parties hereto shall cooperate with the Arbitration Association and with one another in selecting a neutral mediator with relevant industry experience and in scheduling the mediation proceedings during the applicable Mediation Period. If the parties hereto are unable to agree on a neutral mediator within five Business Days of submitting a Dispute for mediation pursuant to Section 9.07(c), application shall be made by the parties to the Arbitration Association for the Arbitration Association to select and appoint a neutral mediator on the parties’ behalf in accordance with the Commercial Mediation Rules of the Arbitration Association.

(e) The parties hereto further agree that all information, whether oral or written, provided in the course of any such mediation by either party hereto, their agents, employees, experts and attorneys, and by the applicable mediator and any employees of the mediation service, is confidential, privileged, and inadmissible for any purpose, including impeachment, in any Action involving the parties hereto; provided that any such information that is otherwise admissible or discoverable shall not be rendered inadmissible or non-discoverable as a result of its use in such mediation.

(f) If the parties hereto cannot resolve the Dispute for any reason, on and following the expiration of the Mediation Period, either party may commence litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.08. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall deny either party hereto the right to seek injunctive or other equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction in the context of a bona fide emergency or prospective irreparable harm, and such an Action may be filed and maintained notwithstanding any ongoing efforts under this Section 9.07.

Section 9.08. *Jurisdiction.* The parties hereto agree that any suit, action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any matter arising out of or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be brought in the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware and any state appellate court therefrom within the State of Delaware (or if the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any federal or state court sitting in the State of Delaware and any federal or state appellate court therefrom), and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts (and of the appropriate appellate courts therefrom) in any such suit, action or proceeding and irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court or that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Process in any such suit, action or proceeding may be served on any party hereto anywhere in the world, whether within or without the jurisdiction of any such court. Without limiting the foregoing, each party hereto agrees that service of process on such party as provided in Section 9.01 shall be deemed effective service of process on such party.

Section 9.09. **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.** EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 9.10. **Counterparts; Effectiveness; Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts (which may include counterparts delivered by any standard form of telecommunication), each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” and words of like import in this Agreement or in any other certificate, agreement or document related to this Agreement shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile or other electronic format (including “pdf”, “tif” or “jpg”) and other electronic signatures (including DocuSign and AdobeSign). The use of electronic signatures and electronic records (including any contract or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means) shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based recordkeeping system to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law. This Agreement shall become effective when each party hereto shall have received a counterpart hereof signed by the other party hereto. Until and unless each party hereto has received a counterpart hereof signed by the other party hereto, this Agreement shall have no effect and no party hereto shall have any right or obligation hereunder (whether by virtue of any other oral or written agreement or other communication). Except for the indemnification and release provisions of Article 6, neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof is intended to confer any rights, benefits, remedies, obligations, or liabilities hereunder upon any Person other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

Section 9.11. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, together with the other Distribution Documents, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both oral and written, between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition or warranty not set forth herein or in the other Distribution Documents has been made or relied upon by either party hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 9.12. **Severability.** If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement should be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained in this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party hereto. Upon such a declaration, the parties hereto shall modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner so that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

Section 9.13. **Specific Performance.** The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that damages for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of this Agreement would be inadequate and irreparable harm would occur. In recognition of this fact, each party hereto agrees that, if there is a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any damages, the other non-breaching party to this Agreement, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to seek and obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, temporary or permanent injunction, attachment, or any other equitable remedy which may then be available to obligate the breaching party (i) to perform its obligations under this Agreement or (ii) if the breaching party is unable, for whatever reason, to perform those obligations, to take any other actions as are necessary, advisable or appropriate to give the other party to this Agreement the economic effect which comes as close as possible to the performance of those obligations (including transferring, or granting liens on, the assets of the breaching party to secure the performance by the breaching party of those obligations).

Section 9.14. **Interpretation.** In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties hereto, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party hereto by virtue of its authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 9.15. *Integration.* The parties hereto agree that each of (a) this Agreement, (b) each of the Service Schedules, (c) the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement, dated as of the date hereof between L Brands and Service Provider (the “**L Brands to VS TSA**”), (d) each of the Service Schedules (as defined in the L Brands to VS TSA), and (e) all addenda, supplemental agreements, amendments and letter agreements executed in connection with the foregoing, ((a) through (e) collectively, the “**Integrated Agreements**”) are integrated and non-severable parts of one and the same transaction among the parties hereto, each representing an essential, necessary and interdependent component of such transaction forming part of the consideration given by the parties hereto under and in connection with this Agreement, and the parties hereto agree that all of the Integrated Agreements comprising such transaction constitute one single agreement and are integrated and non-severable for all purposes at law and equity, including for purposes of section 365 of title 11 of the United States Code and New York law, and that any breach of any one of such agreements shall be deemed a breach under all such agreements. The Integrated Agreements embody the entire understanding of the parties hereto, and there are no further or other agreements or understandings, written or oral, in effect between the parties hereto, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. In addition to, and without limitation of, the rights of the parties hereto set forth above or any right available in law or in equity, pursuant to contract or otherwise, in the event of the failure by a party to this Agreement or any Affiliate of such party to make timely payment of amounts due and owing (following the expiration of any relevant cure periods thereunder) under any of the Integrated Agreements, the Separation Agreement or any other agreement related to the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (together, the “**Applicable Agreements**”), such amounts may at the election of the non-defaulting party be reduced by set-off against any sum or obligation (whether or not matured or contingent and irrespective of the currency or place of payment) owed by the non-defaulting party or any Affiliate of the non-defaulting party to the defaulting party or any Affiliate of the defaulting party under any Applicable Agreement.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

**VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**L BRANDS, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

**FORM OF  
TAX MATTERS AGREEMENT**

between

**L BRANDS, INC.,**  
on behalf of itself  
and the members  
of the L Brands Group

and

**VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.,**  
on behalf of itself  
and the members  
of the VS Group

Dated as of [\_\_], 2021

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## TAX MATTERS AGREEMENT

This TAX MATTERS AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is entered into as of [\_\_\_], 2021 between L Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“**L Brands**”), on behalf of itself and the members of the L Brands Group, as defined below, and Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation (“**VS**,” and together with L Brands, the “**Parties**”), on behalf of itself and the members of the VS Group, as defined below.

### W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tax laws of various jurisdictions, certain members of the VS Group presently file certain Tax Returns on an affiliated, consolidated, combined, unitary, fiscal unity or other group basis (including as permitted by Section 1501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”)) with certain members of the L Brands Group;

WHEREAS, L Brands and VS have entered into a Separation and Distribution Agreement, dated as of [\_\_\_], 2021 (the “**Separation Agreement**”), pursuant to which the Contribution, the Distribution and other related transactions will be consummated;

WHEREAS, the Restructuring, together with the Contribution and the Distribution, are intended to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment; and

WHEREAS, L Brands and VS desire to set forth their agreement on the rights and obligations of L Brands, VS and the members of the L Brands Group and the VS Group respectively, with respect to (a) the administration and allocation of U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. Taxes incurred in Taxable periods beginning prior to the Distribution Date, (b) Taxes resulting from the Distribution and transactions effected in connection with the Distribution and (c) various other Tax matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the Parties agree as follows:

#### Section 1. *Definitions.*

##### (a) As used in this Agreement:

“**Active Trade or Business**” means, (i) with respect to VS, the VS Business (as defined in the Separation Agreement), (ii) with respect to [\_\_\_], the Subsidiary 1 Business (as defined in Schedule C-1) and (iii) with respect to [\_\_\_], the Subsidiary 2 Business (as defined in Schedule C-2).

“**Affiliate**” has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

“**Agreement**” has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

“**Applicable Law**” (or “**Applicable Tax Law**,” as the case may be) means, with respect to any Person, any federal, state, county, municipal, local, multinational or foreign statute, treaty, law, common law, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, writ, injunction, judicial decision, decree, permit or other legally binding requirement of any Governmental Authority applicable to such Person or any of its respective properties, assets, officers, directors, employees, consultants or agents (in connection with such officer’s, director’s, employee’s, consultant’s or agent’s activities on behalf of such Person).

**“Business Day”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Cash Management Transfer”** means the transactions described on Schedule B and undertaken in anticipation of the Distribution.

**“Cash Management Transfer Taxes”** means any Tax (excluding any Tax imposed on, or measured by reference to, net income but including, for the avoidance of doubt, any withholding Tax imposed with respect to a Cash Management Transfer) incurred in connection with any Cash Management Transfer.

**“Closing of the Books Method”** means the apportionment of items between portions of a Taxable period based on a closing of the books and records on the close of the Distribution Date (in the event that the Distribution Date is not the last day of the Taxable period, as if the Distribution Date were the last day of the Taxable period), subject to adjustment for items accrued on the Distribution Date that are properly allocable to the Taxable period following the Distribution, as determined by L Brands in accordance with Applicable Law; *provided* that Taxes not based upon or measured by net or gross income or specific events shall be apportioned between the Pre- and Post-Distribution Periods on a *pro rata* basis in accordance with the number of days in each Taxable period.

**“Code”** has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

**“Combined Group”** means any group consisting of at least one member that filed or was required to file (or will file or be required to file) a Tax Return on an affiliated, consolidated, combined, unitary, fiscal unity or other group basis (including as permitted by Section 1501 of the Code) that includes at least one member of the L Brands Group and at least one member of the VS Group.

**“Combined Tax Return”** means a Tax Return filed in respect of U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. income Taxes for a Combined Group.

**“Company”** means L Brands or VS (or the appropriate member of each of their respective Groups), as appropriate.

**“Contribution”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Distribution”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Distribution Date”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Distribution Documents”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Distribution Taxes”** means any Taxes incurred solely as a result of the failure of the Intended Tax Treatment of the Restructuring, the Contribution or the Distribution.

**“Distribution Time”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Escheat Payment”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Equity Interests”** means any stock or other securities treated as equity for Tax purposes, options, warrants, rights, convertible debt, or any other instrument or security that affords any Person the right, whether conditional or otherwise, to acquire stock or to be paid an amount determined by reference to the value of stock.

**“Final Determination”** means (i) with respect to U.S. federal income Taxes, (A) a “determination” as defined in Section 1313(a) of the Code (including, for the avoidance of doubt, an executed IRS Form 906) or (B) the execution of an IRS Form 870-AD (or any successor form thereto), as a final resolution of Tax liability for any Taxable period, except that a Form 870-AD (or successor form thereto) that reserves the right of the taxpayer to file a claim for refund or the right of the IRS to assert a further deficiency shall not constitute a Final Determination with respect to the item or items so reserved; (ii) with respect to Taxes other than U.S. federal income Taxes, any final determination of liability in respect of a Tax that, under Applicable Tax Law, is not subject to further appeal, review or modification through proceedings or otherwise; (iii) with respect to any Tax, any final disposition by reason of the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations (giving effect to any extension, waiver or mitigation thereof); or (iv) with respect to any Tax, the payment of such Tax by any member of the L Brands Group or any member of the VS Group, whichever is responsible for payment of such Tax under Applicable Tax Law, with respect to any item disallowed or adjusted by a Taxing Authority; *provided*, in the case of this clause (iv), that the provisions of Section 15 hereof have been complied with, or, if such section is inapplicable, that the Company responsible under this Agreement for such Tax is notified by the Company paying such Tax that it has determined that no action should be taken to recoup such disallowed item, and the other Company agrees with such determination.

**“Governmental Authority”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Group”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Income Tax”** means any Tax imposed on, or measured by reference to, net income or gains.

**“Income Tax Return”** means any Tax Return in respect of an Income Tax.

**“Indemnitee”** means the Party which is entitled to seek indemnification from another Party pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.

**“Intended Tax Treatment”** means the qualification of (i) the Contribution and the Distribution, taken together, (A) as a reorganization described in Sections 355(a) and 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code, (B) as a transaction in which the stock distributed thereby is “qualified property” for purposes of Sections 355(c) and 361(c) of the Code, (C) as a transaction in which L Brands, VS and the holders of L Brands Common Stock recognize no income or gain for U.S. federal income Tax purposes pursuant to Sections 355, 361 and 1032 of the Code, other than, in the case of L Brands and VS, any intercompany items or excess loss accounts taken into account pursuant to the Treasury Regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 1502 of the Code and, in the case of the holders of L Brands Common Stock, with respect to any fractional shares of VS Common Stock and (ii) the transactions described on Schedule A as being free from Tax to the extent set forth therein.

**“IRS”** means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

**“Joint Tax Return”** means any (i) Combined Tax Return or (ii) Tax Return that includes Tax Items attributable to both the L Brands Business and the VS Business.

**“L Brands”** has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

**“L Brands Business”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“L Brands Compensatory Equity Interests”** means any options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, stock units or other rights with respect to the capital stock of L Brands that are granted on or prior to the Distribution Date by any member of the L Brands Group in connection with employee, independent contractor or director compensation or other employee benefits (including, for the avoidance of doubt, options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance share units or other rights issued in respect of any of the foregoing by reason of the Distribution or any subsequent transaction).

**“L Brands Group”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“L Brands Separate Tax Return”** means any Separate Tax Return of or including any member of the L Brands Group.

**“L Brands Specified Tax Attributes”** means any Tax Attributes listed on Schedule D-1.

**“Person”** has the meaning set forth in Section 7701(a)(1) of the Code.

**“Post-Distribution Period”** means any Taxable period (or portion thereof) beginning after the Distribution Date.

**“Pre-2021 Period”** means any Taxable period ending on or before January 30, 2021.

**“Pre-2021 VS Separate Tax Return”** means any VS Separate Tax Return that relates solely to a Pre-2021 Period.

**“Pre-Distribution Period”** means any Taxable period (or portion thereof) ending on or before the Distribution Date.

**“Restructuring”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“Separate Tax Return”** means any Tax Return required to be filed by a member of the L Brands Group or a member of the VS Group that is not a Joint Tax Return.

**“Separation Agreement”** has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

**“Specified Administrative Matter”** has the meaning set forth in Schedule E.

**“Specified Event”** means (i) any failure of the Intended Tax Treatment with respect to (A) the Restructuring, (B) the Contribution or (C) the Distribution or (ii) any event that results in (A) a liability for Taxes with respect to a Pre-Distribution Period imposed on any member of the L Brands Group and (B) a Tax Attribute with respect to any member of the VS Group.

**“Tax”** (and the correlative meaning, **“Taxes,” “Taxing”** and **“Taxable”**) means (i) any tax, including any net income, gross income, gross receipts, recapture, alternative or add-on minimum, sales, use, business and occupation, value-added, trade, goods and services, ad valorem, franchise, profits, net wealth, license, business royalty, withholding, payroll, employment, capital, excise, transfer, recording, severance, stamp, occupation, premium, property, asset, real estate acquisition, environmental, custom duty, impost, obligation, assessment, levy, tariff or other tax, governmental fee or other like assessment or charge of any kind whatsoever (including any Escheat Payment), together with any interest and any penalty, addition to tax or additional amount imposed by a Taxing Authority; or (ii) any liability of any member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group for the payment of any amounts described in clause (i) as a result of any express or implied obligation to indemnify any other Person.

**“Tax Attribute”** means a net operating loss, net capital loss, unused investment credit, unused foreign tax credit, excess charitable contribution, unused general business credit, alternative minimum tax credit or any other Tax Item that could reduce a Tax liability.

**“Tax Benefit”** means any Tax refund, credit in lieu thereof, offset or other similar item that results in a reduction in otherwise required Tax payments.

**“Tax Adviser”** means Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP.

**“Tax Item”** means any item of income, gain, loss, deduction, credit, recapture of credit or any other item that can increase or decrease Taxes paid or payable.

**“Tax Opinion”** shall mean the legal opinion delivered to L Brands by the Tax Adviser with respect to certain U.S. federal income Tax consequences of the Restructuring, the Contribution and the Distribution.

**“Tax Proceeding”** means any Tax audit, dispute, examination, contest, litigation, arbitration, action, suit, claim, cause of action, review, inquiry, assessment, hearing, complaint, demand, investigation or proceeding (whether administrative, judicial or contractual).

**“Tax-Related Losses”** means, with respect to any Taxes imposed pursuant to any settlement, determination, judgment or otherwise, (i) all accounting, legal and other professional fees, and court costs incurred in connection with such Taxes, as well as any other out-of-pocket costs incurred in connection with such Taxes and (ii) all damages, costs, and expenses associated with stockholder litigation or controversies and any amount paid by any member of the L Brands Group or any member of the VS Group in respect of the liability of shareholders, whether paid to shareholders or to the IRS or any other Taxing Authority, in each case, resulting from the failure of the Intended Tax Treatment of the Restructuring, the Contribution or the Distribution.

**“Tax Representation Letters”** means the representations provided by VS and L Brands to the Tax Adviser in connection with the rendering by the Tax Adviser of the Tax Opinion.

**“Tax Return”** means any Tax return, statement, report, form, election, bill, certificate, claim or surrender (including estimated Tax returns and reports, extension requests and forms, and information returns and reports), or statement or other document or written information filed or required to be filed with any Taxing Authority, including any amendment thereof and any appendix, schedule or attachment thereto.

**“Taxing Authority”** means any Governmental Authority (domestic or foreign), including, without limitation, any state, municipality, political subdivision or governmental agency, responsible for the imposition, assessment, administration, collection, enforcement or determination of any Tax.

**“Transfer Taxes”** means all U.S. federal, state, local or non-U.S. sales, use, privilege, transfer, documentary, stamp, duties, real estate transfer, controlling interest transfer, recording and similar Taxes and fees (including any penalties, interest or additions thereto) imposed upon any member of the L Brands Group or any member of the VS Group in connection with the Restructuring, the Contribution or the Distribution.

**“VS Business”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“VS Carried Item”** means any Tax Attribute of the VS Group that may or must be carried from one Taxable period to another prior Taxable period, or carried from one Taxable period to another subsequent Taxable period, under the Code or other Applicable Tax Law.

**“VS Common Stock”** has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

**“VS Compensatory Equity Interests”** means any options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, stock units or other rights with respect to the capital stock of VS that are granted on or prior to the Distribution Date by any member of the VS Group in connection with employee, independent contractor or director compensation or other employee benefits (including, for the avoidance of doubt, options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance share units or other rights issued in respect of any of the foregoing by reason of the Distribution or any subsequent transaction).

**“VS Disqualifying Action”** means (a) any action (or the failure to take any action) by any member of the VS Group after the Distribution Time (including entering into any agreement, understanding or arrangement or any negotiations with respect to any transaction or series of transactions), (b) any event (or series of events) after the Distribution Time involving the capital stock of VS or any assets of any member of the VS Group or (c) any breach by any member of the VS Group after the Distribution Time of any representation, warranty or covenant made by them in this Agreement, that, in each case, would affect the Intended Tax Treatment; *provided, however*, that the term “VS Disqualifying Action” shall not include any action entered into pursuant to any Distribution Document (other than this Agreement) or that is undertaken pursuant to the Restructuring, the Contribution or the Distribution.

“**VS Group**” has the meaning set forth in the Separation Agreement.

“**VS Post-2020 Separate Income Tax Return**” means any VS Separate Tax Return that is an Income Tax Return, other than a Pre-2021 VS Separate Tax Return.

“**VS Post-2020 Separate Non-Income Tax Return**” means any VS Separate Tax Return that is not a VS Separate Income Tax Return, other than a Pre-2021 VS Separate Tax Return.

“**VS Separate Tax Return**” means any Separate Tax Return of or including any member of the VS Group.

“**VS Specified Tax Attributes**” means any Tax Attributes listed on Schedule D-2.

(b) Each of the following terms is defined in the Section set forth opposite such term:

Term	Section
Due Date	Section 12(a)
Internal Tax-Free Transactions	Schedule A
Past Practices	Section 4(f)(i)
Reimbursable Payment	Section 7(b)
Reimbursement Adjustment	Section 7(b)
Section 336(e) Election	Section 10(a)
Section 9(b)(iv)(F) Acquisition Transaction	Section 9(b)(iv)(F)
Tax Arbiter	Section 25
Tax Benefit Recipient	Section 8(c)

(c) All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings as in the Separation Agreement. Any term used in this Agreement which is not defined in this Agreement or the Separation Agreement shall, to the extent the context requires, have the meaning assigned to it in the Code or the applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder (as interpreted in administrative pronouncements and judicial decisions) or in comparable provisions of Applicable Tax Law.

Section 2. *Sole Tax Sharing Agreement.* Any and all existing Tax sharing agreements or arrangements, written or unwritten, between any member of the L Brands Group, on the one hand, and any member of the VS Group, on the other hand, if not previously terminated, shall be terminated as of the Distribution Date without any further action by the Parties thereto. Following the Distribution, no member of the VS Group or the L Brands Group shall have any further rights or liabilities thereunder, and this Agreement and the Distribution Documents (to the extent such Distribution Documents reflect an agreement between the Parties as to Tax sharing) shall be the sole Tax sharing agreements between the members of the VS Group, on the one hand, and the members of the L Brands Group, on the other hand.

Section 3. *Allocation of Taxes.*

(a) *General Allocation Principles.* Except as provided in Section 3(c), all Taxes shall be allocated as follows:

(i) *Allocation of Taxes Reflected on Joint Tax Returns.* Except as provided in Section 3(b), L Brands shall be allocated all Taxes reported, or required to be reported, on any Joint Tax Return that any member of the L Brands Group or VS Group files or is required to file under the Code or other Applicable Tax Law; *provided, however*, that to the extent any such Joint Tax Return includes any Tax Item attributable to (A) any member of the VS Group or (B) the VS Business, in each case, in respect of any Post-Distribution Period, VS shall be allocated all Taxes attributable to such Tax Items as determined by L Brands in its reasonable discretion.

(ii) *Allocation of Taxes Reflected on Separate Tax Returns.*

(A) L Brands shall be allocated all Taxes reported, or required to be reported, on (x) an L Brands Separate Tax Return, (y) a Pre-2021 VS Separate Tax Return or (z) a VS Post-2020 Separate Non-Income Tax Return to the extent such Taxes are attributable to any Pre-Distribution Period (as determined in accordance with Section 3(b)).

(B) VS shall be allocated all Taxes reported, or required to be reported, on (x) a VS Post-2020 Separate Income Tax Return or (y) a VS Post-2020 Separate Non-Income Tax Return to the extent such Taxes are attributable to any Post-Distribution Period (as determined in accordance with Section 3(b)).

(iii) *Taxes Not Reported on Tax Returns.*

(A) L Brands shall be allocated any Tax attributable to any member of the L Brands Group that is not required to be reported on a Tax Return.

(B) VS shall be allocated any Tax attributable to any member of the VS Group that is not required to be reported on a Tax Return.

(b) *Allocation Conventions.*

(i) All Taxes allocated pursuant to Section 3(a), other than Income Taxes allocated pursuant to Section 3(a)(ii)(B)(x), shall be allocated in accordance with the Closing of the Books Method; *provided, however*, that if Applicable Tax Law does not permit a VS Group member to close its Taxable year on the Distribution Date, the Tax attributable to the operations of the members of the VS Group for any Pre-Distribution Period shall be the Tax computed using a hypothetical closing of the books consistent with the Closing of the Books Method (except to the extent otherwise agreed upon by L Brands and VS).

(ii) Any Tax Item of VS or any member of the VS Group arising from a transaction engaged in outside the ordinary course of business on the Distribution Date after the Distribution Time shall be allocable to VS and any such transaction by or with respect to VS or any member of the VS Group occurring after the Distribution Time shall be treated for all Tax purposes (to the extent permitted by Applicable Tax Law) as occurring at the beginning of the day following the Distribution Date in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-76(b) (assuming no election is made under Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-76(b)(2)(ii) (relating to a ratable allocation of a year's Tax Items)); *provided* that the foregoing shall not include any action that is undertaken pursuant to the Restructuring, the Contribution or the Distribution.



(c) *Special Allocation Rules.* Notwithstanding any other provision in this Section 3, the following Taxes shall be allocated as follows:

(i) *Transfer Taxes.* Transfer Taxes shall be allocated 50% to VS and 50% to L Brands

(ii) *Taxes Relating to L Brands Compensatory Equity Interests.* Any Tax liability (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the satisfaction of any withholding Tax obligation) relating to the issuance, exercise, vesting or settlement of any L Brands Compensatory Equity Interest shall be allocated in a manner consistent with Section 7.

(iii) *Distribution Taxes and Tax-Related Losses.* Any liability for Distribution Taxes and Tax-Related Losses resulting from a VS Disqualifying Action shall be allocated in a manner consistent with Section 11(a)(iii).

(iv) *Section 965 Taxes.* Any installment payments required to be made pursuant to the election made by a member of the L Brands Group or a member of the VS Group (that was a member of such VS Group prior to the Distribution Date) under Section 965(h) of the Code, and any adjustments thereto, shall be allocated to L Brands.

(v) *Taxes Covered by Distribution Documents.* Subject to the preceding clauses of Section 3(c), any liability or other matter relating to Taxes that is specifically addressed in any Distribution Document shall be allocated or governed as provided in such Distribution Document.

(vi) *Cash Management Transfer Taxes.* Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, L Brands shall be allocated any and all Cash Management Transfer Taxes.

Section 4. *Preparation and Filing of Tax Returns.*

(a) *L Brands Prepared Tax Returns.* L Brands shall prepare and file, or cause to be prepared and filed, all (i) Joint Tax Returns, (ii) L Brands Separate Tax Returns and (iii) Pre-2021 VS Separate Tax Returns; *provided*, that to the extent any such Tax Return includes an MFE APA Period, such Tax Return shall be prepared in a manner consistent with the MFE APA. To the extent any Joint Tax Return reflects operations of the VS Group for a Taxable period that includes the Distribution Date, L Brands shall include in such Joint Tax Return the results of such member of the VS Group, as the case may be, on the basis of the Closing of the Books Method to the extent permitted by Applicable Tax Law. If a member of the VS Group is responsible for the filing of any such Tax Return under Applicable Tax Law, L Brands shall, subject to the procedures set forth in Sections 4(c), 4(d) and 4(e), deliver such prepared Tax Return to VS in advance of the applicable filing deadline.

(b) *VS Prepared Tax Returns.* VS shall prepare and file (or cause to be prepared and filed) any VS Post-2020 Separate Income Tax Return and any VS Post-2020 Separate Non-Income Tax Return.

(c) *Determination of Responsible Party.* L Brands, in consultation with VS, shall determine which Party or their respective Affiliates is required to file any Joint Tax Return or Separate Tax Return under Applicable Tax Law.

(d) *Provision of Information; Timing.* VS shall maintain all necessary information for L Brands (or any of its Affiliates) to file any Tax Return that L Brands is required or permitted to file under this Section 4, and shall provide to L Brands all such necessary information in accordance with the L Brands Group's past practice. L Brands shall maintain all necessary information for VS (or any of its Affiliates) to file any Tax Return that VS is required or permitted to file under this Section 4, and shall provide VS with all such necessary information in accordance with the L Brands Group's past practice.

(e) *Right to Review.*

(i) The Party responsible for preparing (or causing to be prepared) any Tax Return under this Section 4 shall make such Tax Return and related workpapers available for review by the other Party, if requested, to the extent (i) such Tax Return relates to Taxes for which the requesting Party would be liable under Section 3, (ii) such Tax Return relates to such Taxes described in clause (i) and the requesting Party would reasonably be expected to be liable in whole or in part for any additional Taxes owing as a result of adjustments to the amount of such Taxes reported on such Tax Return or (iii) such Tax Return relates to Taxes for which the requesting Party would reasonably be expected to have a claim for Tax Benefits under this Agreement. The Party responsible for preparing (or causing to be prepared) the relevant Tax Return shall (x) use its reasonable best efforts to make such portion of such Tax Return available for review as required under this paragraph sufficiently in advance of the due date for the filing of such Tax Return to provide the requesting Party with a meaningful opportunity to analyze and comment on such Tax Return and (y) use reasonable best efforts to have such Tax Return modified before filing, taking into account the Person responsible for payment of the Tax (if any) reported on such Tax Return and whether the amount of Tax liability allocable to the requesting Party with respect to such Tax Return is material. The Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve any issues arising out of the review of such Tax Return.

(ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, other than a VS Separate Non-Income Tax Return that relates solely to a Post-Distribution Period, VS shall submit a draft of any VS Separate Non-Income Tax Return that it is required to prepare and that is required to be filed after the Distribution Date to L Brands. With respect to such VS Separate Non-Income Tax Return, VS (A) shall make such Tax Return available for review as required under this paragraph sufficiently in advance of the due date for the filing of such Tax Return to provide L Brands with a meaningful opportunity to analyze and comment on such Tax Return, and (B) shall not file or cause to be filed any such Tax Return without the consent of L Brands, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

(f) *Special Rules Relating to the Preparation of Tax Returns.*

(i) *General Rule.* Except as provided in this Section 4(f)(i), VS shall prepare (or cause to be prepared) any Tax Return, with respect to Taxable periods (or portions thereof) ending prior to or on the Distribution Date, for which it is responsible under this Section 4 in accordance with past practices, accounting methods, elections or conventions (“**Past Practices**”) used by the members of the L Brands Group prior to the Distribution Date with respect to such Tax Return to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, and to the extent any items, methods or positions are not covered by Past Practices, as directed by L Brands in its sole discretion to the extent permitted by Applicable Law.

(ii) *Consistency with Intended Tax Treatment.* All Tax Returns that include any member of the L Brands Group or any member of the VS Group shall be prepared in a manner that is consistent with the Intended Tax Treatment.

(iii) *VS Separate Tax Returns.* With respect to any VS Post-2020 Separate Income Tax Return or any VS Post-2020 Separate Non-Income Tax Return, VS and the other members of the VS Group shall include such Tax Items in such Tax Return in a manner that is consistent with the inclusion of such Tax Items in any related Tax Return for which L Brands is responsible to the extent such Tax Items are allocated in accordance with this Agreement.

(iv) *Election to File Joint Tax Returns.* L Brands shall be entitled in its sole discretion to file any Combined Tax Return if the filing of such Tax Return is elective under Applicable Tax Law. Each member of any such Combined Group shall execute and file such consents, elections and other documents as may be required, appropriate or otherwise requested by L Brands in connection with the filing of such Joint Tax Returns.

(v) *Preparation of Transfer Tax Returns.* The Company required under Applicable Tax Law to file any Tax Returns in respect of Transfer Taxes shall prepare and file (or cause to be prepared and filed) such Tax Returns. If required by Applicable Tax Law, L Brands and VS shall, and shall cause their respective Affiliates to, cooperate in preparing and filing, and join the execution of, any such Tax Returns.

(g) *Payment of Taxes.* L Brands shall pay (or cause to be paid) to the proper Taxing Authority the Tax shown as due on any Tax Return for which a member of the L Brands Group is responsible for filing under this Section 4, and VS shall pay (or cause to be paid) to the proper Taxing Authority the Tax shown as due on any Tax Return for which a member of the VS Group is responsible for filing under this Section 4. If any member of the L Brands Group is required to make a payment to a Taxing Authority for Taxes allocated to VS under Section 3, VS shall pay the amount of such Taxes to L Brands in accordance with Section 11 and Section 12. If any member of the VS Group is required to make a payment to a Taxing Authority for Taxes allocated to L Brands under Section 3, L Brands shall pay the amount of such Taxes to VS in accordance with Section 11 and Section 12.

Section 5. *Apportionment of Earnings and Profits and Tax Attributes.*

(a) Any Tax Attributes arising in a Pre-Distribution Period will be allocated to (and the benefits and burdens of such Tax Attributes will inure to) the members of the L Brands Group and the members of the VS Group in accordance with L Brands' historical practice (including historical methodologies for making corporate allocations), the Code, Treasury Regulations, and any applicable state, local and foreign law, as determined by L Brands in its sole discretion.

(b) L Brands shall in good faith, based on information reasonably available to it, advise VS in writing, as soon as reasonably practicable after the close of the relevant Taxable period in which the Distribution occurs, of L Brands' estimate of the portion, if any, of any earnings and profits, previously taxed earnings and profits (within the meaning of Section 959 of the Code ("**PTI**"), Tax Attributes, Tax basis, overall foreign loss or other consolidated, combined or unitary attribute which L Brands determines is expected to be allocated or apportioned to the members of the VS Group under Applicable Tax Law. In the event of any adjustment to the previously delivered estimates of the portion of earnings and profits, Tax Attributes, Tax basis, overall foreign loss or other consolidated, combined or unitary attribute determined by L Brands, L Brands shall promptly advise VS in writing of such adjustment. For the avoidance of doubt, L Brands shall not be liable to any member of the VS Group for any failure of any determination under this Section 5(b) to be accurate under Applicable Tax Law, provided such determination was made in good faith. All members of the VS Group shall prepare all Tax Returns in accordance with the written notices provided by L Brands to VS pursuant to this Section 5(b).

(c) Except as otherwise provided herein, to the extent that the amount of any earnings and profits, PTI, Tax Attributes, Tax basis, overall foreign loss or other consolidated, combined or unitary attribute allocated to members of the L Brands Group or the VS Group pursuant to Section 5(b) is later reduced or increased by a Taxing Authority or as a result of a Tax Proceeding, such reduction or increase shall be allocated to the Company to which such earnings and profits, Tax Attributes, Tax basis, overall foreign loss or other consolidated, combined or unitary attribute was allocated pursuant to this Section 5, as determined by L Brands in good faith.

Section 6. *Utilization of Tax Attributes.*

(a) *Amended Returns.* Any amended Tax Return or claim for a refund with respect to any member of the VS Group may be made only by the Party responsible for preparing the original Tax Return with respect to such member of the VS Group pursuant to Section 4.

(b) *No Carryback Election.* The Parties hereby agree, except with respect to any L Brands Specified Tax Attribute (as to which L Brands shall have sole discretion), (i) not to make or cause to be made any election to claim (A) in any Pre-Distribution Period or (B) in any Joint Tax Return a VS Carried Item from a Post-Distribution Period and (ii) to elect, to the extent permitted by Applicable Tax Law, to forgo the right to carry back any VS Carried Item from a Post-Distribution Period to (A) a Pre-Distribution Period or (B) a Joint Tax Return.

(c) *VS Carrybacks.*

(i) If a member of the VS Group reasonably determines that it is required by Applicable Tax Law to carry back any VS Carried Item to (i) a Pre-Distribution Period or (ii) a Joint Tax Return, it shall notify L Brands in writing of such determination at least ninety (90) days prior to filing the Tax Return on which such carryback will be reflected. Such notification shall include a description in reasonable detail of the basis for any expected Tax Benefit and the amount thereof. If L Brands disagrees with such determination, the Parties shall resolve their disagreement pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 25.

(ii) If a VS Carried Item (other than an L Brands Specified Tax Attribute) is carried back to (i) a Pre-Distribution Period or (ii) a Joint Tax Return pursuant to Section 6(c)(i), L Brands shall be required to make a payment to the VS Group in an amount equal to the Tax Benefit in respect of such VS Carried Item in accordance with Section 8(c).

(d) *Carryforwards to Separate Tax Returns.* If a portion or all of any Tax Attribute is allocated to a member of a Combined Group pursuant to Section 5 and carried forward to a VS Post-2020 Separate Income Tax Return, any Tax Benefits arising from such carryforward shall be retained by the VS Group. If a portion or all of any Tax Attribute is allocated to a member of a Combined Group pursuant to Section 5, and is carried forward to a L Brands Separate Tax Return, any Tax Benefits arising from such carryforward shall be retained by the L Brands Group.

#### Section 7. *Deductions and Reporting for Certain Awards.*

(a) *Deductions.* To the extent permitted by Applicable Tax Law, income Tax deductions with respect to the issuance, exercise, vesting or settlement after the Distribution Date of any L Brands Compensatory Equity Interests or VS Compensatory Equity Interests shall be claimed (i) in the case of an active officer or employee, solely by the Group that employs such Person at the time of such issuance, exercise, vesting, or settlement, as applicable; (ii) in the case of a former officer or employee, solely by the Group that was the last to employ such Person; and (iii) in the case of a director or former director (who is not an officer or employee or former officer or employee of a member of either Group), (x) solely by the L Brands Group if such person was, at any time before or after the Distribution, a director of any member of the L Brands Group, and (y) in any other case, solely by the VS Group.

(b) If, notwithstanding clause (a), it is reasonably likely that the VS Group will, under Applicable Tax Law, utilize a deduction for a Taxable period ending after the Distribution Date with respect to (i) the issuance, exercise, vesting or settlement after the Distribution Date of any L Brands Compensatory Equity Interests, or (ii) any liability with respect to compensation required to be paid or satisfied by, or otherwise allocated to, any member of the L Brands Group in accordance with any Distribution Document (the “**Reimbursable Payment**”), L Brands shall reduce the amount payable to the relevant member of the VS Group with respect to the Reimbursable Payment by [\_\_]% (the “**Reimbursement Adjustment**”).

(c) *Withholding and Reporting.* All applicable withholding and reporting responsibilities (including all income, payroll or other Tax reporting related to income to any current or former employee) with respect to the issuance, exercise, vesting or settlement of any L Brands Compensatory Equity Interests or VS Compensatory Equity Interests shall be the responsibility of the Party to which such responsibility has been prescribed by Section 8.04 of the Employee Matters Agreement. L Brands and VS acknowledge and agree that the Parties shall cooperate with each other and with third-party providers to effectuate withholding and remittance of Taxes, as well as required Tax reporting, in a timely manner.

#### Section 8. *Tax Benefits.*

(a) *L Brands Tax Benefits.* L Brands shall be entitled to any Tax Benefits (including, in the case of any refund received, any interest actually received on or in respect thereof) received by any member of the L Brands Group or any member of the VS Group, other than any Tax Benefits (or any amounts in respect of Tax Benefits) to which VS is entitled pursuant to Section 8(b) (or, with respect to any VS Carried Item, Section 6). VS shall not be entitled to any Tax Benefits received by any member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group, except as set forth in Section 8(b).

(b) *VS Tax Benefits.* VS shall be entitled to any Tax Benefits (including, in the case of any refund received, any interest actually received on or in respect thereof) received by any member of the L Brands Group or any member of the VS Group after the Distribution Date (i) with respect to any Tax allocated to a member of the VS Group under this Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any amounts allocated to VS pursuant to Section 3(c)(iii)) or (ii) resulting from a VS Specified Tax Attribute, in each case, other than (x) any Tax Benefits resulting from a VS Carried Item, which shall be governed by Section 6 and (y) any Tax Benefit resulting from an L Brands Specified Tax Attribute.

(c) A Company receiving (or realizing) a Tax Benefit to which another Company is entitled hereunder (a “**Tax Benefit Recipient**”) shall pay over the amount of such Tax Benefit (including interest received from the relevant Taxing Authority, but net of any Taxes imposed with respect to such Tax Benefit and any other reasonable costs associated therewith) within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof (or from the due date for payment of any Tax reduced thereby); *provided, however*, that the other Company, upon the request of such Tax Benefit Recipient, shall repay the amount paid to the other Company (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Taxing Authority) in the event that, as a result of a subsequent Final Determination, a Tax Benefit that gave rise to such payment is subsequently disallowed.

(a) *Representations.*

(i) VS and each other member of the VS Group represents that as of the date hereof, and covenants that as of the Distribution Date, there is no plan or intention:

(A) to liquidate VS or to merge or consolidate any member of the VS Group with any other Person subsequent to the Distribution;

(B) to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any material asset of any member of the VS Group, except in the ordinary course of business;

(C) to take or fail to take any action in a manner that is inconsistent with the written information and representations furnished by VS to the Tax Adviser in connection with the Tax Representation Letters or the Tax Opinion;

(D) to repurchase stock of VS other than in a manner that satisfies the requirements of Section 4.05(1)(b) of IRS Revenue Procedure 96-30 (as in effect prior to the amendment of such Revenue Procedure by IRS Revenue Procedure 2003-48) and consistent with any representations made to the Tax Adviser in connection with the Tax Representation Letters;

(E) to take or fail to take any action in a manner that management of VS knows, or should know, is reasonably likely to contravene any agreement with a Taxing Authority entered into prior to the Distribution Date to which any member of the VS Group or the L Brands Group is a party; or

(F) to enter into any negotiations, agreements, or arrangements with respect to transactions or events (including stock issuances, pursuant to the exercise of options or otherwise, option grants, the adoption of, or authorization of shares under, a stock option plan, capital contributions, or acquisitions, but not including the Distribution) that could reasonably be expected to cause the Distribution to be treated as part of a plan (within the meaning of Section 355(e) of the Code) pursuant to which one or more Persons acquire directly or indirectly VS stock representing a 50% or greater interest within the meaning of Section 355(d)(4) of the Code.

(b) *Covenants.*

(i) VS shall not, and shall not permit any other member of the VS Group to, take or fail to take any action that constitutes a VS Disqualifying Action.

(ii) VS shall not, and shall not permit any other member of the VS Group to, take or fail to take any action that is inconsistent with the information and representations furnished by VS to the Tax Adviser in connection with the Tax Representation Letters or the Tax Opinion.

(iii) VS shall not, and shall not permit any other member of the VS Group to, take or fail to take any action in a manner that management of VS knows, or should know, is reasonably likely to contravene any agreement with a Taxing Authority entered into prior to the Distribution Date to which any member of the VS Group or the L Brands Group is a party.

(iv) During the two-year period following the Distribution Date:

(A) VS shall (v) maintain its status as a company engaged in the Active Trade or Business for purposes of Section 355(b)(2) of the Code, (w) not engage in any transaction that would result in it ceasing to be a company engaged in the Active Trade or Business for purposes of Section 355(b)(2) of the Code, (x) cause each other member of the VS Group whose Active Trade or Business is relied upon for purposes of qualifying the Distribution or any component of the Restructuring for the Intended Tax Treatment to maintain its status as a company engaged in such Active Trade or Business for purposes of Section 355(b)(2) of the Code and any such other Applicable Tax Law, (y) not engage in any transaction or permit any other member of the VS Group to engage in any transaction that would result in a member of the VS Group described in clause (x) hereof ceasing to be a company engaged in the relevant Active Trade or Business for purposes of Section 355(b)(2) of the Code or such other Applicable Tax Law, taking into account Section 355(b)(3) of the Code for purposes of each of clauses (v) through (y) hereof and (z) not dispose of or permit a member of the VS Group to dispose of, directly or indirectly, any interest in a member of the VS Group described in clause (x) hereof or permit any such member of the VS Group to make or revoke any election under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3;

(B) VS shall not repurchase stock of VS in a manner contrary to the requirements of Section 4.05(1)(b) of IRS Revenue Procedure 96-30 (as in effect prior to the amendment of such Revenue Procedure by IRS Revenue Procedure 2003-48) or inconsistent with any representations made by VS to the Tax Adviser in connection with the Tax Representation Letters;

(C) VS shall not, and shall not agree to, merge, consolidate or amalgamate with any other Person;

(D) VS shall not, and shall not permit any other member of the VS Group to, or to agree to, sell or otherwise issue to any Person, any Equity Interests of VS or of any other member of the VS Group; *provided, however*, that VS may issue Equity Interests to the extent such issuances satisfy Safe Harbor VIII (relating to acquisitions in connection with a person's performance of services) or Safe Harbor IX (relating to acquisitions by a retirement plan of an employer) of Treasury Regulations Section 1.355-7(d);



(E) VS shall not, and shall not permit any other member of the VS Group to (I) solicit any Person to make a tender offer for, or otherwise acquire or sell, the Equity Interests of VS or any member of the VS Group, (II) participate in or support any unsolicited tender offer for, or other acquisition, issuance or disposition of, the Equity Interests of VS or any member of the VS Group or (III) approve or otherwise permit any proposed business combination or any transaction which, in the case of clauses (I) or (II), individually or in the aggregate, together with any transaction occurring within the four-year period beginning on the date which is two years before the Distribution Date and any other transaction which is part of a plan or series of related transactions (within the meaning of Section 355(e) of the Code) that includes the Distribution, could result in one or more Persons acquiring (except for acquisitions that otherwise satisfy Safe Harbor VIII (relating to acquisitions in connection with a person's performance of services) or Safe Harbor IX (relating to acquisitions by a retirement plan of an employer) of Treasury Regulation Section 1.355-7(d)) directly or indirectly stock representing a 25% or greater interest, by vote or value, in VS, [ ] or [ ] (or any successor thereto) (any such transaction, a **"Proposed Acquisition Transaction"**); *provided further* that any clarification of, or change in, the statute or regulations promulgated under Section 355(e) of the Code shall be incorporated in the restrictions in this clause (iv) and the interpretation thereof;

(F) if any member of the VS Group proposes to enter into any transaction or series of transactions that is not a Proposed Acquisition Transaction but would be a Proposed Acquisition Transaction if the percentage reflected in the definition of Proposed Acquisition Transaction were 15% instead of 25% (a **"Section 9(b)(iv)(F) Acquisition Transaction"**) or, to the extent VS has the right to prohibit any Section 9(b)(iv)(F) Acquisition Transaction, proposes to permit any Section 9(b)(iv)(F) Acquisition Transaction to occur, in each case, VS shall provide L Brands, no later than 10 Business Days following the signing of any written agreement with respect to the Section 9(b)(iv)(F) Acquisition Transaction, a written description of such transaction (including the type and amount of Equity Interests to be issued or sold in such transaction) and a certificate of the board of directors of VS to the effect that the Section 9(b)(iv)(F) Acquisition Transaction is not a Proposed Acquisition Transaction; and

(G) VS shall not, and shall not permit any other member of the VS Group to, amend its certificate of incorporation (or other organizational documents), or take any other action, whether through a stockholder vote or otherwise, affecting the voting rights of the Equity Interests of VS (including, without limitation, through the conversion of one class of Equity Interests of VS into another class of Equity Interests of VS).

(H) VS shall not transfer, to any member of the VS Group that is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, any asset that was transferred to VS in the Contribution.

(v) VS shall not take or fail to take, or permit any other member of the VS Group to take or fail to take, any action which prevents or could reasonably be expected to result in Tax treatment that is inconsistent with the Intended Tax Treatment.

(c) *VS Covenants Exceptions.* Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9(b), VS and the other members of the VS Group may take any action that would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with the covenants contained in Section 9(b), if either: (i) VS notifies L Brands of its proposal to take such action and VS and L Brands obtain a ruling from the IRS to the effect that such action will not affect the Intended Tax Treatment, *provided* that VS agrees in writing to bear any expenses associated with obtaining such a ruling and, *provided further* that the VS Group shall not be relieved of any liability under Section 11(a) of this Agreement by reason of seeking or having obtained such a ruling; or (ii) VS notifies L Brands of its proposal to take such action and obtains an unqualified opinion of counsel (A) from a Tax advisor recognized as an expert in federal income Tax matters and acceptable to L Brands in its sole discretion, (B) on which L Brands may rely and (C) to the effect that such action “will” not affect the Intended Tax Treatment, *provided* that the VS Group shall not be relieved of any liability under Section 11(a) of this Agreement by reason of having obtained such an opinion.

Section 10. *Tax Receivables Arrangements.*

(a) *Section 336(e) Election.* Pursuant to Treasury Regulations Sections 1.336-2(h)(1)(i) and 1.336-2(j), L Brands and VS agree that L Brands may make a timely protective election under Section 336(e) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder and under any comparable provisions of state, local or foreign law for each member of the VS Group that is a domestic corporation for U.S. federal income Tax purposes with respect to the Distribution (a “**Section 336(e) Election**”). It is intended that a Section 336(e) Election will have no effect unless the Distribution is a “qualified stock disposition,” as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.336(e)-1(b)(6), by reason of the application of Treasury Regulations Section 1.336-1(b)(5)(i)(B) or Treasury Regulations Section 1.336-1(b)(5)(ii), or under any comparable provisions of state, local or foreign law in any other jurisdiction.

(b) *L Brands TRA.* If any Specified Event results in the imposition of a liability for Taxes (including any Taxes attributable to the Section 336(e) Election) that are not allocated to VS pursuant to Section 3, (i) L Brands shall be entitled to periodic payments from VS equal to the product of (x) 85% of the Tax savings attributable to Tax Attributes arising from such Specified Event and (y) the percentage of Taxes arising from such Specified Event that are not allocated to VS pursuant to Section 3, and (ii) the Parties shall negotiate in good faith the terms of a tax receivable agreement to govern the calculation of such payments; *provided* that any such tax savings in clause (i) shall be determined using a “with and without” methodology (treating any Tax Attribute arising from any Specified Event as the last items claimed for any Taxable year, including after the utilization of any carryforwards). Notwithstanding the foregoing, L Brands may, at its sole discretion, waive its right to receive any and all payments pursuant to this Section 10(b).

Section 11. *Indemnities.*

(a) *VS Indemnity to L Brands.* Except in the case of any liabilities described in Section 11(b), VS and each other member of the VS Group shall jointly and severally indemnify L Brands and the other members of the L Brands Group against, and hold them harmless, without duplication, from:

- (i) any Tax liability allocated to VS pursuant to Section 3;

(ii) any Tax liability and Tax-Related Losses attributable to a breach, after the Distribution Time, by VS or any other member of the VS Group of any representation, covenant or provision contained in this Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Taxes and Tax-Related Losses resulting from any breach for which the conditions set forth in Section 9(c) are satisfied);

(iii) any Distribution Taxes and Tax-Related Losses attributable to a VS Disqualifying Action (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Taxes and Tax-Related Losses resulting from any action for which the conditions set forth in Section 9(c) are satisfied); and

(iv) all liabilities, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable expenses of investigation and attorneys' fees and expenses), losses, damages, assessments, settlements or judgments arising out of or incident to the imposition, assessment or assertion of any Tax liability or damage described in (i), (ii) or (iii), including those incurred in the contest in good faith in appropriate proceedings relating to the imposition, assessment or assertion of any such Tax, liability or damage.

(b) *L Brands Indemnity to VS.* Except in the case of any liabilities described in Section 11(a), L Brands and each other member of the L Brands Group will jointly and severally indemnify VS and the other members of the VS Group against, and hold them harmless, without duplication, from:

(i) any Tax liability allocated to L Brands pursuant to Section 3;

(ii) any Taxes imposed on any member of the VS Group under Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-6 (or similar or analogous provision of state, local or foreign law) solely as a result of any such member being or having been a member of a Combined Group; and

(iii) all liabilities, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable expenses of investigation and attorneys' fees and expenses), losses, damages, assessments, settlements or judgments arising out of or incident to the imposition, assessment or assertion of any Tax liability or damage described in (i) or (ii), including those incurred in the contest in good faith in appropriate proceedings relating to the imposition, assessment or assertion of any such Tax, liability or damage.

(c) *Discharge of Indemnity.* VS, L Brands and the members of their respective Groups shall discharge their obligations under Section 11(a) or Section 11(b) hereof, respectively, by paying the relevant amount in accordance with Section 12, within thirty (30) Business Days of demand therefor or, to the extent such amount is required to be paid to a Taxing Authority prior to the expiration of such thirty (30) Business Days, at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the date by which the demanding party is required to pay the related Tax liability. Any such demand shall include a statement showing the amount due under Section 11(a) or Section 11(b), as the case may be. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any member of the VS Group or any member of the L Brands Group disputes in good faith the fact or the amount of its obligation under Section 11(a) or Section 11(b), then no payment of the amount in dispute shall be required until any such good faith dispute is resolved in accordance with Section 25 hereof; *provided, however*, that any amount not paid within thirty (30) Business Days of demand therefor shall bear interest as provided in Section 12.

(d) *Corresponding Tax Benefits.* If an indemnification obligation of any member of the L Brands Group or any member of the VS Group, as the case may be, under this Section 11 arises in respect of an adjustment that makes allowable to an Indemnatee any reduction in Taxes payable by the Indemnatee or other Tax benefit which would not, but for such adjustment, be allowable, then any such indemnification obligation shall be an amount equal to (i) the amount otherwise due but for this Section 11(d), minus (ii) the reduction in actual cash Taxes payable by the Indemnatee in the Taxable year in which such indemnification obligation arises, determined on a “with and without” basis.

## Section 12. *Payments.*

(a) *Timing.* All payments to be made under this Agreement (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any payments to a Taxing Authority described herein) shall be made in immediately available funds. Except as otherwise provided, all such payments will be due thirty (30) Business Days after the receipt of notice of such payment or, where no notice is required, thirty (30) Business Days after the fixing of liability or the resolution of a dispute (the “**Due Date**”). Payments shall be deemed made when received. Any payment that is not made on or before the Due Date shall bear interest at the rate equal to the “prime” rate as published on such Due Date in the Wall Street Journal, Eastern Edition, for the period from and including the date immediately following the Due Date through and including the date of payment. With respect to any payment required to be made under this Agreement, L Brands has the right to designate, by written notice to VS, which member of the L Brands Group will make or receive such payment.

(b) *Treatment of Payments.* To the extent permitted by Applicable Tax Law, any payment made by L Brands or any member of the L Brands Group to VS or any member of the VS Group, or by VS or any member of the VS Group to L Brands or any member of the L Brands Group, pursuant to this Agreement, the Separation Agreement or any other Distribution Document that relates to Taxable periods (or portions thereof) ending on or before the Distribution Date shall be treated by the parties hereto for all Tax purposes as a distribution by VS to L Brands, or a capital contribution from L Brands to VS, as the case may be; *provided, however*, that any payment made pursuant to Section [ ] of the Separation Agreement shall instead be treated as if the party required to make a payment of received amounts had received such amounts as agent for the other party; *provided further* that any payment made pursuant to Section [ ] of the Transition Services Agreement shall instead be treated as a payment for services. In the event that a Taxing Authority asserts that a party’s treatment of a payment described in this Section 12(b) should be other than as required herein, such party shall use its reasonable best efforts to contest such assertion in a manner consistent with Section 15 of this Agreement.

(c) *No Duplicative Payment.* It is intended that the provisions of this Agreement shall not result in a duplicative payment of any amount required to be paid under the Separation Agreement or any other Distribution Document, and this Agreement shall be construed accordingly.

Section 13. *Guarantees.* L Brands and VS, as the case may be, each hereby guarantees and agrees to otherwise perform the obligations of each other member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group, respectively, under this Agreement.

Section 14. *Communication and Cooperation.*

(a) *Consult and Cooperate.* L Brands and VS shall consult and cooperate (and shall cause each other member of their respective Groups to consult and cooperate) fully at such time and to the extent reasonably requested by the other party in connection with all matters subject to this Agreement. Such cooperation shall include, without limitation:

(i) the retention, and provision on reasonable request, of any and all information including all books, records, documentation or other information pertaining to Tax matters relating to the VS Group (or, in the case of any Tax Return of the L Brands Group, the portion of such return that relates to Taxes for which the VS Group may be liable pursuant to this Agreement), any necessary explanations of information, and access to personnel, until one year after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitation (giving effect to any extension, waiver or mitigation thereof);

(ii) the execution of any document that may be necessary (including to give effect to Section 15) or helpful in connection with any required Tax Return or in connection with any audit, proceeding, suit or action; and

(iii) the use of the parties' commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any documentation from a Governmental Authority or a third party that may be necessary or helpful in connection with the foregoing.

(b) *Provide Information.* Except as set forth in Section 15, L Brands and VS shall keep each other reasonably informed with respect to any material development relating to the matters subject to this Agreement.

(c) *Tax Attribute Matters.* L Brands and VS shall promptly advise each other with respect to any proposed Tax adjustments that are the subject of an audit or investigation, or are the subject of any proceeding or litigation, and that may affect any Tax liability or any Tax Attribute (including, but not limited to, basis in an asset or the amount of earnings and profits) of any member of the VS Group or any member of the L Brands Group, respectively.

(d) *Confidentiality and Privileged Information.* Any information or documents provided under this Agreement shall be kept confidential by the party receiving the information or documents, except as may otherwise be necessary in connection with the filing of required Tax Returns or in connection with any audit, proceeding, suit or action. Without limiting the foregoing (and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other agreement), (i) no member of the L Brands Group or VS Group, respectively, shall be required to provide any member of the VS Group or L Brands Group, respectively, or any other Person access to or copies of any information or procedures other than information or procedures that relate solely to VS, the business or assets of any member of the VS Group, or matters for which VS or L Brands Group, respectively, has an obligation to indemnify under this Agreement, and (ii) in no event shall any member of the L Brands Group or the VS Group, respectively, be required to provide any member of the VS Group or L Brands Group, respectively, or any other Person access to or copies of any information if such action could reasonably be expected to result in the waiver of any privilege. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that L Brands or VS, respectively, determines that the provision of any information to any member of the VS Group or L Brands Group, respectively, could be commercially detrimental or violate any law or agreement to which L Brands or VS, respectively, is bound, L Brands or VS, respectively, shall not be required to comply with the foregoing terms of this Section 14(d) except to the extent that it is able, using commercially reasonable efforts, to do so while avoiding such harm or consequence (and shall promptly provide notice to L Brands or VS, to the extent such access to or copies of any information is provided to a Person other than a member of the L Brands Group or VS Group (as applicable)).

(a)      *Notice.* Each of L Brands or VS shall promptly notify the other in writing upon the receipt of any notice of Tax Proceeding from the relevant Taxing Authority or upon becoming aware of an actual or potential Tax Proceeding by a Taxing Authority that may affect the liability of any member of the VS Group or the L Brands Group, respectively, for Taxes under Applicable Law or this Agreement; *provided*, that a Party's right to indemnification under this Agreement shall not be limited in any way by a failure to so notify, except to the extent that the indemnifying Party is prejudiced by such failure.

(b)      *L Brands Control.* Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary but subject to Sections 15(d) and 15(e), L Brands shall have the right to control all matters relating to any Joint Tax Return, any L Brands Separate Tax Return, any Pre-2021 VS Separate Tax Return, any VS Post-2020 Separate Non-Income Tax Return (to the extent related to Taxes attributable to a Pre-Distribution Period) and any Tax Return, or any Tax Proceeding, with respect to any Tax matters of a Combined Group or any member of a Combined Group (as such). L Brands shall have absolute discretion with respect to any decisions to be made, or the nature of any action to be taken, with respect to any Tax matter described in the preceding sentence; *provided, however*, that to the extent that any Tax Proceeding relating to such a Tax matter is reasonably likely to give rise to an indemnity obligation of VS under Section 11 hereof, (i) L Brands shall keep VS informed of all material developments and events relating to any such Tax Proceeding described in this proviso and (ii) at its own cost and expense, VS shall have the right to participate in (but not to control) the defense of any such Tax Proceeding.

(c)      *VS Assumption of Control; Non-Distribution Taxes.* If L Brands determines that the resolution of any matter pursuant to a Tax Proceeding (other than a Tax Proceeding relating to Distribution Taxes) is reasonably likely to have an adverse effect on the VS Group with respect to any Post-Distribution Period, L Brands, in its sole discretion, may permit VS to elect to assume control over disposition of such matter at VS's sole cost and expense; *provided, however*, that if VS so elects, it will (i) be responsible for the payment of any liability arising from the disposition of such matter notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary and (ii) indemnify the L Brands Group for any increase in a liability and any reduction of a Tax asset of the L Brands Group arising from such matter.

(d) *VS Participation; Distribution Taxes.* L Brands shall have the right to control any Tax Proceeding relating to Distribution Taxes, *provided* that L Brands shall keep VS fully informed of all material developments and shall permit VS a reasonable opportunity to participate in the defense of the matter.

(e) *Specified Administrative Proceeding.* Notwithstanding the foregoing subsections of this Section 15, VS shall (A) control the Specified Administrative Matter at its own cost and expense, (B) keep L Brands informed of all material developments and events relating to the Specified Administrative Matter and (C) permit L Brands a reasonable opportunity to participate in (but not to control) the Specified Administrative Matter. Subject to the foregoing, L Brands shall cooperate reasonably with VS in connection with the Specified Administrative Matter, including by (i) transferring to VS, upon reasonable request by VS, any and all information, including all books, records, documentation, information regarding vendor mark-ups or other information, pertaining to the Specified Tax Matter, (ii) executing and delivering such documents, agreements or other instruments as are reasonably required to perfect the entry into an MFE APA and (iii) consenting to VS's engagement of any legal, accounting or economic advisor in connection with such Specified Tax Matter.

Section 16. *Notices.* Any notice, instruction, direction or demand under the terms of this Agreement required to be in writing shall be duly given upon delivery, if delivered by hand, facsimile transmission, email transmission, or mail, to the following addresses:

if to L Brands or the L Brands Group, to:

L Brands Corporation  
Three Limited Parkway  
Columbus, Ohio 43230  
Attention: ☐  
Email: ☐

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Attention: ☐  
Email: ☐

if to VS or the VS Group, to:

Victoria's Secret & Co.  
4 Limited Parkway East  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Attention: ☐  
Email: ☐

or such other address or facsimile number as such party may hereafter specify for the purpose by notice to the other party hereto. All such notices, requests and other communications shall be deemed received on the date of receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. in the place of receipt and such day is a Business Day in the place of receipt. Otherwise, any such notice, request or communication shall be deemed not to have been received until the next succeeding Business Day in the place of receipt.

Section 17. *Costs and Expenses.* The Party that prepares any Tax Return shall bear the costs and expenses incurred in the preparation of such Tax Return. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement or the Separation Agreement, (i) each Party shall bear the costs and expenses incurred pursuant to this Agreement to the extent the costs and expenses are directly allocable to a liability or obligation allocated to such Party and (ii) to the extent a cost or expense is not directly allocable to a liability or obligation, it shall be borne by the Party incurring such cost or expense. For purposes of this Agreement, costs and expenses shall include, but not be limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, accountants' fees and other related professional fees and disbursements.

Section 18. *Effectiveness; Termination and Survival.* Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, as between L Brands and VS, this Agreement shall become effective upon the consummation of the Distribution. All rights and obligations arising hereunder shall survive until they are fully effectuated or performed; *provided* that, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement shall remain in effect and its provisions shall survive for one year after the full period of all applicable statutes of limitation (giving effect to any extension, waiver or mitigation thereof) and, with respect to any claim hereunder initiated prior to the end of such period, until such claim has been satisfied or otherwise resolved. This agreement shall terminate without any further action at any time before the Distribution upon termination of the Separation Agreement.

Section 19. *Specific Performance.* Each Party to this Agreement acknowledges and agrees that damages for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of this Agreement would be inadequate and irreparable harm would occur. In recognition of this fact, each Party agrees that, if there is a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any damages, the other nonbreaching Party to this Agreement, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to seek and obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, temporary or permanent injunction, attachment, or any other equitable remedy which may then be available to obligate the breaching Party (i) to perform its obligations under this Agreement or (ii) if the breaching Party is unable, for whatever reason, to perform those obligations, to take any other actions as are necessary, advisable or appropriate to give the other Party to this Agreement the economic effect which comes as close as possible to the performance of those obligations (including transferring, or granting liens on, the assets of the breaching party to secure the performance by the breaching party of those obligations).

Section 20. *Construction.* In this Agreement, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) words used in the singular include the plural and words used in the plural include the singular;



- (b) references to any Person include such Person's successors and assigns but, if applicable, only if such successors and assigns are permitted by this Agreement;
- (c) except as otherwise clearly indicated, reference to any gender includes the other gender;
- (d) the words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation";
- (e) reference to any Article, Section, Exhibit or Schedule means such Article or Section of, or such Exhibit or Schedule to, this Agreement, as the case may be, and references in any Section or definition to any clause means such clause of such Section or definition;
- (f) the words "herein," "hereunder," "hereof," "hereto" and words of similar import shall be deemed references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Section or other provision hereof;
- (g) reference to any agreement, instrument or other document means such agreement, instrument or other document as amended, supplemented and modified from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof and by this Agreement;
- (h) reference to any law (including statutes and ordinances) means such law (including all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) as amended, modified, codified or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect at the time of determining compliance or applicability;
- (i) relative to the determination of any period of time, "from" means "from and including," "to" means "to and including" and "through" means "through and including";
- (j) the titles to Articles and headings of Sections contained in this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to be a part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement;
- (k) unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, all references to dollar amounts herein shall be in respect of lawful currency of the United States; and
- (l) any capitalized term used in an Exhibit or Schedule but not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning set forth in this Agreement.

(a) *Entire Agreement.*

(i) This Agreement and the other Distribution Documents constitute the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings and negotiations, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition or warranty not set forth herein or in the other Distribution Documents has been made or relied upon by any party hereto or any member of their Group with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Distribution Documents. This Agreement is an “**Ancillary Agreement**” as such term is defined in the Separation Agreement and shall be interpreted in accordance with the terms of the Separation Agreement in all respects, *provided* that in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Separation Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control in all respects.

(ii) THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT NO REPRESENTATION, WARRANTY, PROMISE, INDUCEMENT, UNDERSTANDING, COVENANT OR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE OR RELIED UPON BY ANY PARTY OTHER THAN THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT AND IN THE OTHER DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENTS. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE DISCLAIMER SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCE, NEITHER L BRANDS NOR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES HAS MADE OR SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE MADE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES IN ANY PRESENTATION OR WRITTEN INFORMATION RELATING TO THE VS BUSINESS GIVEN OR TO BE GIVEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTIONS OR IN ANY FILING MADE OR TO BE MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF L BRANDS OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES WITH ANY GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY, AND NO STATEMENT MADE IN ANY SUCH PRESENTATION OR WRITTEN MATERIALS, MADE IN ANY SUCH FILING OR CONTAINED IN ANY SUCH OTHER INFORMATION SHALL BE DEEMED A REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY HEREUNDER OR OTHERWISE. VS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT L BRANDS HAS INFORMED IT THAT NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY L BRANDS OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY IN RESPECT OF THE VS BUSINESS OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTIONS, UNLESS IN WRITING AND CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OF THE OTHER DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE A PARTY.

(b) *Amendments and Waivers.*

(i) Any provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived if, and only if, such amendment or waiver is in writing and is signed, in the case of an amendment, by each of L Brands and VS, or in the case of a waiver, by the Party against whom the waiver is to be effective.

(ii) No failure or delay by any Party (or the applicable member of such Party’s Group) in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by Applicable Law.

Section 22. *Governing Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the conflicts of law rules of such state.

Section 23. *Jurisdiction.* The Parties agree that any suit, action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any matter arising out of or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be brought in the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware and any state appellate court therefrom within the State of Delaware (or if the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any federal or state court sitting in the State of Delaware and any federal or state appellate court therefrom), and each of the Parties hereto hereby irrevocably consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action or proceeding and irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court or that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Process in any such suit, action or proceeding may be served on any Party anywhere in the world, whether within or without the jurisdiction of any such court. Without limiting the foregoing, each Party agrees that service of process on such Party as provided in Section 16 shall be deemed effective service of process on such Party.

Section 24. *WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.* EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 25. *Dispute Resolution.* In the event of any dispute relating to this Agreement, the Parties shall work together in good faith to resolve such dispute within thirty (30) days. In the event that such dispute is not resolved, upon written notice by a Party after such thirty (30)-day period, the matter shall be referred to a U.S. Tax counsel or other Tax advisor of recognized national standing (the “**Tax Arbiter**”) that will be jointly chosen by L Brands and VS; *provided, however*, that, if L Brands and VS do not agree on the selection of the Tax Arbiter after five (5) days of good faith negotiation, the Tax Arbiter shall consist of a panel of three U.S. Tax counsel or other Tax advisor of recognized national standing with one member chosen by L Brands, one member chosen by VS, and a third member chosen by mutual agreement of the other members within the following ten (10)-day period. Each decision of a panel Tax Arbiter shall be made by majority vote of the members. The Tax Arbiter may, in its discretion, obtain the services of any third party necessary to assist it in resolving the dispute. The Tax Arbiter shall furnish written notice to the Parties to the dispute of its resolution of the dispute as soon as practicable, but in any event no later than ninety (90) days after acceptance of the matter for resolution. Any such resolution by the Tax Arbiter shall be binding on the Parties, and the Parties shall take, or cause to be taken, any action necessary to implement such resolution. All fees and expenses of the Tax Arbiter shall be shared equally by the Parties to the dispute.

Section 26. *Counterparts; Effectiveness; Third-Party Beneficiaries.* This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. This Agreement shall become effective when each Party hereto shall have received a counterpart hereof signed by the other Party hereto. Until and unless each Party has received a counterpart hereof signed by the other Party hereto, this Agreement shall have no effect and no Party shall have any right or obligation hereunder (whether by virtue of any other oral or written agreement or other communication). Except for Section 14(d) and the indemnification and release provisions of Section 11, neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof is intended to confer any rights, benefits, remedies, obligations, or liabilities hereunder upon any Person other than the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

Section 27. *Successors and Assigns.* The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns; *provided* that neither Party may assign, delegate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the other Party hereto. If any Party or any of its successors or permitted assigns (i) shall consolidate with or merge into any other Person and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) shall transfer all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then, and in each such case, proper provisions shall be made so that the successors and assigns of such Party shall assume all of the obligations of such Party under the Distribution Documents.

Section 28. *Authorization.* Each of L Brands and VS hereby represents and warrants that it has the power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement, on its behalf and on behalf of each member of its Group, that this Agreement has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of such Party and each member of its Group, that this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each such Party and each member of its Group, and that the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by such Party and each member of its Group does not contravene or conflict with any provision or law or of its charter or bylaws or any agreement, instrument or order binding on such Party or member of its Group.

Section 29. *Change in Tax Law.* Any reference to a provision of the Code, Treasury Regulations or any other Applicable Tax Law shall include a reference to any applicable successor provision of the Code, Treasury Regulations or other Applicable Tax Law.

Section 30. *Performance.* Each party shall cause to be performed all actions, agreements and obligations set forth herein to be performed by any member of such party's Group.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed and delivered this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

**L Brands on its own behalf and on behalf of the members of the L Brands Group**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**VS on its own behalf and on behalf of the members of the VS Group**  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

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**FORM OF VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.  
2021 STOCK OPTION AND PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN  
EFFECTIVE [●], 2021**

**ARTICLE I**

**ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE**

1.01. *Establishment and Effective Date.* Effective on [●], 2021 (the “**Effective Date**”), Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation (including any successor in name or interest thereto, the “**Company**”), hereby establishes this stock incentive plan known as the “Victoria’s Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan” (the “**Plan**”).

1.02. *Purpose.* The Company desires to attract and retain the best available executive and key management associates, consultants and other advisors, for itself and its subsidiaries and affiliates and to encourage the highest level of performance by such individuals in order to serve the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Plan is expected to contribute to the attainment of these objectives by offering eligible associates, consultants and other advisors the opportunity to acquire stock ownership interests in the Company, and other rights with respect to stock of the Company, and to thereby provide them with incentives to put forth maximum effort for the success of the Company and its subsidiaries.

1.03. *Definitions.* Unless otherwise defined elsewhere in the Plan, all capitalized terms used in the Plan shall have the meanings set forth in Article XXI.

**ARTICLE II**

**AWARDS**

2.01. *Form of Awards.* Awards under the Plan may be granted in any one or all of the following forms: 1) incentive stock options (“**Incentive Stock Options**”) meeting the requirements of Section 422 of the Code; 2) nonstatutory stock options (“**Nonstatutory Stock Options**”) (unless otherwise indicated, references in the Plan to Options shall include both Incentive Stock Options and Nonstatutory Stock Options); 3) stock appreciation rights (“**Stock Appreciation Rights**”), as described in Article VII, which may be awarded either in tandem with Options (“**Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights**”) or on a stand-alone basis (“**Nontandem Stock Appreciation Rights**”); 4) shares of Common Stock which are subject to certain restrictions as provided in Article X (“**Restricted Shares**”); 5) units representing shares of Common Stock which are restricted as provided in Article XI (“**Restricted Share Units**” or “**RSUs**”); 6) units representing shares of Common Stock, as described in Article XII (“**Performance Units**”), and 7) shares of unrestricted Common Stock (“**Unrestricted Shares**”), as described in Article XIII. In addition, Awards may be granted as (i) “**Substitute Awards**,” which are Awards granted in assumption of, or in substitution for, any outstanding awards previously granted by a company acquired by the Company (or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof) or with which the Company (or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof) combines, (ii) “**Converted Awards**,” which are awards originally granted under an L Brands Equity Plan (as defined in the Employee Matters Agreement) that are converted into Awards with respect to shares of Common Stock pursuant to Section 8.01, 8.02 or 8.03 of the Employee Matters Agreement or (iii) “**Replacement Awards**,” which are “Replacement VS Awards” (as defined under the Employee Matters Agreement) granted pursuant to Section 8.05(a) of the Employee Matters Agreement. Substitute Awards shall be granted in accordance with procedures complying with Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

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2.02. *Maximum Shares Available.* Subject to adjustment pursuant to Article XVI, the maximum aggregate number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance pursuant to Awards (including any Replacement Awards) as of the Effective Date is (i) [●]<sup>1</sup> shares of Common Stock, *plus* (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise or settlement of Substitute Awards and Converted Awards.

2.03. *Share Recycling.* Shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the Plan may be either authorized but unissued shares or issued shares reacquired by the Company. In the event that any Award (including any Replacement Award) expires unexercised or is terminated, surrendered or canceled without being exercised or settled for shares for any reason, or any Restricted Share Award under the Plan is forfeited, then the shares of Common Stock to which any such Award relates may be made available for subsequent Awards, upon such terms as the Committee may determine; *provided, however*, that the foregoing shall not apply to or in respect of Substitute Awards or Converted Awards. The following shares of Common Stock may not again be made available for issuance as Awards: 1) shares of Common Stock not issued or delivered as a result of the net settlement of an outstanding Stock Appreciation Right or Option, or 2) shares of Common Stock used to pay the exercise price or withholding taxes related to settlement of an outstanding Award.

2.04. *ISO Limit.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, a maximum of [●]<sup>2</sup> shares of Common Stock are available for award under the Plan in the form of Incentive Stock Options.

## ARTICLE III

### ADMINISTRATION

3.01. *Committee.* The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Board may, in its sole discretion, at any time and from time to time, grant Awards under the Plan or administer the Plan. In any such case, the Board shall have all of the authority and responsibility granted to the Committee herein.

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<sup>1</sup> To be equivalent to 12% of the total outstanding shares of common stock of the Company on a fully diluted basis.

<sup>2</sup> To be equal to total number of shares set forth in Section 2.02(i).

3.02. *Powers of Committee.* Subject to the express provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the power and authority 1) to grant Options and to determine the purchase price of the Common Stock covered by each Option, the term of each Option, the number of shares of Common Stock to be covered by each Option and any performance objectives or vesting standards applicable to each Option; 2) to designate Options as Incentive Stock Options or Nonstatutory Stock Options and to determine which Options, if any, shall be accompanied by Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights; 3) to grant Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights and Nontandem Stock Appreciation Rights and to determine the terms and conditions of such rights; 4) to grant Restricted Shares and Restricted Share Units and to determine the term of the Restricted Period (as described in Section 11.02) and other conditions and restrictions applicable to such grants; 5) to grant Performance Units and to determine the performance objectives, performance periods and other conditions applicable to such units; 6) to grant Unrestricted Shares (subject to the limitation contained in this plan); 7) to determine the associates to whom, and the time or times at which, Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Shares, Restricted Share Units, Performance Units and Unrestricted Shares shall be granted; 8) to determine the terms and conditions of any Award and prescribe the form of each Award Agreement, which need not be identical for each Participant; 9) to determine whether, to what extent, under what circumstances and by which methods Awards may be settled or exercised in cash, shares, other awards, other property, net settlement (including broker-assisted cashless exercise), or any combination thereof, or canceled, forfeited or suspended; 10) to determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances cash, shares, other awards, other property and other amounts payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the holder thereof or of the Committee; 11) to correct any defect, supply any omission and reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or any Award Agreement, in the manner and to the extent it shall deem desirable to carry the Plan into effect; 12) to establish, amend, suspend or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents, trustees, brokers, depositories and advisors and determine such terms of their engagement as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan and due compliance with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and extent permitted under applicable regulations of any stock exchange on which the Company is listed; and 13) to make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan and due compliance with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.

3.03. *Delegation.* To the extent permitted by applicable law, including under Section 157(c) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Committee may delegate to one or more of its members, one or more committees of the Board (which may consist of solely one director) or any other person or persons, including, without limitation, the officers of the Company or such administrator as it deems appropriate, such duties and responsibilities (including any ministerial duties), including the authority to grant Awards, as it may deem advisable; *provided, however*, that the Committee may not delegate any of its responsibilities hereunder if such delegation will cause transactions under the Plan to fail to comply with any intended exemption under Section 16 of the Act. The Committee may also employ attorneys, consultants, accountants or other professional advisors and shall be entitled to rely upon the advice, opinions or valuations of any such advisors.

3.04. *Interpretations.* The Committee shall have sole discretionary authority to interpret the terms of the Plan, to adopt and revise rules, regulations and policies to administer the Plan and to make any other factual determinations which it believes to be necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. All actions taken and interpretations and determinations made by the Committee in good faith shall be final and binding upon the Company, all associates who have received Awards and all other interested persons.



3.05. *Liability; Indemnification.* No member of the Committee, nor any person to whom duties have been delegated, shall be personally liable for any action, interpretation or determination made with respect to the Plan or Award Agreements made thereunder, and each member of the Committee shall be fully indemnified and protected by the Company with respect to any liability he or she may incur with respect to any such action, interpretation or determination, to the extent permitted by applicable law and to the extent provided in the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended from time to time.

## ARTICLE IV

### ELIGIBILITY

4.01. *Eligibility.* Any associate, consultant, director or other advisor of, or any other individual who provides services to (x) the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate or (y) any joint venture in which the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate holds at least a 20% interest, shall be eligible to be selected to receive a compensatory award under or to be a "participant" in the Plan. In determining the individuals to whom Awards shall be granted and the number of shares to be covered by each Award, the Committee shall take into account the nature of the services rendered by such individuals, their present and potential contributions to the success of the Company and its subsidiaries and such other factors as the Committee in its sole discretion shall deem relevant. The Committee shall ensure that Common Stock underlying any Award hereunder qualifies as "service recipient stock," within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Converted Awards and Replacement Awards may be granted under the Plan in accordance with the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement.

4.02. *Certain Limitations.* Awards granted under the Plan shall be subject to a minimum one year vesting period following the grant date of such Award; provided that the following actions and Awards shall not be subject to the foregoing minimum vesting requirement: 1) the acceleration of Awards pursuant to Section 19.01, 2) the grant of Substitute Awards, Converted Awards or Replacement Awards or 3) the grant of Awards relating to 5% of the shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan pursuant to Section 2.02; and, provided further, that the foregoing restriction does not apply to the provision for accelerated exercisability or vesting of an Award in cases of involuntary termination without Cause, Retirement, death or Disability.

4.03. *Non-Employee Director Limitations.* No non-employee director of the Company may receive compensation for any fiscal year in excess of \$1,000,000 in the aggregate, including cash payments and Awards under the Plan (with the value of any Award for purposes of the limit in this Section 4.03 determined based on the grant date fair value of such Award for financial reporting purposes); *provided* that the limit in this Section 4.03 shall not apply with respect to any Converted Awards or Replacement Awards.

STOCK OPTIONS

5.01. *Grant of Options.* Options may be granted under the Plan for the purchase of shares of Common Stock. Options shall be granted in such form and upon such terms and conditions, including the satisfaction of corporate or individual performance objectives and other vesting standards, as the Committee shall from time to time determine. On or before the date of grant of an Option, the Committee shall designate the number of shares of Common Stock covered by such Option, the option price of such Option, and the recipient of the Option.

5.02. *Option Price.* The option price of each Option to purchase Common Stock shall be determined by the Committee not later than the date of the grant, but (except in the case of Converted Awards and Substitute Awards) shall not be less than 100 percent of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock subject to such Option on the date of grant. The option price so determined shall also be applicable in connection with the exercise of any Tandem Stock Appreciation Right granted with respect to such Option.

5.03. *Term of Options.* The term of each Option granted under the Plan shall not exceed ten (10) years from the date of grant, subject to earlier termination as provided in Articles IX and X, except as otherwise provided in Section 6.01 with respect to ten (10) percent stockholders of the Company.

5.04. *Exercise of Options.* Subject to the provisions of Article XIX, an Option may be exercised, in whole or in part, at such time or times as the Committee shall determine; *provided, however*, that, except to the extent provided in Section 4.02 and Section 19.01, each Option granted under the Plan shall have a minimum vesting period of one year. Subject to the forgoing, the Committee may, in its discretion, accelerate the exercisability of any Option at any time. Options may be exercised by a Participant by giving notice in such manner as the Committee may permit, stating the number of shares of Common Stock with respect to which the Option is being exercised and tendering payment therefor. Payment for the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Option shall be made in full in cash or by certified check or, if the Committee, in its sole discretion, permits, in shares of Common Stock (valued at Fair Market Value on the date of exercise). As soon as reasonably practicable following such exercise, a certificate representing the shares of Common Stock purchased, registered in the name of the Participant, shall be delivered to the Participant. Until the issuance of the shares of Common Stock upon the exercise of the Option, no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a shareholder shall exist with respect to the shares of Common Stock that are subject to the Option.

5.05. *Cancellation of Stock Appreciation Rights.* Upon exercise of all or a portion of an Option, any related Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights shall be canceled with respect to an equal number of shares of Common Stock.

## ARTICLE VI

### SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS

6.01. *Ten Percent Stockholder.* Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, any associates who are full-time employees of the Company and its present and future subsidiaries, shall be eligible for Awards of Incentive Stock Options. However, no such associate may receive an Incentive Stock Option under the Plan if such associate, at the time the Award is granted, owns (after application of the rules contained in Section 424(d) of the Code) stock possessing more than ten (10) percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or its subsidiaries, unless 1) the option price for such Incentive Stock Option is at least 110 percent of the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock subject to such Incentive Stock Option on the date of grant and 2) such Option is not exercisable after the date five (5) years from the date such Incentive Stock Option is granted.

6.02. *Limitation on Grants.* The aggregate Fair Market Value (determined with respect to each Incentive Stock Option at the time such Incentive Stock Option is granted) of the shares of Common Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by an associate during any calendar year (under this Plan or any other plan of the Company or a subsidiary) shall not exceed \$100,000.

6.03. *Limitations on Time of Grant.* No grant of an Incentive Stock Option shall be made under the Plan more than ten (10) years after the earlier of the date of adoption of the Plan by the Board or the date the Plan is approved by stockholders.

## ARTICLE VII

### STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

7.01. *Grants of Stock Appreciation Rights.* Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights may be awarded by the Committee in connection with any Option granted under the Plan, at the time the Option is granted, and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as the related Option, except that the medium of payment may differ. Nontandem Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted by the Committee at any time. On or before the date of grant of a Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right, the Committee shall specify the number of shares of Common Stock covered by such right, the base price of shares of Common Stock to be used in connection with the calculation described in Section 7.05 below, and the recipient of the Award. Except in the case of a Converted Award or a Substitute Award, the base price of a Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be not less than 100 percent of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant. Stock Appreciation Rights shall be subject to such terms and conditions not inconsistent with the other provisions of this Plan as the Committee shall determine. Until the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon the surrender or exchange of Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights or exercise of Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right, no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a shareholder shall exist with respect to the shares of Common Stock that are subject to the Tandem or Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right.

7.02. *Limitations on Exercise.* Subject to the provisions of Articles IX, X and XX, a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable only to the extent that the related Option is exercisable and shall be subject to the same exercise period as the related Option, which shall be set forth in the applicable agreement on or before the date of grant. Upon the exercise of all or a portion of Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights, the related Option shall be canceled with respect to an equal number of shares of Common Stock. Shares of Common Stock subject to Options, or portions thereof, surrendered upon exercise of a Tandem Stock Appreciation Right, shall not be available for subsequent Awards. Subject to the provisions of Article XX, a Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable during such period as the Committee shall determine, which shall be set forth in the applicable agreement on or before the date of grant.

7.03. *Term of Stock Appreciation Rights.* The term of each Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan shall not exceed ten (10) years from the date of grant, subject to earlier termination as provided in Articles IX and X.

7.04. *Surrender or Exchange of Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights.* A Tandem Stock Appreciation Right shall entitle the Participant to surrender to the Company unexercised the related Option, or any portion thereof, and to receive from the Company in exchange therefor that number of shares of Common Stock having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to (A) the excess of 1) the Fair Market Value of one (1) share of Common Stock as of the date the Tandem Stock Appreciation Right is exercised over 2) the option price per share specified in such Option, multiplied by (B) the number of shares of Common Stock subject to the Option, or portion thereof, which is surrendered. Cash shall be delivered in lieu of any fractional shares.

7.05. *Exercise of Nontandem Stock Appreciation Rights.* The exercise of a Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right shall entitle the Participant to receive from the Company that number of shares of Common Stock having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to (A) the excess of 1) the Fair Market Value of one (1) share of Common Stock as of the date on which the Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right is exercised over 2) the base price of the shares covered by the Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right, multiplied by (B) the number of shares of Common Stock covered by the Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right, or the portion thereof being exercised. Cash shall be delivered in lieu of any fractional shares.

7.06. *Settlement of Stock Appreciation Rights.* As soon as is reasonably practicable after the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, the Company shall 1) issue, in the name of the Participant, stock certificates representing the total number of full shares of Common Stock to which the Participant is entitled pursuant to Section 7.04 or 7.05 hereof, and cash in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value, as of the date of exercise, of any resulting fractional shares and 2) if the Committee causes the Company to elect to settle all or part of its obligations arising out of the exercise of the Stock Appreciation Right in cash pursuant to Section 7.07, deliver to the Participant an amount in cash equal to the Fair Market Value, as of the date of exercise, of the shares of Common Stock it would otherwise be obligated to deliver.

7.07. *Cash Settlement.* The Committee, in its discretion, may cause the Company to settle all or any part of its obligation arising out of the exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right by the payment of cash in lieu of all or part of the shares of Common Stock it would otherwise be obligated to deliver in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of such shares on the date of exercise.

## ARTICLE VIII

### NONTRANSFERABILITY OF AWARDS

8.01. *Nontransferability of Awards.* Except to the extent permitted under Section 8.02, no Award may be transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated (whether by operation of law or otherwise), except as provided by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution, and no Award shall be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. Any attempted assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of an Award not specifically permitted herein shall be null and void and without effect. An Award may be exercised by a Participant, or otherwise settle, only during the Participant's lifetime, or following the Participant's death, pursuant to Article X.

8.02. *Limited Exception to Nontransferability.* Notwithstanding Section 8.01, the Committee may determine that a Nonstatutory Stock Option may be transferred by a Participant to one or more members of such Participant's immediate family, to a partnership of which the only partners are members of such Participant's immediate family, or to a trust established by a Participant for the benefit of one or more members of such Participant's immediate family. For this purpose, immediate family means a Participant's spouse, parents, children, grandchildren and the spouses of such parents, children and grandchildren. A transferee described in this Section 8.02 may not further transfer such Nonstatutory Stock Option. A trust described in this Section 8.02 may not be amended to benefit any person other than a member of the Participant's immediate family. A Nonstatutory Stock Option transferred pursuant to this Section 8.02 shall remain subject to the provisions of the Plan, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Articles 9 and 10 relating to the effect on the Nonstatutory Stock Option of the Termination of Service, Total Disability or death of the Participant, and shall be subject to such other rules as the Committee shall determine.

## ARTICLE IX

### TERMINATION OF SERVICE

9.01. *Exercise after Termination of Service.* Except as the Committee may at any time provide, in the event that the employment of a Participant shall be terminated either by the Participant or by the Participant's employer (for reasons other than death, Total Disability or Cause), any Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted to such Participant may be exercised (to the extent that the Participant was entitled to do so at the time of Participant's Termination of Service) at any time within one (1) year after such Termination of Service, but in no case later than the date of expiration of the original term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right; *provided, however*, that if an Incentive Stock Option is not exercised within three (3) months following Termination of Service, it shall be treated as a Nonstatutory Stock Option. If the Participant's employment is terminated by the Participant's employer for Cause, except as the Committee may at any time provide, any Option or Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised (to the extent that the Participant was entitled to do so at the time of the Termination of Service) at any time within thirty (30) days after such Termination of Service, but in no case later than the date of expiration of the original term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right. Except to the extent otherwise set forth herein, any Options or Stock Appreciation Rights that are not exercisable on the date of a Termination of Service for any reason shall lapse. In no event may an Option or Stock Appreciation Right be exercised after the expiration of the original term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right.

9.02. *Total Disability.* If a Participant to whom an Option or Stock Appreciation Right has been granted under the Plan shall have incurred a Total Disability, such Option or Stock Appreciation Right, to the extent not vested on the date of such Participant's Termination of Service due to Total Disability (it being understood that such termination occurs after nine (9) months of absence from work due to the Total Disability), shall continue to vest during the period of such Participant's Total Disability, and, upon becoming vested, such Award shall be exercisable within the one (1) year period after the applicable vesting date, but in no event later than the date of expiration of the original term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right. To the extent that an Option or Stock Appreciation Right held by a Participant is vested on the date of such Participant's Termination of Service due to Total Disability, such Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable within the one (1) year period after the date of such Termination of Service, but in no event later than the date of expiration of the original term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right. In the event of the death of a Participant following such Participant's Termination of Service due to Total Disability, any unvested Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be fully vested on the date of such Participant's death and shall be exercisable within the one (1) year period after the date of such Participant's death, but in no event later than the expiration of the original term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of exercising Incentive Stock Options, a Participant shall be deemed to have a Termination of Service if the Participant is absent from work for three (3) months due to Total Disability, where the date of such Termination of Service shall be the last date of active employment before the three (3) month period; in this event, if such Participant fails to exercise his or her Incentive Stock Option within three (3) months following such deemed Termination of Service, such Incentive Stock Option shall be treated as a Nonstatutory Stock Option.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **DEATH OF PARTICIPANT**

10.01. *Death of Participant While Employed.* If a Participant to whom an Option or Stock Appreciation Right has been granted under the Plan shall die while employed by or otherwise providing services to the Company or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates, such Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall become fully exercisable by the Participant's beneficiary (as designated by the Participant on the appropriate form provided by the Company), or if no beneficiary is so designated, then by the estate or person who acquires the right to exercise such Option or Stock Appreciation Right upon the Participant's death by bequest or inheritance. Such exercise may occur at any time within one (1) year after the date of the Participant's death (or such other period as the Committee may at any time provide), but in no case later than the date of expiration of the original term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right.

10.02. *Death of Participant Following Termination of Service.* Except in the case of death during the period of Total Disability, which shall be governed by Section 9.02, if a Participant to whom an Option or Stock Appreciation Right has been granted under the Plan shall die after the date of the Participant's Termination of Service, but before the end of the period provided under the Plan by which a terminated Participant may exercise such Option or Stock Appreciation Right, such Option or Stock Appreciation Right may be exercised, to the extent that the Participant was entitled to do so at the time of the Participant's death, by the Participant's beneficiary (as designated by the Participant on the appropriate form provided by the Company), or if no beneficiary is so designated, then by the estate or person who acquires the right to exercise such Option or Stock Appreciation Right upon the Participant's death by bequest or inheritance. Such exercise may occur at any time within the period in which the terminated Participant could have exercised such Option or Stock Appreciation Right if the Participant had not died (or such other period as the Committee may at any time provide), but in no case later than the date of expiration of the original term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **RESTRICTED SHARES AND RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS**

11.01. *Grant of Restricted Shares and Restricted Share Units.* The Committee may from time to time cause the Company to grant Restricted Shares and RSUs under the Plan to Participants, subject to such restrictions, conditions and other terms as the Committee may determine. Restricted Shares are shares of Common Stock which are subject to such conditions and restrictions as determined by the Committee, including conditions and restrictions relating to transferability. RSU Awards represent an unfunded promise to pay the Participant a specified number of shares of Common Stock (or cash equivalent, as applicable) in the future if the conditions of the RSU Award are satisfied and the RSU Award is not otherwise forfeited prior to the stated date of delivery, under the terms and conditions applicable to such Award.

11.02. *Restrictions.* At the time a grant of Restricted Shares or RSUs is made, the Committee shall establish the Restricted Period applicable to such Restricted Shares or RSUs. Each grant of Restricted Shares or RSUs may be subject to a different Restricted Period. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, at the time a grant is made, prescribe restrictions in addition to or other than the expiration of the Restricted Period, including the satisfaction of corporate or individual service or performance objectives, which shall be applicable to all or any portion of the Restricted Shares or RSUs. The Committee may also, in its sole discretion, waive any performance-based restrictions applicable to all or a portion of such Restricted Shares or RSUs, provided that the applicable terms and conditions are set forth on or before the date of grant of the Award to the extent required to comply with Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder. In the event of a Participant's Termination of Service for Total Disability, Restricted Shares or RSUs held by such Participant shall continue to vest during the period of Total Disability. Unless otherwise provided under the terms of the Award, upon the death of a Participant, including during a Participant's Total Disability, any performance conditions applicable to Restricted Shares or RSUs which have been granted to such Participant will be deemed to have been satisfied at target, if applicable, and the Restricted Period, if any, applicable to Restricted Shares or RSUs held by such Participant, will be deemed to have expired. At the discretion of the Committee (including as provided in any applicable Award Agreement), upon the Retirement of a Participant, the service restrictions and conditions, if any, applicable to any Restricted Shares or RSUs which have been granted to such Participant will be deemed to have been satisfied with respect to that percentage of the Restricted Shares or RSUs equal to 1) the number of complete months between the first day of the Restricted Period and the date of the Participant's Retirement, divided by 2) the number of complete months in the Restricted Period. Any Restricted Shares or RSUs granted to a Participant for which the restrictions and conditions are not deemed to have expired pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be forfeited in accordance with Section 11.03. Subject to Section 4.02 and Section 19.01, an Award may also provide for full or pro-rata vesting upon other events, such as upon a Change in Control or for other reasons, provided that any such applicable terms and conditions are set forth on or before the date of grant of the Award.

11.03. *Rights of Holders of Restricted Shares.* Participants to whom Restricted Shares have been granted shall not have the right to vote such shares or the right to receive any dividends with respect to such Restricted Shares. In the event of the payment of a dividend or other distribution in connection with the shares of Common Stock, Participants may, at the discretion of the Committee, receive such dividend or distribution equivalent subject to the same restrictions and vesting conditions as the underlying Restricted Shares. The Committee may, in its discretion, specify in the applicable Award Agreement that any or all dividend or other distribution equivalents paid on Restricted Shares prior to vesting be credited to the Participant in cash or in a number of additional Restricted Shares having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the dividend per share paid on the Common Stock multiplied by the number of Restricted Shares credited to the Participant's account at the time the dividend was declared, subject to such terms and conditions, including such restrictions, of the applicable Restricted Shares. Such cash right or additional Restricted Shares credited to a Participant in relation to dividend or other distribution equivalents with respect to a Restricted Share shall be subject to the same restrictions as such Restricted Share. All distributions or credits in respect of such distributions, if any, received by a Participant with respect to Restricted Shares as a result of any stock split-up, stock distribution, a combination of shares, or other similar transaction shall be subject to the restrictions of this Article XI and the adjustment provisions of Article XVI.

11.04. *Rights of Holders of Restricted Share Units.* Participants to whom RSUs have been granted shall not have the right to vote the shares of Common Stock subject to such RSUs or the right to receive any dividends with respect to the shares of Common Stock subject to such RSUs. In the event of the payment of a dividend or other distribution in connection with the shares of Common Stock, Participants may, at the discretion of the Committee, receive such dividend or distribution equivalent subject to the same restrictions and vesting conditions as the underlying RSUs. The Committee may, in its discretion, specify in the applicable Award Agreement that any or all dividend or other distribution equivalents paid on the shares of Common Stock underlying a Participant's RSUs prior to the vesting of the Participant's RSUs be credited to the Participant in cash or in a number of additional RSUs having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the dividend per share paid on the Common Stock multiplied by the number of RSUs credited to the Participant's account at the time the dividend was declared. Such cash right or additional RSUs credited to the Participant in relation to dividend or other distribution equivalents paid with respect to an RSU shall be subject to the same restrictions as such RSU. All distributions or credits in respect of such distributions, if any, received by a Participant with respect to RSUs as a result of any stock split-up, stock distribution, a combination of shares, or other similar transaction shall be subject to the restrictions of this Article XI and the adjustment provisions of Article XVI.



11.05. *Forfeiture Upon Termination of Service.* Except as provided in Section 11.02 and Section 19.01, and as the Committee may at any time provide, any Restricted Shares or RSUs granted to a Participant pursuant to the Plan shall be forfeited if the Participant experiences a Termination of Service either by the Participant or by the Participant's employer for reasons other than death or Total Disability prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period and the satisfaction of any other conditions applicable to such Restricted Shares or RSUs. In addition, if the Participant's Termination of Service occurs as a result of Retirement, any Restricted Shares or RSUs which do not vest in accordance with Section 11.02 (any such vesting to be determined by the Committee in its discretion) shall be forfeited.

11.06. *Delivery of Shares.* Delivery of shares of Common Stock in respect of Restricted Shares shall be made promptly following lapse or termination of the Restricted Period and satisfaction of any related conditions. Unless, in the case of RSUs, an election is made under Section 11.08 to defer the settlement of RSUs, and unless otherwise provided in the terms of any Award Agreement, upon the expiration or termination of the Restricted Period and the satisfaction of any other conditions prescribed by the Committee, RSUs shall be settled by delivery of a stock certificate for the number of shares of Common Stock associated with the Award with respect to which the restrictions have expired or the terms and conditions have been satisfied to the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary or estate, as the case may be. Such payment in settlement of RSUs shall be made promptly, but in any event not later than 1) the end of the year in which the Restricted Period ended and the conditions were satisfied or 2) if later, the 15th day of the third calendar month following the date on which the Restricted Period ended, provided that the Award holder will not be permitted, directly or indirectly, to designate the taxable year of settlement. The Participant may be required to execute a release of claims against the Company and its subsidiaries in this event. If an election is made under Section 11.08 to defer the settlement of RSUs, delivery shall occur as described here but upon the date or dates of delivery in accordance with Section 11.09 and the deferral election. Notwithstanding the above, if the Participant is a Specified Employee, and is entitled to receive a payment in respect of RSUs upon Termination of Service or on a date determinable based on the date of Termination of Service (and not a pre-determined fixed date or schedule), then, except in the event of the Participant's death after such Termination of Service, such payment shall be delayed by at least six (6) months after the date of such Participant's Termination of Service to the extent required by Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

11.07. *Performance-Based Objectives.* At the time of the grant of Restricted Shares or RSUs to a Participant, and prior to the beginning of the performance period to which performance objectives relate, the Committee may establish performance objectives based on criteria selected by the Committee, including, without limitation, any one or more of the following, which may be expressed with respect to the Company or one or more operating units or groups, as the Committee may determine: price of Common Stock, or the common stock of any affiliate, shareholder return, return on equity, return on investment, return on capital, sales productivity, comparable store sales growth, economic profit, economic value added, net income, operating income, gross margin, sales, free cash flow, earnings per share, operating company contribution or market share. These factors shall have a minimum performance standard below which, and a maximum performance standard above which, no payments will be made. These performance goals may be based on, among other things, an analysis of historical performance and growth expectations for the business, financial results of other comparable businesses, and progress towards achieving the long-range strategic plan for the business. These performance goals and determination of results shall be based entirely on financial measures. The Committee shall determine how any performance objectives shall be adjusted to the extent necessary to prevent dilution or enlargement of any Award as a result of extraordinary events or circumstances, as determined by the Committee, or to exclude the effects of extraordinary, unusual, or non-recurring items; changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles; currency fluctuations; discontinued operations; non-cash items, such as amortization, depreciation, or reserves; asset impairment; or any recapitalization, restructuring, reorganization, merger, acquisition, divestiture, consolidation, spin-off, split-up, combination, liquidation, dissolution, sale of assets, or other similar corporation transaction. To the extent that the Award is subject to Section 409A of the Code, and to the extent intended and necessary to comply with change in control payment or toggle rules under Section 409A of the Code, payment in connection with a Change in Control must be made in respect of a Change in Control that satisfies the definition of "change in control event" in Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder, unless otherwise permitted in satisfaction of the alternative payment rules under Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

11.08. *Deferred Restricted Share Units*. The Committee may permit a Participant who has been designated to receive an RSU Award to elect to defer the receipt of the shares in settlement of such RSU Award as well as the form of payment of such deferred RSUs.

All elections under this Section 11.08 to defer the settlement of an RSU Award must be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder. Any election not in compliance with such requirements shall be treated as invalid and the deferral election shall be disregarded and distribution of the shares of Common Stock upon settlement of the Award shall be made as though the Participant did not elect to defer. For this purpose, an invalid deferral election shall include (but is not limited to) a deferral election that (i) is not executed (regardless of when received), (ii) is executed but received after the applicable irrevocable date or (iii) cannot otherwise become effective under applicable rules. If a valid deferral election is incomplete, the deferral election shall be honored and distribution of the shares of Common Stock attributable to the Award shall be made as though the Participant elected a deferred lump sum payment. For this purpose, a valid but incomplete deferral election is one that has been received and executed on or before the applicable irrevocable date, but does not indicate the form of payment (lump sum versus installments), or indicates an election for installment payments but not the number of installment payments. Unless the Award Agreement and terms and conditions accompanying specific Awards indicate otherwise, or as otherwise provided in the Plan, the deferred RSUs shall be subject to the same restrictions, conditions and forfeiture provisions as the associated nondeferred RSUs.

During the Restricted Period with respect to RSUs, Participants shall not have the right to receive any dividends. After the end of the Restricted Period and prior to the time that shares of Common Stock are transferred to the Participant, within sixty (60) days after the date of payment of a dividend by the Company on its shares of Common Stock, the Participant shall be credited with “dividend equivalents” with respect to each outstanding RSU in an amount equal to the amount the Participant would have received as dividends if the RSUs were actual shares of Common Stock. Such dividend equivalents will be converted into additional RSUs based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the dividend payment date, in accordance with the procedures established by the Committee, and paid at the same time and in the same manner as the underlying RSUs.

At no time shall any assets of the Company be segregated for payment of RSUs hereunder. Participants who have elected to defer the settlement of RSUs shall at all times have the status of general unsecured creditors of the Company and shall not have any rights in or against specific assets of the Company. The Plan constitutes a mere promise by the Company to make payments attributable to RSUs in the future, in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions.

**11.09. *Payment of Deferred Restricted Share Units.*** RSUs are payable solely in shares of unrestricted Common Stock, and shall be paid in accordance with the terms of delivery under Section 11.06 and this Section 11.09. Shares attributable to deferred RSUs that are vested in accordance with the terms and conditions applicable to such Awards shall be transferred to the Participant at the time and in the form as elected by the Participant and as set forth in the terms and conditions applicable to such Awards, which shall be either in a single payment or in up to ten (10) installment payments.

If a lump sum distribution is elected, the payment shall be made on the date provided in, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions applicable to the Award. If installment distributions are elected, the initial installment shall be paid on the date provided in, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions applicable to the Award. Subsequent installments shall be made on each anniversary of the initial installment and shall continue for the duration of the selected distribution period. If the Participant dies prior to the time all shares of Common Stock have been distributed, distribution shall be made to the Participant's beneficiary or estate on the payment date provided in, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions applicable to the RSU Award. If Termination of Service occurs during the Restricted Period, the terms and conditions shall set forth the rights of the Participant to payment, as well as the time and form of distribution of such Awards, if any, to the Participant. A participant shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to deferred RSUs until such time, if any, as shares of Common Stock are transferred to the Participant (or the Participant's beneficiary or estate, if applicable). Notwithstanding the above, if the Participant is a Specified Employee and is entitled to receive payment upon Termination of Service or on a date determinable based on the date of Termination of Service (and not a pre-determined fixed date or schedule), then, except in the event of the Participant's death after such Termination of Service, such payment (or in the case of installments, the first payment) shall be delayed by at least six (6) months after the date of such Participant's Termination of Service, to the extent required by Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder; in this event, subsequent installment payments shall occur on the anniversary of the first delayed installment payment.

Provided that the terms and conditions applicable to a deferred RSU Award permit it, a Participant may change the Participant's distribution election, provided such change in distribution election is made not less than 12 months before the date the payment (or in the case of installments, the first payment) is scheduled to be made, and is irrevocable after this date. Such an election may be made to change payment(s) from a single lump sum payment to installment payments, from installment payments to a single lump sum payment, or from one number of installment payments to another number of installment payments, by submitting such election to the Company; *provided*, (i) such election does not become effective until at least twelve (12) months after the date on which the election is made and (ii) except in the case of payment permissible upon the Participant's death, the payment (or in the case of installments the first payment) must be deferred for a period of not less than five (5) years from the date such payment would have been made or commenced if there had been no election to change the form of payment. For this purpose, all installment payments are treated as a single payment. Any election not made in accordance with such procedures shall be treated as invalid, and the change in distribution election shall be disregarded and distribution of the shares of Common Stock attributable to the Awards shall be made as though the Participant did not elect to change the time and form of distribution. For this purpose, an invalid change in distribution election shall include (but is not limited to) an election that (i) is not executed (regardless of when received), (ii) is executed but received after the applicable irrevocable date or (iii) cannot otherwise become effective under applicable rules. If a valid change in distribution election is incomplete, the change in distribution election shall be honored and distribution of the shares attributable to the Awards shall be made as though the Participant elected a change in distribution to a deferred lump sum payment. For this purpose, a valid but incomplete change in distribution election is one that has been received and executed on or before the applicable irrevocable date, but does not indicate the form of payment (lump sum versus installments), or indicates an election for installment payments but not the number of installment payments.

## ARTICLE XII

### PERFORMANCE UNITS

12.01. *Award of Performance Units.* For each Performance Period, Performance Units may be granted under the Plan to such Participants as the Committee shall determine. The Award Agreement covering such Performance Units shall specify the Ending Value. If necessary to make the calculation of the amount to be paid to the Participant pursuant to Sections 12.03 and 12.04, the Committee shall also state in the Award Agreement the Initial Value. The Award Agreement may also specify that each Performance Unit is deemed to be equivalent to one (1) share of Common Stock. Performance Units granted to a Participant shall be credited to a Performance Unit Account established and maintained for such Participant.

12.02. *Performance Period.* Different Performance Periods may be established for different Participants receiving Performance Units. Performance Periods may run consecutively or concurrently.

12.03. *Right to Payment of Performance Units.* All applicable terms and conditions shall be set forth in the Award Agreement and/or in accompanying terms and conditions on or before the date of grant of Performance Units. With respect to each Award of Performance Units under this Plan, the Committee shall specify the Performance Objectives. If the Performance Objectives established for a Participant for the Performance Period are partially but not fully met, the Committee may, nonetheless, in its sole discretion, determine that all or a portion of the Performance Units have vested but such determination shall not change the date of payment of the Awards. If the Performance Objectives for a Performance Period are exceeded, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, grant additional, fully vested Performance Units to the Participant. Except as provided in Section 19.01, on or before the date of grant, the Committee may also determine, in its sole discretion, that Performance Units awarded to a Participant shall become partially or fully vested upon the Participant's death, Total Disability or Retirement, or upon the Participant's Termination of Service prior to the end of the Performance Period but such determination shall not change the date of payment of the Awards. Performance Unit Awards represent an unfunded promise to pay the Participant the value specified in the Award Agreement and/or applicable terms and conditions in the future if the conditions associated with the Performance Unit Award are satisfied and the Performance Units are not otherwise forfeited prior to the stated date of payment, under the terms and conditions applicable to such Award.

12.04. *Payment for Performance Units.* As soon as practicable following the end of a Performance Period but not later than 90 days after the end of a Performance Period, the Committee shall determine whether the Performance Objectives for the Performance Period have been achieved (or partially achieved to the extent necessary to permit partial vesting at the discretion of the Committee pursuant to Section 12.03). If the Performance Objectives for the Performance Period have been exceeded, the Committee shall determine whether additional Performance Units shall be granted to the Participant pursuant to Section 12.03. Within 90 days after the end of a Performance Period, provided the Committee determines the Performance Objectives have been achieved or partially achieved pursuant to Section 12.03, if the Award Agreement specifies that each Performance Unit is deemed to be equivalent to one (1) share of Common Stock, the Company shall pay to the Participant an amount with respect to each vested Performance Unit equal to the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on such payment date or, if the Committee shall so specify at the time of grant, an amount equal to 1) the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the payment date less 2) the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of the Performance Unit. If the Award Agreement specifies a value for each Performance Unit or sets forth a formula for determining the value of each Performance Unit at the time of payment, then within 90 days after the end of a Performance Period, provided the Committee determines the Performance Objectives have been achieved or partially achieved pursuant to Section 12.03, the Company shall pay to the Participant an amount with respect to each vested Performance Unit equal to the Ending Value of the Performance Unit or, if the Committee shall so specify at the time of grant, an amount equal to (i) the Ending Value of the Performance Unit less (ii) the Initial Value of the Performance Unit. Payment shall be made entirely in cash, entirely in Common Stock or in such combination of cash and Common Stock as the Committee shall determine. The Committee may, in its discretion, permit the deferral of settlement of vested Performance Units pursuant to procedures consistent with those applicable to the deferral of settlement of RSUs under Sections 11.08 and 11.09 above, subject to any exceptions or requirements under Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

12.05. *Voting and Dividend Rights.* No Participant shall be entitled to any voting rights, to receive any dividends, or to have his or her Performance Unit Account credited or increased as a result of any dividends or other distribution with respect to shares of Common Stock. In the event of the payment of a dividend or other distribution in connection with the shares of Common Stock, Participants may, at the discretion of the Committee, receive such dividend or distribution equivalent subject to the same restrictions and vesting conditions as the underlying Performance Units. The Committee may, in its discretion, specify in the applicable Award Agreement that any or all dividend or other distribution equivalents paid on the shares of Common Stock underlying a Participant's Performance Units prior to the vesting of the Participant's Performance Units be credited to the Participant in cash or in a number of additional Performance Units having an aggregate Fair Market Value equal to the dividend per share paid on the Common Stock multiplied by the number of Performance Units credited to the Participant's account at the time the dividend was declared. Such cash right or additional Performance Units credited to the Participant in relation to dividend or other distribution equivalents paid with respect to a Performance Unit shall be subject to the same restrictions and satisfaction of the same Performance Objectives as applicable to such Performance Unit. All distributions or credits in respect of distributions, if any, received by a Participant with respect to Performance Units as a result of any stock split-up, stock distribution, a combination of shares, or other similar transaction shall be subject to the restrictions of this Article XII and the adjustment provisions of Article XVI.

## ARTICLE XIII

### UNRESTRICTED SHARES

13.01. *Award of Unrestricted Shares.* The Committee may cause the Company to grant Unrestricted Shares to associates at such time or times, in such amounts and for such reasons as the Committee, in its sole discretion, shall determine. Except to the extent required by applicable law, no payment shall be required for Unrestricted Shares.

13.02. *Delivery of Unrestricted Shares.* The Company shall issue, in the name of each Participant to whom Unrestricted Shares have been granted, stock certificates representing the total number of Unrestricted Shares granted to the Participant, and shall deliver such certificates to the Participant on a fixed or objectively determinable date of payment, which shall be set forth at the time of grant.

13.03. *Deferred Share Units.* The Committee may permit a Participant who has been designated to receive an Unrestricted Share Award to elect to receive such Unrestricted Share Award in the form of Deferred Share Units.

Any such election must be made on or before December 31 of the calendar year prior to the year the compensation attributable to such Award (or any portion of such Award) is earned, and shall be irrevocable after such date, and further shall comply with the rules set forth in Section 11.08, which apply to deferral elections, including such rules relating to invalid and valid but incomplete deferral elections. At no time shall any assets of the Company be segregated for payment of Deferred Share Units hereunder. Participants who have elected to receive Unrestricted Shares in the form of Deferred Share Units shall at all times have the status of general unsecured creditors of the Company and shall not have any rights in or against specific assets of the Company. The Plan constitutes a mere promise by the Company to make payments on Deferred Share Units in the future.

After the Award of Deferred Share Units to the Participant and prior to the time that shares of Common Stock are transferred to the Participant pursuant to Section 13.04, within sixty (60) days after the date of payment of a dividend by the Company on its shares of Common Stock, the Participant shall be credited with “dividend equivalents” with respect to each outstanding Deferred Share Unit in an amount equal to the amount the Participant would have received as dividends if the Deferred Share Units were actual shares of Common Stock. Such dividend equivalents will be converted into additional Deferred Share Units based on the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on the dividend payment date, in accordance with the procedures established by the Committee, and paid at the same time and in the same manner as the underlying Deferred Share Units.

13.04. *Payment of Deferred Share Units.* Deferred Share Units are payable solely in shares of unrestricted Common Stock, and shall be paid in accordance with the terms of delivery under Section 13.03 and this Section 13.04. Shares applicable to such Awards shall be transferred to the Participant at the time and in the form as elected by the Participant and as set forth in the terms and conditions applicable to such Awards, which shall be either in a single payment or in up to ten (10) installment payments.

If a lump sum distribution is elected, the payment shall be made on the date provided in, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions applicable to the Award. If installment distributions are elected, the initial installment shall be paid on the date provided in, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions applicable to the Award. Subsequent installments shall be made on each anniversary of the initial installment and shall continue for the duration of the selected distribution period. If the Participant dies prior to the time all shares have been distributed, distribution shall be made to the Participant's beneficiary or estate on the payment date provided in, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions applicable to the Award. A Participant shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to Deferred Share Units until such time, if any, as shares of Common Stock are transferred to the Participant (or the Participant's beneficiary or estate, if applicable). Notwithstanding the above, if the Participant is a Specified Employee and is entitled to receive payment upon Termination of Service or on a date determinable based on the date of Termination of Service (and not a pre-determined fixed date or schedule), then, except in the event of the Participant's death after such Termination of Service, such payment (or in the case of installments, the first payment) shall be delayed by at least six (6) months after the date of such Participant's Termination of Service, to the extent required by Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder; in this event, subsequent installment payments shall occur on the anniversary of the first delayed installment payment.

Provided that the terms and conditions applicable to a Deferred Share Unit Award permit it, a Participant may change the Participant's distribution election, provided such change in distribution election shall comply with the procedures and rules set forth in Section 11.09 which apply to change in distribution elections, including such rules relating to invalid and valid but incomplete change in distribution elections.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **CONVERTED AWARDS AND REPLACEMENT AWARDS**

14.01. *Converted Awards and Replacement Awards.* Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, Converted Awards and Replacement Awards shall be granted under the Plan in accordance with the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement, and may be granted under the Plan in the form of any type of Award, as determined in accordance with the Employee Matters Agreement. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the terms and conditions of the Plan will apply to Converted Awards and Replacement Awards only to the extent that such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement and the terms of the applicable Converted Awards and Replacement Awards as contemplated by the Employee Matters Agreement.

## ARTICLE XV

### CLAWBACK

15.01. *Clawback.* If the Committee determines in good faith either that: 1) if required by applicable law with respect to a Participant or 2) (x) a Participant engaged in fraudulent conduct or activities relating to the Company, (y) a Participant has knowledge of such conduct or activities or (z) a Participant, based upon the Participant's position, duties or responsibilities, should have had knowledge of such conduct or activities, the Committee shall have the power and authority under the Plan to terminate without payment all of such Participant's outstanding Awards. If required by applicable law with respect to a Participant or if a Participant described in (ii) above has received any compensation pursuant to an Award that is based on or results from such conduct or activities, such Participant shall promptly reimburse to the Company a sum equal to either an amount required by such law or the amount of such compensation paid in respect of the year in which such conduct or activities occurred, as applicable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Awards (including any amounts or benefits arising from such Awards) shall be subject to any clawback or recoupment arrangements or policies the Company has in place from time to time, as may be adopted or amended by the Board or the Committee at any time in its discretion, and the Committee may, to the extent permitted by applicable law and stock exchange rules or by any applicable Company policy or arrangement, and shall, to the extent required, cancel or require reimbursement of any Awards granted to the Participant or any shares of Common Stock issued or cash received upon vesting, exercise or settlement of any such Awards or sale of shares of Common Stock underlying such Awards.

## ARTICLE XVI

### ADJUSTMENTS; REPRICING

16.01. *Adjustments.* Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Committee shall make or provide for such adjustments to the Plan, to the number and class of shares available thereunder or to any outstanding Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Shares, RSUs, Performance Units or other Awards as it shall deem appropriate to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights, including adjustments in the event of changes in the number of shares of outstanding Common Stock by reason of stock dividends, extraordinary cash dividends, split-ups, recapitalizations, mergers, consolidations, combinations or exchanges of shares, separations, reorganizations, liquidations and the like. However, any such adjustment with respect to Options and Stock Appreciation Rights shall satisfy the requirements of Treas. Reg. §1.409A-1(b)(5)(v)(D) and shall otherwise ensure that such Awards continue to be exempt from Section 409A of the Code, and any such adjustment to Awards that are subject to Section 409A of the Code, including RSUs and Performance Units, shall be made to the extent compliant with Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder.



16.02. *Repricing*. Except as provided above in connection with a corporate transaction involving the Company (including, without limitation, any stock dividend, stock split, extraordinary cash dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination or exchange of shares), the terms of outstanding Awards may not be amended to reduce the exercise price of outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights or cancel outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, other Awards or Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price that is less than the exercise price of the original Options or Stock Appreciation Rights without stockholder approval.

## ARTICLE XVII

### AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

17.01. *Amendment and Termination*. The Board may suspend, terminate, modify or amend the Plan, provided that any amendment that would constitute a “material revision” of the Plan within the meaning of New York Stock Exchange Rule 303A(8) shall be subject to the approval of the Company’s stockholders. If the Plan is terminated, the terms of the Plan shall, notwithstanding such termination, continue to apply to Awards granted prior to such termination. No suspension, termination, modification or amendment of the Plan may, without the consent of the Participant to whom an Award shall theretofore have been granted, materially adversely affect the rights of such Participant under such Award, except to the extent any such action is undertaken to cause the Plan to comply with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.

## ARTICLE XVIII

### WRITTEN AGREEMENT

18.01. *Written Agreements*. Each Award shall be evidenced by a written agreement, contract or other instrument (which may be in electronic form), executed or acknowledged by the Participant and the Company in the manner (if any) as determined by the Committee, and containing such restrictions, terms and conditions, if any, as the Committee may require (the “**Award Agreement**”). In the event of any conflict between an Award Agreement and the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall govern.

## ARTICLE XIX

### CHANGE IN CONTROL

19.01. *Effect of Change in Control*. In the event that a Participant’s employment or service is terminated by the Company other than for Cause or, to the extent provided in an employment agreement between the Company and a Participant, a Participant resigns for Good Reason, in either case during the 24-month period beginning on the date of a Change in Control, 1) Options and Stock Appreciation Rights granted to such Participant which are not yet exercisable shall become fully exercisable; 2) any restrictions applicable to any Restricted Shares and RSUs awarded to such Participant shall be deemed to have been satisfied at target and the Restricted Period, if any, as applicable to such Restricted Shares and RSUs held by such Participant shall be deemed to have expired; and 3) any Performance Objectives applicable to any Performance Units awarded to such Participant shall be deemed to have been satisfied at target and the Performance Period, if any, as applicable to such Performance Units held by such Participant shall be deemed to have expired. Notwithstanding the foregoing, or the provisions of Sections 11.06 or 12.04, if the accelerated settlement of any RSU or Performance Unit would cause the application of additional taxes under Section 409A of the Code, such RSU or Performance Unit will be settled on the date it would otherwise have been settled in the absence of a Change in Control, unless the transaction constituting the Change in Control falls within the definition of a Change in Control Event within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the avoidance of doubt, the Committee in place prior to a Change in Control may in its discretion provide for alternative treatment of Awards in connection with the Change in Control.

## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

20.01. *Awards to Participants Outside the United States.* The Committee may modify the terms of any outstanding or new Award granted to a Participant who is, at the time of grant or during the term of the Award, resident or primarily employed outside of the United States in any manner deemed by the Committee to be necessary or appropriate in order that such Award shall conform to laws, regulations and customs of the country in which the Participant is then resident or primarily employed. An Award may be modified under this Section 20.01 in a manner that is inconsistent with the express terms of the Plan, so long as such modifications will not contravene any applicable law or regulation

20.02. *Tax Withholding.* The Company shall have the right to require Participants or their beneficiaries or legal representatives to remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy federal, state and local withholding tax requirements, or to deduct from all payments under this Plan amounts sufficient to satisfy all withholding tax requirements. Whenever payments under the Plan are to be made to a Participant in cash, such payments shall be net of any amounts sufficient to satisfy all federal, state and local withholding tax requirements. The Committee may, in its discretion, permit a Participant to satisfy the Participant's tax withholding obligation either by 1) surrendering shares of Common Stock owned by the Participant or 2) having the Company withhold from shares of Common Stock otherwise deliverable to the Participant. Shares of Common Stock surrendered or withheld shall be valued at their Fair Market Value as of the date on which income is required to be recognized for income tax purposes. In the case of an Award of Incentive Stock Options, the foregoing right shall be deemed to be provided to the Participant at the time of such Award.

20.03. *Compliance With Section 16(b).* In the case of Participants who are or may be subject to Section 16 of the Act, it is the intent of the Company that the Plan and any Award granted hereunder satisfy and be interpreted in a manner that satisfies the applicable requirements of Rule 16b-3 under the Act, so that such persons will be entitled to the benefits of Rule 16b-3 under the Act or other exemptive rules under Section 16 of the Act and will not be subjected to liability thereunder. If any provision of the Plan or any Award would otherwise conflict with the intent expressed herein, that provision, to the extent possible, shall be interpreted and deemed amended so as to avoid such conflict. To the extent of any remaining irreconcilable conflict with such intent, such provision shall be deemed void as applicable to Participants who are or may be subject to Section 16 of the Act.

20.04. *Successors.* The obligations of the Company under the Plan shall be binding upon any successor corporation or organization resulting from the merger, consolidation or other reorganization of the Company, or upon any successor corporation or organization succeeding to substantially all of the assets and businesses of the Company. In the event of any of the foregoing, the Committee may, at its discretion prior to the consummation of the transaction, cancel, offer to purchase, exchange, adjust or modify any outstanding Awards, at such time and in such manner as the Committee deems appropriate and in accordance with applicable law and the provisions of Article XVI.

20.05. *General Creditor Status.* Participants shall have no right, title or interest whatsoever in or to any investments which the Participant may make to aid it in meeting its obligations under the Plan. Nothing contained in the Plan, and no action taken pursuant to its provisions, shall create or be construed to create a trust of any kind, or a fiduciary relationship between the Company and any Participant or beneficiary or legal representative of such Participant. To the extent that any person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company under the Plan, such right shall be no greater than the right of an unsecured general creditor of the Company. All payments to be made hereunder shall be paid from the general funds of the Company and no special or separate fund shall be established and no segregation of assets shall be made to assure payment of such amounts except as expressly set forth in the Plan.

20.06. *No Right to Employment.* Nothing in the Plan or in any written agreement entered into pursuant to Article XVIII, nor the grant of any Award, shall confer upon any Participant any right to continue in the employ of the Company or a subsidiary or to be entitled to any remuneration or benefits not set forth in the Plan or such written agreement or interfere with or limit the right of the Company or a subsidiary to modify the terms of or terminate such Participant's employment at any time.

20.07. *No Rights to Awards; No Rights to Additional Payments.* No Participant shall have any claim to be granted any Award, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants. All grants of Awards and deliveries of Common Stock, cash or other property under the Plan shall constitute a special discretionary incentive payment to the Participant and shall not be required to be taken into account in computing any contributions to or any benefits under any retirement, profit-sharing, severance or other benefit plan of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate, unless the Committee expressly provides otherwise in writing.

20.08. *Notices.* Notices required or permitted to be made under the Plan shall be sufficiently made if sent by registered or certified mail addressed (a) to the Participant at the Participant's address set forth in the books and records of the Company or its subsidiaries or (b) to the Company or the Committee at the principal office of the Company.

20.09. *Severability.* In the event that any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.

20.10. *Governing Law.* To the extent not preempted by federal law, the Plan, and all agreements hereunder, shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware.

20.11. *Term of Plan.* Unless earlier terminated pursuant to Article XVII hereof, the Plan shall terminate on the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date (such period from the Effective Date to such termination or expiration of the Plan, the “**Plan Term**”). Following the end of the Plan Term, no additional Awards may be granted under the Plan. However, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in an applicable Award Agreement, any Award theretofore granted may extend beyond such date, and the authority of the Committee to amend, alter, adjust, suspend, discontinue or terminate any such Award, or to waive any conditions or rights under any such Award, and the authority of the Board to amend the Plan, shall extend beyond such date.

## ARTICLE XXI

### DEFINITIONS

21.01. As used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the respective meanings indicated:

- (a) “**Act**” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (b) “**Award**” means any award contemplated by Section 2.01, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Substitute Award, Converted Award and Replacement Award.
- (c) “**Board**” means the Company’s Board of Directors.
- (d) “**Cause**” has the meaning set forth in the Participant’s Service Agreement, if any (whether defined as “cause” or a term of similar import), or if not so defined, means, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, that the Participant (1) was grossly negligent in the performance of the Participant’s duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from the Participant’s incapacity due to physical or mental illness); (2) has plead “guilty” or “no contest” to or has been convicted of an act which is defined as a felony under federal or state law; or (3) engaged in misconduct in bad faith which could reasonably be expected to materially harm the Company’s business or its reputation. The Participant shall be given written notice by the Company of a termination for Cause, which shall state in detail the particular act or acts or failures to act that constitute the grounds on which the termination for Cause is based.

(e) “Change in Control” means, and shall be deemed to have occurred upon, the occurrence of any of the following events:

1) Any Person (other than an Excluded Person) becomes, together with all “affiliates” and “associates” (each as defined under Rule 12b-2 of the Act) the “beneficial owner” (as defined under Rule 13d-3 of the Act) of securities representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company then outstanding, unless such Person becomes the “beneficial owner” of 50% or more of the combined voting power of such Voting Stock then outstanding solely as a result of an acquisition of such Voting Stock by the Company which, by reducing the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding, increases the proportionate Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person (together with all “affiliates” and “associates” of such Person) to 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company then outstanding; *provided* that if a Person shall become the “beneficial owner” of 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company then outstanding by reason of such Voting Stock acquisition by the Company and shall thereafter become the “beneficial owner” of any additional Voting Stock of the Company which causes the proportionate voting power of Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person to increase to 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company then outstanding, such Person shall, upon becoming the “beneficial owner” of such additional Voting Stock of the Company, be deemed to have become the “beneficial owner” of 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock then outstanding other than solely as a result of such Voting Stock acquisition by the Company;

2) During any period of 24 consecutive months, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board of Directors of the Company (and any new Director, whose election by such Board or nomination for election by the stockholders of the Company was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors then still in office who either were Directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination for election was so approved), cease for any reason to constitute a majority of Directors then constituting such Board;

3) A reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Company is consummated, in each case, unless, immediately following such reorganization, merger or consolidation, (i) more than 50% of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such reorganization, merger or consolidation and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is then beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the “beneficial owners” of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation, (ii) no Person (but excluding for this purpose any Excluded Person and any Person beneficially owning, immediately prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such reorganization, merger or consolidation or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors and (iii) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such reorganization, merger or consolidation were members of the Board of Directors of the Company at the time of the execution of the initial agreement providing for such reorganization, merger or consolidation; or

4) The consummation of (i) a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or (ii) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, other than to any corporation with respect to which, immediately following such sale or other disposition, (A) more than 50% of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of such corporation and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is then beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the “beneficial owners” of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such sale or other disposition of assets, (B) no Person (but excluding for this purpose any Excluded Person and any Person beneficially owning, immediately prior to such sale or other disposition, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of such corporation or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of such corporation were members of the Board of Directors of the Company at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or action of the Board providing for such sale or other disposition of assets of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall a “Change in Control” be deemed to have occurred (i) as a result of the formation of a Holding Company or (ii) with respect to a Participant, if the Participant is part of a “group,” within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Act as in effect on the Plan’s effective date, which consummates the Change in Control transaction. In addition, for purposes of the definition of “Change in Control” a Person engaged in business as an underwriter of securities shall not be deemed to be the “beneficial owner” of, or to “beneficially own,” any securities acquired through such Person’s participation in good faith in a firm commitment underwriting until the expiration of forty (40) days after the date of such acquisition.

(f) “**Change in Control Event**” has the meaning set forth in Section 409A of the Code.

(g) “**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(h) “**Committee**” means the Human Capital and Compensation Committee of the Board, or such other committee as designated by the Board.

(i) “**Common Stock**” means shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

(j) “**Deferred Share Unit**” means the right to receive a share of Common Stock in the future.

(k) “**Employee Matters Agreement**” means the Employee Matters Agreement by and between L Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Victoria’s Secret & Co., dated as of [●], 2021, as may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

(l) **“Ending Value”** means the value for each Performance Unit or formula for determining the value of each Performance Unit at the time of payment, in each case as provided for in the applicable Award Agreement.

(m) **“Excluded Person”** means (i) the Company; (ii) any of the Company’s subsidiaries; (iii) any Holding Company; (iv) any employee benefit plan of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or a Holding Company; or (v) any Person organized, appointed or established by the Company, any of its subsidiaries or a Holding Company for or pursuant to the terms of any plan described in clause (iv).

(n) **“Fair Market Value”** means the closing price of the Common Stock as reported on the principal exchange on which the shares of Common Stock are listed for the date on which the grant, exercise or other transaction occurs, or if there were no sales on such date, the most recent prior date on which there were sales.

(o) **“Good Reason”** has the meaning set forth in the Participant’s Service Agreement, if any, or in the applicable Award Agreement, to the extent applicable.

(p) **“Holding Company”** means an entity that becomes a holding company for the Company or its businesses as a part of any reorganization, merger, consolidation or other transaction, provided that the outstanding shares of common stock of such entity and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such entity entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is, immediately after such reorganization, merger, consolidation or other transaction, beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the “beneficial owners,” respectively, of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such reorganization, merger, consolidation or other transaction in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such reorganization, merger, consolidation or other transaction, of such outstanding Voting Stock of the Company.

(q) **“Incentive Stock Option”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(r) **“Initial Value”** means the initial value for each Performance Unit as provided for in the applicable Award Agreement and as necessary to make the calculation of the amount to be paid to a Participant pursuant to Sections 12.03 and 12.04 of the Plan.

(s) **“Nonstatutory Stock Option”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(t) **“Nontandem Stock Appreciation Right”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(u) **“Participant”** means any individual who receives an Award pursuant to Section 4.01 of the Plan.

(v) **“Performance Objectives”** means the performance objectives, as specified by the Committee, which must be satisfied in order for the Participant to vest in the Performance Units which have been awarded to the Participant for the Performance Period.

(w) **“Performance Period”** means the period of time, as established by the Committee in its sole discretion, applicable to Performance Units.

(x) **“Performance Unit Account”** means an account established and maintained for a Participant who is granted Performance Units.

(y) **“Performance Units”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(z) **“Person”** means any individual composition, partnership, limited liability company, associations, trust or other entity or organization.

(aa) **“Restricted Period”** means the period of time, as established by the Committee, applicable to Restricted Shares and RSUs.

(bb) **“Restricted Share Unit”** or **“RSU”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(cc) **“Restricted Share”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(dd) **“Retirement”** means, unless otherwise provided in any applicable Award Agreement, a Participant’s Termination of Service other than for Cause following the date on which a Participant has attained age 55 and completed seven years of service with the Company.

(ee) **“Service Agreement”** means any employment, severance, consulting or similar agreement between an applicable Participant and the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.

(ff) **“Specified Employee”** has the meaning set forth in Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

(gg) **“Stock Appreciation Rights”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(hh) **“Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(ii) **“Termination of Service”** means, in the case of a Participant who is an employee, cessation of the employment relationship such that the Participant is no longer an employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, or, in the case of a Participant who is a consultant or director, the date the performance of services for the Company and subsidiaries and affiliates has ended; *provided, however*, that in the case of a Participant who is an employee, the transfer of employment from the Company to a subsidiary or affiliate, from a subsidiary or affiliate to the Company, from one subsidiary or affiliate to another subsidiary or affiliate or, unless the Committee determines otherwise, the cessation of employee status but the continuation of the performance of services for the Company or a subsidiary or affiliate as a director or consultant shall not be deemed a cessation of service that would constitute a Termination of Service; *provided, further*, that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, a Termination of Service shall be deemed to occur for a Participant employed by, or performing services for, a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company when such subsidiary or affiliate ceases to be a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, respectively, unless such Participant’s employment or service continues with the Company or another subsidiary or affiliate of the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Award subject to Section 409A of the Code (and not exempt therefrom), a Termination of Service occurs when a Participant experiences a “separation from service” (as such term is defined under Section 409A of the Code and the regulations thereunder).



(jj) “**Total Disability**” has the meaning set forth in the Victoria’s Secret & Co. Long-Term Disability Plan or any successor thereto.

(kk) “**Unrestricted Shares**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.01 of the Plan.

(ll) “**Voting Stock**” means securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of the Company’s Board.



**Form of Victoria's Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan**  
**Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement**

By accepting this Restricted Share Unit award, the Participant agrees to the following terms and conditions and the terms of the Victoria's Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan ("the Plan"). The "Restricted Period" begins on the Grant Date and ends on the Vesting Date (as each is defined below). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Plan.

**(1) VESTING.**

Restricted Share Units will vest in installments over [●] years on the dates outlined below (the "Vesting Date"), provided that the Participant continues to be employed on such dates.

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**(2) RESTRICTIONS.** None of the Restricted Share Units may be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged or otherwise encumbered or disposed of during the Restricted Period or prior to the satisfaction of all conditions specified in this Agreement.

**(3) RECORDING OF AWARD.** The Company shall cause the Restricted Share Unit award to be appropriately recorded as of the date of grant (the "Grant Date").

**(4) RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANT.** During the Restricted Period, the Participant shall not have the right to vote the Restricted Share Units or to receive dividends with respect thereto.

**(5) FORFEITURES.**

- (a) Except as noted in this Section (5), Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant pursuant to this Agreement shall be forfeited in the event of the Participant's Termination of Service for any reason prior to the expiration or termination of the Restricted Period. Upon such forfeiture, the Restricted Share Unit award shall be cancelled.
- (b) Subject to the conditions outlined below, upon the Participant's involuntary Termination of Service by the Company, the Participant shall vest in a pro-rata percentage of Restricted Share Units effective as of the last day of the Restricted Period. The pro-rata percentage shall be equal to (x) the number of complete months between the first day of the Restricted Period and the Participant's termination date, divided by (y) the aggregate number of months in the Restricted Period. Pro-rata vesting shall be reduced by any Restricted Share Units previously vested under this agreement and is subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) Involuntary Termination of Service by the Company must be other than for (x) Cause or (y) misconduct (each as determined by the Committee or its designees in their sole discretion);
  - (ii) The Participant must execute and not revoke a release of claims against the Company in a form specified by the Company, as prescribed in Section (6)(a);
  - (iii) During the Restricted Period, the Participant may not (x) be employed by a competitor of the Company or (y) directly or indirectly solicit, induce or attempt to influence any employee to leave the employment of the Company or assist anyone else in doing so (each as determined by the Committee or its designees in their sole discretion).
- (c) In the event of Participant's Termination of Service as a result of Total Disability, the Restricted Share Units granted to the Participant pursuant to this Agreement shall continue to vest during the period of the Participant's Total Disability.
- (d) In the event of Participant's Termination of Service as a result of his or her death, or if the Participant's period of Total Disability terminates as a result of his or her death, all provision of services conditions shall be deemed to have been satisfied and the Restricted Period shall be deemed to have expired.
- (e) In the event of Participant's Termination of Service as a result of his or her Retirement, such Termination of Service will be treated as a voluntary resignation. For the avoidance of doubt, the Participant shall not be eligible to receive any pro rata vesting in connection with a Retirement set forth in Section 11.02 of the Plan.

**(6) SETTLEMENT OF RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS.**

- (a) Upon the expiration or termination of the Restricted Period and the satisfaction of all other conditions prescribed by the Committee, a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of Restricted Share Units with respect to which the restrictions have lapsed shall be delivered, free of all such restrictions, to the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary or estate, as the case may be. Such payment in settlement shall be made promptly, but in any event not later than (x) the end of the year in which the Restricted Period ended and the conditions were satisfied or (y) if later, within thirty (30) days following the lapse of the Restricted Period; *provided*, that the award holder will not be permitted, directly or indirectly, to designate the taxable year of settlement. The Participant may be required to execute a release of claims against the Company and its subsidiaries in order to receive a settlement payment and shall be required to execute a release to receive the vesting and settlement prescribed in Section (5)(b). To the extent such a release is required and, as a result of the timing of the execution of such release, settlement could be made in two different tax years, settlement shall in all such cases be made in the second such year.
- (b) If the Participant is a "specified employee," as that term is defined in Section 409A and the Treasury regulations thereunder, and the Participant receives payment(s) in connection with his or her Termination of Service on a date determinable based on the date of Termination of Service and not a pre-determined fixed date or schedule, then, except in the event of Termination of Service as a result of the Participant's death or the Participant's death after such Termination of Service, such payment(s) shall be delayed by at least six months after the date of the specified employee's Termination of Service.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, there shall not be any election to defer any Restricted Share Units under this Award Agreement under Sections 11.08 or 11.09 of the Plan.

**(7) EFFECT OF CHANGE IN CONTROL.** Upon a Participant's Termination of Service (x) by the Company other than for Cause or (y) by the Participant for Good Reason, in each case within twenty four (24) months following a Change in Control, [and provided that that the Change in Control is a "change in control event" as defined in Section 409A and the Treasury regulations thereunder], any conditions applicable to any Restricted Share Units shall be deemed to have been satisfied and the Restricted Period shall be deemed to have expired.

**(8) TAX WITHHOLDING.** The Company shall have the right to require the Participant or the Participant's beneficiaries or legal representatives to remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy Federal, state or local withholding tax requirements, or to deduct from distributions under the Plan amounts sufficient to satisfy such withholding tax requirements.

**(9) MISCELLANEOUS.**

- (a) No Right to Employment. This Agreement shall not confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the employ of the Company or any subsidiary or to be entitled to any remuneration or benefits not set forth in this Agreement or the Plan nor interfere with or limit the right of the Company or any subsidiary to modify the terms of or terminate the Participant's employment at any time.
  - (b) Clawback. Subject to restrictions set forth in the Plan and/or such clawback policy implemented by the Company from time to time, if required by law or if the Participant engaged, had knowledge of, or should have had knowledge of, fraudulent conduct or activities relating to the Company, the Company may terminate this Agreement and require the Participant to reimburse to the Company (i) an amount required by law or (ii) the amount of compensation received pursuant to this Agreement and based on the aforementioned conduct.
  - (c) Notice. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement must be given electronically or by regular U.S. mail addressed, if to the Committee or the Company, at the principal office of the Company and, if to the Participant, at the Participant's last known address as set forth in the books and records of the Company.
  - (d) Plan to Govern. This Agreement and the rights of the Participant hereunder are subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan, as the same may be amended from time to time, as well as to such rules and regulations as the Committee may adopt for the administration of the Plan. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan and this Agreement, the terms of the Plan will control.
  - (e) Amendment. Subject to restrictions set forth in the Plan, the Company may from time to time suspend, modify or amend this Agreement. No suspension, modification or amendment of this Agreement may, without the consent of the Participant, adversely affect the rights of the Participant with respect to the Restricted Share Units granted pursuant to this Agreement, except to the extent any such action is undertaken to cause this Agreement to comply with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.
  - (f) Severability. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.
  - (g) Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Plan contain all of the understandings between the Company and the Participant concerning the Restricted Share Units granted hereunder and supersede all prior agreements and understandings.
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- (h) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which when signed by the Company and the Participant will be an original and all of which together will be the same Agreement.
- (i) Governing Law. To the extent not preempted by Federal law, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware.
- (j) Section 409A. This Agreement and the Restricted Share Units are intended to be exempt from, or otherwise comply with, the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, and the provisions of this Agreement shall be interpreted and operated accordingly. If any provision of this Agreement or any term or condition of the Restricted Share Units would otherwise frustrate or conflict with this intent, the provision, term or condition shall be interpreted and deemed amended so as to avoid this conflict. If the Restricted Share Units include a “series of installment payments” (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii)), the Participant's right to the series of installment payments shall be treated as a right to a series of separate payments and not as a right to a single payment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the tax treatment of the benefits provided under this Agreement is not warranted or guaranteed, and in no event shall the Company be liable for all or any portion of any taxes, penalties, interest or other expenses that may be incurred by the Participant on account of non-compliance with Section 409A of the Code.

**(10) CHINA NOTICE**

- (a) Due to local legal requirements, shares of Common Stock acquired through Restricted Share Unit settlements must be maintained in the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney account until the shares are sold with the net sales proceeds being paid to you through your current or most recent PRC employer. As a condition of the grant of Restricted Share Units, to the extent that you hold any shares of Common Stock on the date that is six-months after the date of your termination of active employment with the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, you authorize Morgan Stanley (or any successor broker designated by the Company) to sell such shares of Common Stock on your behalf at that time or as soon as is administratively practical thereafter.
  - (b) Under local law, you are required to repatriate to China the proceeds from your participation in the Plan, including proceeds from Restricted Share Unit settlements, the sale of shares of Common Stock acquired through Restricted Share Unit settlements and any dividends or dividend equivalents paid to you in relation to such shares of Common Stock through a special exchange control account established by the Company or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates in China. You hereby agree that any proceeds from your participation in the Plan may be transferred to such special account prior to being delivered to you through your current or most recent PRC employer. Further, if the proceeds from your participation in the Plan are converted to local currency, you acknowledge that the Company (including its subsidiaries and affiliates) are under no obligation to secure any currency conversion rate and may face delays in converting the proceeds to local currency due to exchange control restrictions in China. You agree to bear the risk of any currency conversion rate fluctuation between the date that your proceeds are delivered to the special exchange control account and the date of conversion of the proceeds to local currency.
  - (c) Finally, to comply with requirements imposed by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE), to the extent that, under your Agreement, you may receive any Restricted Share Units settlements after your Termination of Service with the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, you shall be permitted to receive such Restricted Share Units settlements for the shorter of the period set forth in your Agreement and six months from the date of your termination of active employment. Six months following the termination of your active employment with the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, any unsettled Restricted Share Units shall immediately expire.
  - (d) The Company reserves the right to impose such further restrictions or conditions as may be necessary to comply with changes in applicable local laws in China.
  - (e) If you are not a PRC national, the above provisions may not apply to you, to the extent determined by SAFE or its local branch office in accordance with local laws.
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**Form of Victoria's Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan  
Stock Option Award Agreement**

By accepting this Stock Option Award Agreement (the "Agreement"), the Participant agrees to the following terms and conditions and the terms of the Victoria's Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The grant of this stock option is contingent on signing a Non-Solicitation/Non-Compete Agreement, as applicable. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Plan.

- (1) **VESTING.** Stock options will vest and become exercisable over [●] years in [●] installments on [the [●] anniversaries of the Date of Grant], provided that the Participant continues to be employed on such dates.
  - (2) **EXERCISE OF OPTIONS.** The Participant may exercise one or more of the Options granted pursuant to this Agreement, to the extent exercisable, in such manner as is determined by the Committee, that specifies the number of Options being exercised and the exercise date and by tendering payment for the shares of Common Stock being purchased under the Options. The Options shall expire on the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant (the "Expiration Date").
  - (3) **PAYMENT FOR SHARES.** Payment for the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of an Option shall be made in full at the time of exercise, in cash or by certified check. Any payment for shares must include such additional amounts as may be required by the Company to satisfy Federal, state and local withholding tax requirements. The Participant may exercise the Option and satisfy applicable tax withholding through a cashless exercise procedure, to the extent determined by the Company.
  - (4) **ISSUANCE OF SHARES.** As soon as reasonably practicable following the exercise of an Option and the receipt by the Company of payment for the shares and applicable withholding taxes, the shares of Common Stock purchased thereby shall be registered in the name of the Participant in accordance with procedures approved by the Committee.
  - (5) **TERMINATION OF SERVICE (FOR REASONS OTHER THAN DEATH OR TOTAL DISABILITY).** In the event of Participant's Termination of Service with the Company for reasons other than death, Total Disability or Cause, the Participant shall be entitled to exercise the Options, to the extent exercisable on the date of the Participant's Termination of Service, at any time within the one (1) year period immediately following the date of such Termination of Service (but not later than the Expiration Date); *provided, however*, that if an Incentive Stock Option is not exercised within three (3) months following such Termination of Service, it shall be treated as a Nonstatutory Stock Option. In the event the Participant's employment is terminated by his or her employer for Cause, the Participant shall be entitled to exercise the Options, to the extent exercisable on the date of termination, at any time within the thirty (30) day period following such Termination of Service.
  - (6) **TERMINATION OF SERVICE (TOTAL DISABILITY).** In the event of Participant's Termination of Service by reason of Total Disability, the Participant shall be entitled to exercise the Options, to the extent exercisable on the date of the Participant's Termination of Service, at any time within the one (1) year period immediately following the date of the Participant's Termination of Service (but not later than the Expiration Date). Any Options that are not vested on the date that the Participant's employment terminates for reason of Total Disability, shall continue to vest during the period of such Participant's Total Disability, and, upon becoming vested, such Options shall be exercisable within the one (1) year period after the applicable vesting date, but in no event later than the Expiration Date. In the event of the Participant's death following the Participant's Termination of Service due to Total Disability, any unvested Options shall vest in accordance with the terms of Section 7 below.
  - (7) **TERMINATION OF SERVICE (DEATH).** In the event of Participant's Termination of Service due to death or upon death during the Participant's period of Total Disability, the Options shall become fully exercisable by the Participant's beneficiary and may be exercised at any time within one (1) year after the date of the Participant's death (but not later than the Expiration Date). If the Participant dies following his or her Termination of Services for reasons other than Total Disability, the Participant's beneficiary shall be entitled to exercise the Options, to the extent exercisable on the date of the Participant's Termination of Service, during the same period that the Participant would have been entitled to exercise the Option if the Participant had not died.
  - (8) **EFFECT OF CHANGE IN CONTROL.** Upon Participant's Termination of Service (i) by the Company other than for Cause or (ii) by the Participant for Good Reason (to the extent defined in and provided for pursuant to an employment agreement between the Company and the Participant), in each case within 24 months following a Change in Control, the Options, to the extent not then exercisable, shall be fully exercisable during the periods set forth in Section 5 above.
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- (9) **NONTRANSFERABILITY.** Options granted under the Plan shall not be subject, in whole or in part, to execution, attachment or similar process and Options may not be transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated (whether by operation of law or otherwise), except (i) as provided by will or the applicable laws of descent and distribution and (ii) if permitted by the Committee, a Nonstatutory Stock Option may be transferred to a member of the Nonstatutory Stock Option holder's immediate family or to a family partnership or a trust benefitting only members of such holder's immediate family.
- (10) **NOTICE OF RESALE.** If any Participant disposes of shares of Common Stock acquired pursuant to an Incentive Stock Option before one (1) year from the date of issuance by the Company of such shares of Common Stock or two (2) years from the Date of Grant of such Option, then such Participant shall provide the Company with written notice of such disposition on a form provided by the Committee.
- (11) **MISCELLANEOUS.**
- (a) **No Right To Employment.** This Agreement shall not confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the employ of the Company or any subsidiary or to be entitled to any remuneration or benefits not set forth in this Agreement or the Plan nor interfere with or limit the right of the Company or any subsidiary to modify the terms of or terminate the Participant's employment at any time.
  - (b) **Clawback.** Subject to restrictions set forth in the Plan and/or such clawback policy implemented by the Company from time to time, if required by law or if the Participant engaged, had knowledge of, or should have had knowledge of, fraudulent conduct or activities relating to the Company, the Company may terminate this Agreement and require the Participant to reimburse to the Company (i) an amount required by law or (ii) the amount of compensation received pursuant to this Agreement and based on the aforementioned conduct.
  - (c) **Notice.** Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement must be given electronically or by regular U.S. mail addressed, if to the Committee or the Company, at the principal office of the Company and, if to the Participant, at the Participant's last known address as set forth in the books and records of the Company.
  - (d) **Plan to Govern.** This Agreement and the rights of the Participant hereunder are subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan, as the same may be amended from time to time, as well as to such rules and regulations as the Committee may adopt for the administration of the Plan. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan and this Agreement, the terms of the Plan will control.
  - (e) **Amendment.** Subject to restrictions set forth in the Plan, the Company may from time to time suspend, modify or amend this Agreement. No suspension, modification or amendment of this Agreement may, without the consent of the Participant, adversely affect the rights of the Participant with respect to the Options granted pursuant to this Agreement, except to the extent any such action is undertaken to cause this Agreement to comply with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.
  - (f) **Severability.** In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.
  - (g) **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and the Plan contain all of the understandings between the Company and the Participant concerning the Options granted hereunder and supersede all prior agreements and understandings.
  - (h) **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which when signed by the Company and the Participant will be an original and all of which together will be the same Agreement.
  - (i) **Governing Law.** To the extent not preempted by Federal law, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware.
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**FORM OF VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.  
2021 CASH INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PERFORMANCE PLAN**

Victoria's Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation ("VS & Co."), hereby adopts the Victoria's Secret & Co. 2021 Cash Incentive Compensation Performance Plan (the "*Plan*") for the purpose of enhancing the Company's ability to attract and retain highly qualified executive and managerial-level associates and to provide additional financial incentives to such associates to promote the success of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company reserves the right to pay discretionary bonuses, or other types of compensation outside of the Plan, including under the Stock Plan or otherwise.

1. **Definitions.** As used herein, the following terms shall have the respective meanings indicated:

(a) "*Board*" shall mean the Board of Directors of VS & Co.

(b) "*Cause*" shall have the meaning set forth in the Stock Plan.

(c) "*Change in Control*" shall have the meaning set forth in the Stock Plan.

(d) "*Code*" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any successor federal internal revenue law, along with related rules, regulations, and interpretations.

(e) "*Common Stock*" shall mean the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of VS & Co.

(f) "*Committee*" shall mean the Human Capital and Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee or subcommittee appointed by the Board to administer the Plan.

(g) "*Company*" shall mean, collectively, VS & Co. and its subsidiaries.

(h) "*Good Reason*" shall have the meaning set forth in the Stock Plan.

(i) "*Incentive Compensation*" shall mean, for each Participant, compensation to be paid in the amount determined by the Committee pursuant to Section 6 below.

(j) "*Participant*" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year, an associate who is eligible to participate in the Plan for such fiscal year in accordance with Section 3.

(k) "*Performance Goal*" shall mean the performance goals established by the Committee pursuant to Section 4 hereof.

(l) "*Performance Period*" shall mean each Spring or Fall selling season or the fiscal year of the Company, or any other period of time as will be established by the Committee pursuant to Section 4 of this Plan within which the Performance Goals relating to any award of Incentive Compensation are to be achieved. Any Performance Period may be subject to earlier lapse or other modification pursuant to Section 11 of this Plan in the event of a Termination of Service without Cause, resignation for Good Reason, Retirement, death or Total Disability of the Participant or a Change in Control.

(m) "*Retirement*" shall have the meaning set forth in the Stock Plan.

(n) "*Stock Plan*" shall mean the Victoria's Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time, and any successor thereto.

(o) "*Termination of Service*" shall have the meaning set forth in the Stock Plan.

(p) "*Total Disability*" shall have the meaning set forth in the Stock Plan.

2. **Administration of the Plan.** The Plan shall be administered by the Committee, which shall have full power and authority to construe, interpret and administer the Plan and shall have the exclusive right to establish, adjust, pay or decline to pay Incentive Compensation for each Participant. Such power and authority shall include the right to exercise discretion to reduce by any amount, including down to zero, the Incentive Compensation payable to any Participant. Decisions of the Committee shall be final, conclusive and binding on all persons or entities, including the Company, any Participant and any person claiming any benefit or right under the Plan. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Committee may delegate to (i) one or more officers of the Company some or all of its authority under the Plan and (ii) one or more committees of the Board some or all of its authority under the Plan.

3. **Eligibility.** All associates of the Company designated by the Committee or other authorized individuals are eligible to participate in the Plan and shall be Participants.

4. **Awards.** The Committee shall establish Performance Goals with respect to each Performance Period. The Performance Goals established by the Committee shall be based on specified levels of or changes in any one or more performance criteria established by the Committee, which may be expressed with respect to the Company or one or more operating units or groups, as the Committee may determine, including, without limitation, price of Common Stock, or the common stock of any affiliate, shareholder return, return on equity, return on investment, return on capital, sales productivity, comparable store sales growth, economic profit, economic value added, net income, operating income, gross margin, sales, free cash flow, earnings per share, operating company contribution or market share. Performance Goals for a Performance Period may include a minimum or threshold performance standard below which no payments of Incentive Compensation will be made, and a maximum performance standard in which any performance that exceeds this standard will not increase the payment of Incentive Compensation. These Performance Goals may be based on an analysis of historical performance and growth expectations for the business, financial results of other comparable businesses, and progress towards achieving the strategic plan for the business, or any other factors as determined by the Committee. The Committee shall specify how any Performance Goals shall be adjusted to the extent necessary to prevent dilution or enlargement of any award of Incentive Compensation as a result of extraordinary events or circumstances, as determined by the Committee, including, without limitation:

- (i) all items of gain, loss or expense for the Performance Period determined to be extraordinary or unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence;
- (ii) all items related to the disposal of a component of an entity or related to a change in accounting principles, as such are defined by generally accepted accounting principles and as identified in the Company's audited financial statements, notes to such financial statements, in management's discussion and analysis or any other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (iii) impact from changes in accounting policies approved by the Audit Committee of the Board that were not contemplated in the initial Incentive Compensation targets;
- (iv) all items of gain, loss or expense for the Performance Period related to an exit activity as defined under current generally accepted accounting principles;
- (v) all items of gain, loss or expense for the Performance Period related to discontinued operations as defined under current generally accepted accounting principles;
- (vi) any profit or loss attributable to the business operations of any entity acquired or divested by the Company during the Performance Period;
- (vii) write-offs, accelerated depreciation or other operating expenses at the participating subsidiary level related to the testing of a new brand concept, not included in the original Incentive Compensation targets;
- (viii) impacts from unanticipated changes in legal or tax structure or unanticipated changes in jurisdictional tax rates of a participating subsidiary; and
- (ix) changes in applicable tax law.

Participants may earn their target Incentive Compensation if the pre-established Performance Goals are achieved. The target Incentive Compensation percentage for each Participant will be based on the level and functional responsibility of his or her position, size of the business for which the Participant is responsible, and competitive practices.

5. **Committee Certification.** As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each Performance Period, the Committee shall certify, in writing, that the Performance Goals for such Performance Period were satisfied.

6. **Payment of Incentive Compensation.** The selection of Participants to whom Incentive Compensation shall actually be paid shall be conditioned upon each Participant's continued employment with the Company through the last day of the Performance Period. The amount of the Incentive Compensation actually paid to a Participant for a Performance Period shall be such amount as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, including zero. Subject to the last sentence of this Section 6 and to Section 11 below, Incentive Compensation shall be paid in cash at such times and on such terms as are determined by the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion, which such payment shall be made within seventy-five (75) days following the end of the Performance Period to which such Incentive Compensation relates, but in no event later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the third month following the end of such Performance Period. To the extent provided by the Committee, in its sole discretion, the annual Incentive Compensation may be paid in the form of shares of Common Stock or equity incentive awards under the Company's then effective Stock Plan, or may be deferred under the Company's then effective deferred compensation plan (if any), subject to the terms and conditions of such plans.

7. **No Right to Bonus or Continued Employment; Clawback.**

(a) Neither the establishment of the Plan, the provision for or payment of any amounts hereunder, nor any action of the Company, the Board or the Committee with respect to the Plan shall be held or construed to confer upon any person (a) any legal right to receive, or any interest in, any Incentive Compensation or any other benefit under the Plan or (b) any legal right to continue to serve as an officer or associate of the Company or any affiliate of the Company.



(b) If the Committee determines in good faith either that: (i) if required by applicable law with respect to a Participant or (ii) (x) a Participant engaged in fraudulent conduct or activities relating to the Company, (y) a Participant has knowledge of such conduct or activities, or (z) a Participant, based upon the Participant's position, duties or responsibilities, should have had knowledge of such conduct or activities, the Committee shall have the power and authority under the Plan to terminate without payment all outstanding incentive awards under the Plan. If required by applicable law with respect to a Participant or if a Participant described in (ii) above has been paid Incentive Compensation that is based on or results from such conduct or activities, such Participant shall promptly reimburse to the Company a sum equal to either an amount required by such law or the amount of such Incentive Compensation paid in respect of the year in which such conduct or activities occurred, as applicable. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Incentive Compensation or other incentive awards or payments under the Plan shall be subject to any clawback or recoupment arrangements or policies the Company has in place from time to time, as may be adopted or amended by the Board or the Committee at any time in its discretion, and the Committee may, to the extent permitted by applicable law and stock exchange rules or by any applicable Company policy or arrangement, and shall, to the extent required, cancel or require reimbursement of any compensation or awards granted to the Participant under the Plan.

8. **Withholding.** The Company shall have the right to withhold, or require a Participant to remit to the Company, an amount sufficient to satisfy any applicable federal, state, local or foreign withholding tax requirements imposed with respect to the payment of any Incentive Compensation. The Company shall also have the right to withhold from Incentive Compensation any amounts that may be required to be withheld from other taxable noncash compensation or taxable reimbursements payable to a Participant that may themselves have not been subjected to withholding at the time of payment.

9. **Nontransferability.** Except as expressly provided by the Committee, the rights and benefits under the Plan are personal to the Participant and shall not be subject to any voluntary or involuntary alienation, assignment, pledge, transfer or other disposition.

10. **Unfunded Plan.** The Company shall have no obligation to reserve or otherwise fund in advance any amounts that are or may in the future become payable under the Plan. Any funds that the Company, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, determines to reserve for future payments under the Plan may be commingled with other funds of the Company and need not in any way be segregated from other assets or funds held by the Company. A Participant's rights to payment under the Plan shall be limited to those of a general unsecured creditor of the Company.

11. ***Adoption, Amendment, Suspension and Termination of the Plan.***

(a) The Plan shall be effective for payments made with respect to Performance Periods that commence at any time during the Company's 2021 fiscal year and thereafter and shall continue in effect until terminated as provided below.

(b) Subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph (c) below, the Board may at any time suspend or terminate the Plan and may amend it from time to time in such respects as the Board may deem advisable.

(c) No amendment, suspension or termination of the Plan shall, without the consent of the person affected thereby, materially, adversely alter or impair any rights or obligations of any applicable Participant with respect to any Incentive Compensation previously awarded under the Plan, except to the extent any such action is undertaken to cause the Plan to comply with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.

12. **Governing Law.** The validity, interpretation and effect of the Plan, and the rights of all persons hereunder, shall be governed by and determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, other than the choice of law rules thereof.

13. **Section 409A.** The Plan, and all awards of Incentive Compensation hereunder, are intended to be exempt from, or otherwise comply with, Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (together with the Treasury Regulations and related guidance thereunder, collectively, "Section 409A"), and the provisions of the Plan and each award shall be interpreted and construed in a manner consistent with this intent. If the Participant is a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A) at the time of his or her Termination of Service, any Incentive Compensation that constitutes nonqualified deferred compensation under Section 409A that becomes payable to such Participant as a result of his or her Termination of Service shall not be paid to the Participant until the first regularly scheduled payroll date on or following the date which is six months and one day after the date of the Participant's Termination of Service, except as permitted under Section 409A.

**FORM OF VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.  
ASSOCIATE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

Section 1. *Purpose.* This Victoria's Secret & Co. Associate Stock Purchase Plan (the "**Plan**") is intended to provide employees of the Company and its Participating Companies with an opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company through the purchase of Shares. The Plan has two components: (a) one component (the "**423 Component**") is intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code, and the Plan will be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with that intent, and (b) the other component (the "**Non-423 Component**"), which is not intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code, authorizes the grant of options to purchase Shares pursuant to rules, procedures or sub-plans adopted by the Committee that may be designed to achieve certain tax, securities laws or other objectives for Eligible Employees, as determined in the discretion of the Committee. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Non-423 Component will operate and be administered in the same manner as the 423 Component.

Section 2. *Definitions.*

(a) "**Affiliate**" means any entity that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Company.

(b) "**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(c) "**Code**" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and the rules, regulations and guidance thereunder. Any reference to a provision in the Code shall include any successor provision thereto.

(d) "**Committee**" means the Human Capital and Compensation Committee of the Board, unless another committee is designated by the Board. If there is no compensation committee of the Board and the Board does not designate another committee, references herein to the "Committee" shall refer to the Board.

(e) "**Company**" means Victoria's Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation, including any successor thereto.

(f) "**Compensation**" means the base salary and wages paid to an Eligible Employee by the Company or a Participating Company as compensation for services to the Company or Participating Company, before deduction for any salary deferral contributions made by the Eligible Employee to any tax-qualified or nonqualified deferred compensation plan.

(g) "**Corporate Transaction**" means a merger, consolidation, acquisition of property or stock, separation, reorganization or other corporate event described in Section 424 of the Code.

(h) "**Designated Broker**" means the financial services firm or other agent designated by the Company to maintain ESPP Share Accounts on behalf of Participants who have purchased Shares under the Plan.

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(i) **“Effective Date”** means [●], 2021, subject to approval by the Board and the shareholders of the Company in accordance with Section 19(k).

(j) **“Eligible Employee”** means an Employee who has completed (or who has been credited with) at least six (6) months of continuous employment service with the Company or any of the Participating Companies as of the applicable Offering Date (or such other period of employment as determined by the Committee in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.423-2(e); *provided, however*, that the Committee retains discretion to determine which Eligible Employees may participate in the Plan or any Offering pursuant to and consistent with Treasury Regulation Sections 1.423-2(e) and (f). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee (i) may exclude from participation in the Plan or any Offering any Employees who are “highly compensated employees” or a sub-set of such “highly compensated employees” (within the meaning of Section 414(q) of the Code) or who otherwise may be excluded from participation pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.423-2(e) and (ii) may exclude any Employees located outside of the United States to the extent permitted under Section 423 of the Code.

(k) **“Employee”** means any person who renders services to the Company or a Participating Company as an employee (whether on a full-time or part-time basis) pursuant to an employment relationship with such employer. For purposes of the Plan, the employment relationship shall be treated as continuing intact while the individual is on military leave, sick leave, parental leave or other leave of absence approved by the Company or a Participating Company that meets the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.421-1(h)(2). Where the period of leave exceeds three (3) months and the individual’s right to reemployment is not provided by statute or contract, the employment relationship shall be deemed to have terminated on the first day immediately following such three-month period, or such other period specified in Treasury Regulation Section 1.421-1(h)(2).

(l) **“Enrollment Form”** means an agreement (in a form specified by the Committee) pursuant to which an Eligible Employee may elect to enroll in the Plan, to authorize a new level of payroll deductions, or to stop payroll deductions and withdraw from an Offering.

(m) **“ESPP Share Account”** means an account into which Shares purchased with accumulated payroll deductions at the end of an Offering Period are deposited on behalf of a Participant.

(n) **“Exchange Act”** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and the rules, regulations and guidance thereunder. Any reference to a provision in the Exchange Act shall include any successor provision thereto.

(o) **“Fair Market Value”** means, as of any date, the closing price of a Share on the Trading Day immediately preceding the date of determination (or, if there is no reported sale on such date, on the last preceding date on which any reported sale occurred), on the principal stock market or exchange on which Shares are quoted or traded, or if Shares are not so quoted or traded, the fair market value of a Share as determined by the Committee, which such determination shall be conclusive and binding on all persons.

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(p) **“Initial Offering Period”** means the Offering Period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on September 30, 2021.

(q) **“Offering Date”** means, with respect to (i) the Initial Offering Period, the first Trading Day on or following the Effective Date, and (ii) each Offering Period other than the Initial Offering Period, the first Trading Day of such Offering Period as designated by the Committee.

(r) **“Offering”** means the grant of options to purchase Shares under the 423 Component or the Non-423 Component, as applicable, to Eligible Employees under terms approved by the Committee.

(s) **“Offering Period”** means the period described in Section 5.

(t) **“Offering Period Limit”** has the meaning set forth in Section 8.

(u) **“Participant”** means an Eligible Employee who is actively participating in the Plan.

(v) **“Participating Companies”** means the Subsidiaries and Affiliates that have been designated by the Committee as eligible to participate in the Plan, and such other Subsidiaries and Affiliates that may be designated by the Committee from time to time in its sole discretion. For purposes of the 423 Component, only the Company and its Subsidiaries may be Participating Companies; *provided, however*, that at any given time, a Subsidiary that is a Participating Company under the 423 Component will not be a Participating Company under the Non-423 Component. The Committee may designate any Subsidiary or Affiliate as a Participating Company, or revoke any such designation, at any time and from time to time, either before or after the Plan is approved by the shareholders of the Company.

(w) **“Plan”** means this Victoria’s Secret & Co. Associate Stock Purchase Plan, as set forth herein, and as amended from time to time.

(x) **“Purchase Date”** means one or more dates during an Offering Period, as established by the Committee, on which options granted under the Plan will be exercised and purchases of Shares will be carried out in accordance with the terms of the applicable Offering; *provided* that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, each Offering Period will have one Purchase Date on the last Trading Day of such Offering Period.

(y) **“Purchase Price”** means an amount equal to eighty-five (85%) (or such greater percentage as designated by the Committee) of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Purchase Date; *provided* that the Purchase Price per Share will in no event be less than the par value of the Shares.

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(z) “**Securities Act**” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, and the rules, regulations and guidance thereunder. Any reference to a provision in the Securities Act includes any successor provision thereto.

(aa) “**Share**” means a share of the Company’s common stock, \$0.01 par value.

(bb) “**Subsidiary**” means any corporation, domestic or foreign, in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company of which at the time of the granting of an option pursuant to Section 7, not less than 50% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock are held by the Company or a Subsidiary, whether or not such corporation exists now or is hereafter organized or acquired by the Company or a Subsidiary; *provided, however*, that a limited liability company or partnership may be treated as a Subsidiary to the extent either (a) such entity is treated as a disregarded entity under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3(a) by reason of the Company or any other Subsidiary that is a corporation being the sole owner of such entity or, (b) such entity elects to be classified as a corporation under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3(a) and such entity would otherwise qualify as a Subsidiary.

(cc) “**Trading Day**” means any day on which the national stock exchange upon which the Shares are listed is open for trading.

(dd) “**Treasury Regulations**” means the Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code. Any reference to a provision in a Treasury regulation includes any successor provision thereto.

### Section 3. *Administration.*

(a) Administration of Plan. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee which shall have the authority to construe and interpret the Plan, prescribe, amend and rescind rules relating to the Plan’s administration and take any other actions necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan including, without limitation, adopting sub-plans and special rules applicable to particular Participating Companies or locations, which sub-plans or special rules may be designed to be outside the scope of Section 423 of the Code or under the Non-423 Component. The Committee may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency or ambiguity in the Plan. The decisions of the Committee shall be final and binding on all persons. All expenses of administering the Plan shall be borne by the Company. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall have the authority to change the minimum and maximum amounts of Compensation for payroll deductions pursuant to Section 6(a), the frequency with which a Participant may elect to change their rate of payroll deductions pursuant to Section 6(b), the dates by which a Participant is required to submit an Enrollment Form pursuant to Section 6(b) and Section 10(a), and the effective date of a Participant’s withdrawal due to termination or transfer of employment or change in status pursuant to Section 11, and the withholding procedures pursuant to Section 19(m).

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(b) Delegation of Authority. To the extent permitted by applicable law, including under Section 157(c) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Committee may delegate to (i) one or more officers of the Company some or all of its authority under the Plan and (ii) one or more committees of the Board some or all of its authority under the Plan.

#### Section 4. *Eligibility.*

(a) Eligibility Generally. In order to participate in an Offering, an Eligible Employee must deliver a completed Enrollment Form to the Company at least five (5) business days prior to the Offering Date (unless a different time is set by the Company for all Eligible Employees with respect to such Offering) and must elect their payroll deduction rate as described in Section 6.

(b) Limitations on Eligibility. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, no Eligible Employee shall be granted an option under the 423 Component if (i) immediately after the grant of the option, such Eligible Employee (or any other person whose stock would be attributed to such Eligible Employee pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) would own stock of the Company or hold outstanding options to purchase stock of the Company possessing 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or any Subsidiary or (ii) such option would permit such Eligible Employee's rights to purchase stock under all employee stock purchase plans (described in Section 423 of the Code) of the Company and its Subsidiaries to accrue at a rate that exceeds \$25,000 of the Fair Market Value of such stock (determined at the time the option is granted) for each calendar year in which such option is outstanding at any time, in accordance with the provisions of Section 423(b)(8) of the Code.

Section 5. *Offering Periods.* Following the completion of the Initial Offering Period, the Plan shall be implemented by a series of subsequent Offering Periods, each of which shall be three (3) months in duration, with new Offering Periods commencing on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year. The Committee shall have, prior to the commencement of a particular Offering Period, the authority to change the duration, frequency, start and end dates of Offering Periods (subject to a maximum Offering Period of twenty-seven (27) months).

#### Section 6. *Participation.*

(a) Enrollment; Payroll Deductions. An Eligible Employee may elect to participate in the Plan by properly completing an Enrollment Form, which may be electronic, and submitting it to the Company, in accordance with the enrollment procedures established by the Committee. Participation in the Plan is entirely voluntary. By submitting an Enrollment Form, the Eligible Employee authorizes payroll deductions from their paycheck in an amount equal to a percentage (of at least one percent (1%) but no greater than ten percent (10%)) of their Compensation on each payday occurring during an Offering Period. Payroll deductions shall commence as soon as administratively practicable following the Offering Date and end on the latest practicable payroll date on or before the Purchase Date. The Company shall maintain records of all payroll deductions but shall have no obligation to pay interest on payroll deductions or to hold such amounts in a trust or in any segregated account, except as may be required by applicable law. Unless expressly permitted by the Committee, a Participant may not make any separate contributions or payments to the Plan. For the avoidance of doubt, all payroll deductions during an Offering Period that are made under the Plan from a Participant's Compensation shall be made on an after-tax basis. If payroll deductions during an Offering Period for purposes of the Plan are prohibited or otherwise problematic under applicable law (as determined by the Committee in its discretion), the Committee may permit Participants to contribute to the Plan by such other means as determined by the Committee. Any reference to "payroll deductions" in this Section 6(a) (or in any other section of the Plan) will similarly cover contributions by other means made pursuant to this Section 6(a).

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(b) Election Changes. During an Offering Period, a Participant may not increase or decrease their rate of payroll deductions applicable to such Offering Period. A Participant may increase or decrease their rate of payroll deductions for future Offering Periods by submitting a new Enrollment Form authorizing the new rate of payroll deductions at least fifteen (15) days before the start of the next Offering Period.

(c) Automatic Re-enrollment. The deduction rate selected in the Enrollment Form shall remain in effect for subsequent Offering Periods unless the Participant (i) submits a new Enrollment Form authorizing a new level of payroll deductions in accordance with Section 6(b), (ii) withdraws from the Plan in accordance with Section 10, or (iii) terminates employment or otherwise becomes ineligible to participate in the Plan.

Section 7. *Grant of Option.* On each Offering Date, each Participant in the applicable Offering Period shall be granted an option to purchase, on the Purchase Date, a number of Shares determined by dividing the Participant's accumulated payroll deductions in respect of such Offering Period by the applicable Purchase Price; *provided*, that the maximum number of Shares that may be purchased by a Participant during an Offering Period shall not exceed 5,000 Shares or such other maximum number of Shares as the Committee may establish from time to time before an Offering Period begins, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 18 and the limitations set forth in Section 4 and Section 13 of the Plan (the "**Offering Period Limit**").

Section 8. *Exercise of Option/Purchase of Shares.*

(a) A Participant's option to purchase Shares will be exercised automatically on the Purchase Date of each Offering Period. The Participant's accumulated payroll deductions will be used to purchase the maximum number of whole Shares that can be purchased with the amounts in the Participant's notional account, subject to the Offering Period Limit and the limitations set forth in Section 4 and Section 13 of the Plan. During a Participant's lifetime, the Participant's option to purchase Shares under the Plan is exercisable only by the Participant.

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(b) No fractional Shares may be purchased, but contributions unused in an applicable Offering Period due to being less than the Purchase Price of a Share (and thereby representing a fractional Share) will be carried forward to the next Offering Period, subject to earlier withdrawal by the Participant in accordance with Section 10 or termination of employment or change in employment status in accordance with Section 11.

Section 9. *Transfer of Shares.* As soon as administratively practicable after each Purchase Date, the Company will arrange for the delivery to each Participant of the Shares purchased upon exercise of the Participant's option. The Committee may permit or require that the Shares be deposited directly into an ESPP Share Account established in the name of the Participant with a Designated Broker and may require that the Shares be retained with such Designated Broker for a specified period of time. Participants will not have any voting, dividend or other rights of a shareholder with respect to the Shares subject to any option granted under the Plan until such Shares have been delivered pursuant to this Section 9.

Section 10. *Withdrawal.*

(a) Withdrawal Procedure. A Participant may withdraw from an Offering by submitting to the Company a revised Enrollment Form indicating their election to withdraw at least fifteen (15) days before the Purchase Date. The accumulated payroll deductions held on behalf of a Participant in their notional account (that have not been used to purchase Shares) shall be paid to the Participant as soon as administratively practicable following receipt of the Participant's Enrollment Form indicating their election to withdraw and the Participant's option shall be automatically terminated. If a Participant withdraws from an Offering Period, no payroll deductions will be made during any succeeding Offering Period, unless the Participant re-enrolls in accordance with Section 6(a) of the Plan.

(b) Effect on Succeeding Offering Periods. A Participant's election to withdraw from an Offering Period will not have any effect upon the Participant's eligibility to participate in succeeding Offering Periods that commence following the completion of the Offering Period from which the Participant withdraws.

Section 11. *Termination of Employment; Change in Employment Status.* Notwithstanding Section 10, upon termination of a Participant's employment for any reason prior to the Purchase Date, including death, disability or retirement, or a change in the Participant's employment status following which the Participant is no longer an Eligible Employee, (a) if such termination occurs at least fifteen (15) days before the Purchase Date, the Participant will be deemed to have withdrawn from the applicable Offering in accordance with Section 10 and the payroll deductions in the Participant's notional account (that have not been used to purchase Shares) shall be returned as soon as administratively practicable to the Participant, or in the case of the Participant's death, to the person(s) entitled to such amounts by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and the Participant's option shall be automatically terminated, and (b) if such termination occurs within less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Purchase Date, the Participant will not be treated as having withdrawn from such applicable Offering and the accumulated payroll deductions in the Participant's notional account will be used to purchase Shares on the applicable Purchase Date, and the Participant will thereafter be deemed to have withdrawn from the next subsequent Offering in accordance with Section 10 immediately prior to the commencement of such applicable Offering Period. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, a Participant whose employment transfers or whose employment terminates with an immediate rehire (with no break in service) by or between the Company or any Participating Company will not be treated as having terminated employment for purposes of participating in the Plan or an Offering; *provided, however*, if such transfer or employment termination and rehire results in the transfer of the Participant's participation in an Offering under the 423 Component to an Offering under the Non-423 Component, the exercise of the Participant's option will be qualified under the 423 Component only to the extent that such option and exercise complies with Section 423 of the Code. If such transfer or employment termination and rehire results in the transfer of the Participant's participation in an Offering under the Non-423 Component to an Offering under the 423 Component, the Participant's option and the exercise of such option will remain non-qualified under the Non-423 Component.

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Section 12. *No Interest.* No interest shall accrue on or be payable with respect to the payroll deductions of a Participant in the Plan, except as may be required by applicable law.

Section 13. *Shares Reserved for Plan.*

(a) Number of Shares. The maximum number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan shall not exceed in the aggregate [●]<sup>2</sup> Shares, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 18. The Shares may be newly issued Shares, treasury Shares or Shares acquired on the open market. The total number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan shall be increased on the first day of each Company fiscal year following the Effective Date in an amount equal to the least of (i) [●]<sup>3</sup> Shares (subject to any adjustment in accordance with Section 18), (ii) 1% of the aggregate number of Shares outstanding (on a fully diluted basis) on the last day of the immediately preceding Company fiscal year and (iii) such lesser number of Shares as determined by the Board; *provided* that the maximum number of Shares that may be issued under the Plan in any event shall be [●] Shares (subject to any adjustment in accordance with Section 18). If any purchase of Shares pursuant to an option under the Plan is not consummated, the Shares not purchased under such option will again become available for issuance under the Plan.

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<sup>2</sup> To be equivalent to 3% of the total outstanding shares of common stock of the Company on a fully diluted basis.

<sup>3</sup> To be equal to the maximum number of shares available for issuance under the Plan pursuant to the first sentence of Section 13(a).

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(b) Over-subscribed Offerings. If the Committee determines that, on a particular Purchase Date, the number of Shares with respect to which options are to be exercised exceeds either the number of Shares then available under the Plan, the Company shall make a pro rata allocation of the Shares remaining available for purchase in as uniform a manner as practicable and as the Committee determines to be equitable. No option granted under the Plan shall permit a Participant to purchase Shares which, if added together with the total number of Shares purchased by all other Participants in such Offering would exceed either the total number of Shares remaining available under the Plan.

Section 14. *Transferability*. No payroll deductions credited to a Participant, nor any rights with respect to the exercise of an option or any rights to receive Shares hereunder may be assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of in any way (other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, or as provided in Section 17) by the Participant. Any attempt to assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of such rights or amounts shall be without effect.

Section 15. *Application of Funds*. All payroll deductions received or held by the Company under the Plan may be used by the Company for any corporate purpose to the extent permitted by applicable law, and the Company shall not be required to segregate such payroll deductions or contributions.

Section 16. *Statements*. Statements will be made available (in such form as determined by the Committee, including in electronic form) to Participants at least annually which shall set forth the contributions made by the Participant to the Plan, the Purchase Price of any Shares purchased with accumulated funds, the number of Shares purchased, and any payroll deduction amounts remaining in the Participant's notional account.

Section 17. *Designation of Beneficiary*. If permitted by the Committee, a Participant may file, on forms supplied by the Committee, a written designation of beneficiary who, in the event of the Participant's death, is to receive any Shares from the Participant's ESPP Share Account or any payroll deduction amounts remaining in the Participant's notional account.

Section 18. *Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization; Dissolution or Liquidation; Corporate Transactions*.

(a) Adjustments. In the event that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, or other change in the Company's structure affecting the Shares occurs, then in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, the Committee will, in such manner as it deems equitable, adjust the number of Shares and class of Shares that may be delivered under the Plan, the Purchase Price per Share and the number of Shares covered by each outstanding option under the Plan, and the numerical limits of Section 7 and Section 13.

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(b) Dissolution or Liquidation. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in the event of a proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, any Offering Period then in progress will be shortened by setting a new Purchase Date and the Offering Period will end immediately prior to the proposed dissolution or liquidation. The new Purchase Date will be before the date of the Company's proposed dissolution or liquidation. Before the new Purchase Date, the Committee will provide each Participant with written notice, which may be electronic, of the new Purchase Date and that the Participant's option will be exercised automatically on such date, unless before such time, the Participant has withdrawn from the Offering in accordance with Section 10 (or deemed to have withdrawn in accordance with Section 11).

(c) Corporate Transaction. In the event of a Corporate Transaction, each outstanding option will be assumed or an equivalent option substituted by the successor corporation or a parent or Subsidiary of such successor corporation. If the successor corporation refuses to assume or substitute the option, the Offering Period with respect to which the option relates will be shortened by setting a new Purchase Date on which the Offering Period will end. The new Purchase Date will occur before the date of the Corporate Transaction. Prior to the new Purchase Date, the Committee will provide each Participant with written notice, which may be electronic, of the new Purchase Date and that the Participant's option will be exercised automatically on such date, unless before such date, the Participant has withdrawn (or, pursuant to Section 11, been deemed to have withdrawn) from the Offering in accordance with Section 10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a Corporate Transaction, the Committee may also elect to terminate all outstanding Offering Periods in accordance with Section 19(i).

#### Section 19. *General Provisions.*

(a) Equal Rights and Privileges under the 423 Component. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary and in accordance with Section 423 of the Code, all Eligible Employees who are granted options under the 423 Component shall have the same rights and privileges.

(b) No Right to Continued Service. Neither the Plan nor any compensation paid hereunder will confer on any Participant the right to continue as an Employee or in any other capacity.

(c) Rights as Shareholder. A Participant will become a shareholder with respect to the Shares that are purchased pursuant to options granted under the Plan when the Shares are transferred to the Participant or, if applicable, to the Participant's ESPP Share Account. A Participant will have no rights as a shareholder with respect to Shares for which an election to participate in an Offering Period has been made until such Participant becomes a shareholder as provided herein.

(d) Successors and Assigns. The Plan shall be binding on the Company and its successors and assigns.

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(e) Entire Plan. This Plan constitutes the entire plan with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior plans with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(f) Compliance with Law. The obligations of the Company with respect to payments under the Plan are subject to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Shares shall not be issued with respect to an option granted under the Plan unless the exercise of such option and the issuance and delivery of the Shares pursuant thereto shall comply with all applicable provisions of law, including, without limitation, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, and the requirements of any stock exchange upon which the Shares may then be listed.

(g) Disqualifying Dispositions Under the 423 Component. Each Participant shall give the Company prompt written notice of any disposition or other transfer of Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an option acquired under the 423 Component, if such disposition or transfer is made within two years after the Offering Date or within one year after the Purchase Date.

(h) Term of Plan. The Plan shall become effective on the Effective Date and, unless terminated earlier pursuant to Section 19(i), shall have a term of ten years.

(i) Amendment or Termination. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, amend, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time and for any reason. If the Plan is terminated, the Committee may elect to terminate all outstanding Offering Periods either immediately or once Shares have been purchased on the next Purchase Date or permit Offering Periods to expire in accordance with their terms (and subject to any adjustment in accordance with Section 18). If any Offering Period is terminated before its scheduled expiration, all amounts that have not been used to purchase Shares will be returned to Participants (without interest, except as otherwise required by law) as soon as administratively practicable.

(j) Applicable Law. The laws of the State of Delaware shall govern all questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of the Plan, without regard to such state's conflict of law rules.

(k) Shareholder Approval. The Plan will be subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company within 12 months before or after the date the Plan is adopted by the Board.

(l) Section 423 Component Tax Treatment. The 423 Component is intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code, and any provision of the Plan that is inconsistent with Section 423 of the Code shall be reformed to comply with Section 423 of the Code. With respect to the 423 Component, all options are intended to be treated as "statutory stock options" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.409A-1(b)(5)(ii), and the Plan and the options will be interpreted and administered accordingly. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, neither the Company nor the Committee, nor any person acting on behalf of the Company or the Committee, will be liable to any Participant or other person by reason of any acceleration of income, any additional tax, or any other tax or liability asserted by reason of the failure of the Plan or any option to be exempt from or satisfy the requirements of Section 423 or 409A of the Code.

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(m) Withholding. To the extent required by applicable Federal, state, local or foreign law, a Participant must make arrangements satisfactory to the Company for the payment of any withholding or similar tax obligations that arise in connection with the Plan. At any time, the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate may, but will not be obligated to, withhold from a Participant's compensation the amount necessary for the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate to meet applicable withholding obligations, including any withholding required to make available to the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate any tax deductions or benefits attributable to the sale or early disposition of Shares by such Participant. In addition, the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate may, but will not be obligated to, withhold from the proceeds of the sale of Shares or any other method of withholding that the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate deems appropriate to the extent permitted by, where applicable, Treasury Regulation Section 1.423-2(f). The Company will not be required to issue any Shares under the Plan until such obligations are satisfied.

(n) Severability. If any provision of the Plan shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and the Plan shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provision were omitted.

(o) Headings. The headings of sections herein are included solely for convenience and shall not affect the meaning of any of the provisions of the Plan.

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**Form of Victoria's Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan**  
**Performance Share Unit Award Agreement**

By accepting this Performance Share Unit award, the Participant agrees to the following terms and conditions and the terms of the Victoria's Secret & Co. 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan ("the Plan"). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Plan.

**(1) GRANT.**

- a. Effective as of [●] (the "Grant Date") the Company hereby grants to the Participant a target award of a number of Performance Share Units as set forth in the Participant's compensation statement ("Target Award"), with the actual number of Performance Share Units to be determined based on the satisfaction of the vesting conditions set forth in Section 2.
- b. The Participant will be eligible to receive up to the following number of shares of Common Stock upon satisfaction of the performance conditions set forth in Section 2(b):
  1. Threshold: [●] % of Target Award;
  2. Target: 100% of Target Award;
  3. Maximum: [●] % of Target Award.
- c. If the threshold level of performance is not achieved, the Participant will not receive any shares of Common Stock under this Agreement.

**(2) VESTING.**

- a. Subject to the achievement of the applicable performance requirements as set forth in Section 2(b) and the other requirements of this Agreement, Performance Share Units will vest as of [●] (the "Vesting Date" and the period from the Grant Date to the Vesting Date, the "Restricted Period") provided that the Participant continues to be employed through such Vesting Date.
- b. The performance period for the Performance Share Units shall be [●] through [●] (the "Performance Period"). The performance requirement applicable to the Performance Share Units shall be based on satisfaction of the following metrics, each measured [equally] [●] based on the performance of the Company during the Performance Period:

[The performance goals may be any of those Performance Objectives set forth under the Plan or any other financial, operational or shareholder return metrics (or any combination thereof) determined by the Committee and may be measured on an absolute and/or relative basis or otherwise as provided under the Plan.]

The number of shares of Common Stock earned in respect of the Performance Share Units shall equal the applicable "Payout Percentage" above multiplied by the target number of Performance Share Units set forth in Section 1.

- c. [Performance goals (as applicable)] for the Company shall be as reflected in the Company's [annual audited financial statements] for [each fiscal year] of the Performance Period and [shall be compared to comparable measures for the Peer Group companies], in each case adjusted by the Committee for the following items or otherwise in accordance with the Plan:
  - i. all items for the Performance Period determined to be extraordinary or unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence;
  - ii. all items related to a change in accounting principles, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles and as identified in the Company's audited financial statements, notes to such financial statements, in management's discussion and analysis or any other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission;
  - iii. all items for the Performance Period related to discontinued operations as defined under current generally accepted accounting principles;
  - iv. any revenue, profit or loss attributable to the business operations of any entity acquired or divested by the Company during the Performance Period; and

v. impacts from unanticipated changes in legal or tax structure or unanticipated changes in applicable tax law.

- d. The Committee shall have full discretion in making all determinations relating to the measurement of and satisfaction of the performance goals, including performance of the Company, performance of the Peer Group companies and the comparison of these measures in determining the percentile of the Company's performance, including determining comparable measures and adjustments of net sales and operating income for the Peer Group, adjusting the measures for the Peer Group company fiscal periods that do not align with the fiscal periods of the Company, treatment of changes in the Peer Group (e.g., due to mergers, acquisitions, dispositions or restructurings), rounding of applicable percentages and percentiles and any other questions or issues relating to the performance measures applicable with respect to the Performance Share Units.

(3) **RESTRICTIONS.** None of the Performance Share Units may be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged or otherwise encumbered or disposed of during the Restricted Period or prior to the satisfaction of all conditions specified in this Agreement.

(3) **RECORDING OF AWARD.** The Company shall cause the Performance Share Unit award to be appropriately recorded as of the Grant Date.

(4) **RIGHTS OF PARTICIPANT.** Prior to settlement and receipt of the underlying shares of Common Stock, the Participant shall not have the right to vote the Performance Share Units or to receive dividends with respect thereto.

(5) **FORFEITURES.**

- (a) Except as noted in this Section (5) and in Section (7), Performance Share Units granted to the Participant pursuant to this Agreement shall be forfeited (i) in the event of the Participant's Termination of Service for any reason prior to the Vesting Date or (ii) if the performance conditions set forth in Section 2 are not satisfied. Upon such forfeiture, the Performance Share Unit award or portion thereof shall be cancelled.
- (b) Subject to the conditions outlined below, upon the Participant's involuntary Termination of Service by the Company or its subsidiaries prior to the Vesting Date, the Participant will remain eligible to vest in a portion of the Performance Share Units granted hereunder following the Termination of Service based on achievement of the performance conditions set forth in Section 2 at the end of the Performance Period, calculated as follows: the total number of such Performance Share Units granted hereunder *multiplied by* a percentage equal to the product of (A)(x) the number of complete months between the Grant Date and the Participant's termination date, *divided by* (y) 36, *times* (B) the applicable Payout Percentage. Such special vesting shall be effective as of the Vesting Date, subject to each of the following conditions:
  - (i) Involuntary Termination of Service by the Company or its subsidiaries must be other than for (x) Cause or (y) misconduct (each as determined by the Committee or its designees in their sole discretion);
  - (ii) The Participant must execute and not revoke a release of claims against the Company and its subsidiaries in a form specified by the Company, as prescribed in Section (6)(a); and
  - (iii) During the Restricted Period, the Participant may not (x) be employed by a competitor of the Company or (y) directly or indirectly solicit, induce or attempt to influence any employee to leave the employment of the Company or assist anyone else in doing so (each as determined by the Committee or its designees in their sole discretion).
- (c) In the event of the Participant's Termination of Service as a result of Total Disability prior to the Vesting Date, the Performance Share Units granted to the Participant pursuant to this Agreement shall continue to service vest with respect to such Performance Share Units during the period of the Participant's Total Disability, provided that the Participant's right to settlement of the Performance Share Units shall remain subject to the achievement of the performance conditions set forth in Section 2 at the end of the Performance Period.
- (d) If the Participant dies during such period of the Participant's Total Disability or in the event of the Participant's Termination of Service as a result of his or her death prior to the Vesting Date, the provision of services conditions applicable to the Performance Share Units shall be deemed to have been satisfied as of the date of death, provided, in each case, that the Participant's right to settlement of the Performance Share Units shall remain subject to the achievement of the performance conditions set forth in Section 2 at the end of the Performance Period.
- (e) [Upon the Retirement of the Participant, the Participant will remain eligible to vest in a portion of the Performance Share Units calculated pursuant to Section 5(b).

For the avoidance of doubt, the Participant's Termination of Service will be deemed a Retirement if the Participant meets the age and service requirements for Retirement on the date of such Termination of Service and the Termination of Service is due to an involuntary termination by the Company or its subsidiaries without Cause or misconduct.]

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**(6) SETTLEMENT OF PERFORMANCE SHARE UNITS.**

- (a) Upon the expiration or termination of the Restricted Period and the satisfaction of all other conditions prescribed by the Committee with respect to the Performance Share Units, a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the target number of Performance Share Units times the Payout Percentage shall be delivered, free of all such restrictions, to the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary or estate, as the case may be. Such payment in settlement shall be made promptly, but in any event not later than (x) the end of the year in which the Restricted Period ends and the conditions are satisfied or (y) if later, within thirty (30) days following the lapse of the Restricted Period; *provided*, that the award holder will not be permitted, directly or indirectly, to designate the taxable year of settlement. The Participant (or his or her beneficiary or estate, if applicable) may be required to execute a release of claims against the Company and its subsidiaries in order to receive a settlement payment and shall be required to execute a release to receive the vesting and settlement prescribed in Section (5)(b).
- (b) If the Participant is a "specified employee," as that term is defined in Section 409A and the Treasury regulations thereunder, and the Participant is scheduled to receive payment(s) in connection with his or her Termination of Service (including Retirement) on a date determinable based on the date of Termination of Service and not a pre-determined fixed date or schedule, then, except in the event of Termination of Service as a result of the Participant's death or the Participant's death after such Termination of Service, such payment(s) shall, notwithstanding anything else herein, be delayed until the date that is six months after the date of the specified employee's Termination of Service to the extent (but only to the extent) such a delay is required to avoid additional tax under Section 409A.

**(7) EFFECT OF CHANGE IN CONTROL.** In the event of a Change in Control, unless determined otherwise by the Committee prior to the Change in Control (A) if less than one-third of the Restricted Period has elapsed as of the date of the Change in Control, the Payout Percentage shall be fixed at the time of the Change in Control based on target performance and (B) if more than one-third of the Restricted Period has elapsed as of the date of the Change in Control, the Payout Percentage shall be fixed at the time of the Change in Control based on maximum performance unless the Committee determines prior to the Change in Control, in its discretion, that actual projected performance can be reasonably predicted, in which case the Committee may provide the Payout Percentage shall be based on such predicted performance as determined by the Committee prior to the Change in Control. From and after the Change in Control the Performance Share Units (as fixed based on the forgoing) shall be subject solely to the continued service of the Participant until the Vesting Date, subject to Section (5) above or, if applicable, the following provisions of this Section (7). Upon a Participant's Termination of Service (x) by the Company or its subsidiaries other than for Cause or (y) by the Participant for Good Reason, in each case within twenty four (24) months following a Change in Control, [and provided that that the Change in Control is a "change in control event" as defined in Section 409A and the Treasury regulations thereunder]: (A) any service conditions applicable to the Performance Share Units shall be deemed to have been satisfied and (B) the Restricted Period shall be deemed to have expired and the Performance Share Units shall be settled promptly following the Participant's Termination of Service. If the transaction agreement relating to the Change in Control expressly provides for treatment of the Performance Share Units that is more favorable to the Participant than the treatment prescribed above, the provisions of the transaction agreement shall control.

**(8) TAX WITHHOLDING.** The Company shall have the right to require the Participant or the Participant's beneficiaries or legal representatives to remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy Federal, state or local withholding tax requirements, or to deduct from distributions under the Plan amounts sufficient to satisfy such withholding tax requirements.

**(9) MISCELLANEOUS.**

- (a) No Right to Employment. This Agreement shall not confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the employ of the Company or any subsidiary or to be entitled to any remuneration or benefits not set forth in this Agreement or the Plan nor interfere with or limit the right of the Company or any subsidiary to modify the terms of or terminate the Participant's employment at any time.
  - (b) Clawback. Subject to restrictions set forth in the Plan and/or such clawback policy implemented by the Company from time to time, if required by law or if the Participant engaged, had knowledge of, or should have had knowledge of, fraudulent conduct or activities relating to the Company, the Company may terminate this Agreement and require the Participant to reimburse to the Company (i) an amount required by law or (ii) the amount of compensation received pursuant to this Agreement and based on the aforementioned conduct.
  - (c) Notice. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement must be given electronically or by regular U.S. mail addressed, if to the Committee or the Company, at the principal office of the Company and, if to the Participant, at the Participant's last known address as set forth in the books and records of the Company.
  - (d) Plan to Govern. This Agreement and the rights of the Participant hereunder are subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan, as the same may be amended from time to time, as well as to such rules and regulations as the Committee may adopt for the administration of the Plan. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan and this Agreement, the terms of the Plan will control.
  - (e) Amendment. Subject to restrictions set forth in the Plan, the Company may from time to time suspend, modify or amend this Agreement. No suspension, modification or amendment of this Agreement may, without the consent of the Participant, adversely affect the rights of the Participant with respect to the Performance Share Units granted pursuant to this Agreement, except to the extent any such action is undertaken to cause this Agreement to comply with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.
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- (f) Severability. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.
  - (g) Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Plan contain all of the understandings between the Company and the Participant concerning the Performance Share Units granted hereunder and supersede all prior agreements and understandings.
  - (h) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which when signed by the Company and the Participant will be an original and all of which together will be the same Agreement.
  - (i) Governing Law. To the extent not preempted by Federal law, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware.
  - (j) Section 409A. This Agreement and the Performance Share Units are intended to be exempt from, or otherwise comply with, the requirements of Section 409A of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, and the provisions of this Agreement shall be interpreted and operated accordingly. If any provision of this Agreement or any term or condition of the Performance Share Units would otherwise frustrate or conflict with this intent, the provision, term or condition shall be interpreted and deemed amended so as to avoid this conflict. If the Performance Share Units include a “series of installment payments” (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2)(iii)), the Participant's right to the series of installment payments shall be treated as a right to a series of separate payments and not as a right to a single payment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the tax treatment of the benefits provided under this Agreement is not warranted or guaranteed, and in no event shall the Company be liable for all or any portion of any taxes, penalties, interest or other expenses that may be incurred by the Participant on account of non-compliance with Section 409A of the Code.
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**FORM OF REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

This Registration Rights Agreement (this “**Agreement**”) is made as of [●], 2021 by and among Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), Leslie H. Wexner and Abigail S. Wexner.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Holders collectively beneficially own an aggregate number of shares of Common Stock (as defined below) representing approximately [●]% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to enter into an agreement to provide for certain rights and obligations associated with Common Stock ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual agreements, covenants and provisions herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

“**Additional Piggyback Rights**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(b).

“**Affiliate**” means with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person, where “control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct the management and policies of a Person whether through the ownership of voting securities, contract or otherwise.

“**Agreement**” has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“**Automatic Shelf Registration Statement**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a)(i).

“**beneficial ownership**” and related terms such as “beneficially owned” or “beneficial owner” have the meaning given such terms in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act and a Person’s beneficial ownership of Capital Stock shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of such rule.

“**Block Trade**” means an offering and/or sale of Registrable Securities by the Holders on a block trade or underwritten basis (whether firm commitment or otherwise) without substantial marketing efforts prior to pricing, including, without limitation, a same day trade, overnight trade or similar transaction.

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**“Board”** means the Board of Directors of the Company.

**“Business Day”** means any day other than a day on which the SEC is closed.

**“Capital Stock”** means any and all shares of common stock, preferred stock or other forms of equity authorized and issued by the Company (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) and any instruments convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for any of the foregoing (including any options or swaps).

**“Claims”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.8(a)(i).

**“Common Stock”** means the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company and any and all securities of any kind whatsoever of the Company which may be issued after the date of this Agreement in respect of, or in exchange for, such shares of common stock of the Company pursuant to a merger, consolidation, stock split, stock dividend or recapitalization of the Company or otherwise.

**“Common Stock Equivalents”** means (a) all securities directly or indirectly convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for (at any time or upon the occurrence of any event or contingency and without regard to any vesting or other conditions to which such securities may be subject), shares of Common Stock, (b) all securities of the Company with voting rights or rights to appoint or designate for nomination individuals to the Board and (c) all securities that cannot be purchased or otherwise acquired unless purchased or otherwise acquired with any of the securities referenced in clause (a) or (b).

**“Company”** has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

**“Demand Registration”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a)(i).

**“Demand Registration Request”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a)(i).

**“Disclosure Package”** means, with respect to any offering of Registrable Securities, (i) the preliminary Prospectus, (ii) each Free Writing Prospectus, and (iii) all other information, in each case, that is deemed, under Rule 159 under the Securities Act, to have been conveyed to purchasers of Registrable Securities at the time of sale of such securities.

**“Exchange Act”** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as in effect from time to time.

**“Expenses”** means any and all fees and expenses incident to the Company’s performance of or compliance with Article II, including, without limitation: (i) SEC, stock exchange or FINRA registration and filing fees and all listing fees and fees with respect to the inclusion of securities on the New York Stock Exchange or on any other securities market on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted; (ii) fees and expenses of compliance with state securities or “blue sky” laws of any state or jurisdiction of the United States or compliance with the securities laws of foreign jurisdictions and in connection with the preparation of a “blue sky” survey, including, without limitation, reasonable fees and expenses of outside “blue sky” counsel and securities counsel in foreign jurisdictions; (iii) printing and copying expenses; (iv) messenger and delivery expenses; (v) expenses incurred in connection with any road show; (vi) fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company; (vii) with respect to each registration or underwritten offering, the reasonable fees and disbursements of one counsel for the Holders, together with any local counsel, up to an aggregate amount of \$200,000 per offering; (viii) fees and disbursements of all independent public accountants (including the expenses of any audit and/or “comfort” letter and updates thereof) and fees and expenses of other Persons, including special experts, retained by the Company; (ix) fees and expenses of any transfer agent or custodian; and (x) expenses for securities law liability insurance and, if any, rating agency fees. For the avoidance of doubt, Expenses shall not include the amounts specified in Section 2.5(b)(y) or the fees or expenses of any underwriters’ counsel.

**“FINRA”** means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. or any successor regulatory organization.

**“Free Writing Prospectus”** means any “free writing prospectus” as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act relating to the Registrable Securities included in the applicable Registration Statement that has been approved for use by the Company.

**“Governmental Authority”** means any federal, national, foreign, supranational, state, provincial, county, local or other government, governmental, regulatory or administrative authority, agency, instrumentality or commission or any court, tribunal, or judicial or arbitral body of competent jurisdiction.

**“Holders”** means each Person set forth on Schedule A hereto, together with each Affiliate of such Person that acquires Registrable Securities from such first Person other than pursuant to a registered offering or Rule 144 (but only for so long as such Affiliate holds Registrable Securities), and their respective successors and permitted assigns, in each case provided such Person executes a joinder to this Agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company.

**“issuer free writing prospectus”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.9.

**“Law”** means any U.S. or non-U.S. federal, state, local, national, supranational, foreign or administrative law (including common law), statute, ordinance, regulation, requirement, regulatory interpretation, rule, code or Order.

**“Order”** means any order (temporary or otherwise), judgment, injunction, award, decision, determination, stipulation, ruling, subpoena, writ, decree or verdict entered by or with any Governmental Authority.

**“Party”** and **“Parties”** means the parties to this Agreement.

**“Person”** means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, syndicate, person (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), trust, association, entity, Governmental Authority or other organization of any kind.

**“Piggyback Request”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(a).

**“Piggyback Shares”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(a)(iii).

**“Postponement Period”** has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(b).

**“Prospectus”** means the prospectus included in a Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement and by all other amendments thereto, including post-effective amendments, and all material incorporated by reference, or deemed to be incorporated by reference, into such prospectus.

**“Public Offering”** means an underwritten public offering of the Shares pursuant to an effective Registration Statement, other than (i) pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3, Form S-4 or Form S-8 or any similar or successor form under the Securities Act or (ii) in connection with an offering of subscription rights.

**“Qualified Independent Underwriter”** means a “qualified independent underwriter” within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121.

**“Registrable Securities”** means (a) any Shares held by the Holders at any time (including those held as a result of, or issuable upon, the conversion or exercise of Common Stock Equivalents), whether now owned or acquired by the Holders at a later time, (b) any Shares issued or issuable, directly or indirectly, in exchange for or with respect to the Shares referenced in clause (a) above by way of stock dividend, stock split or combination of Shares or in connection with a reclassification, recapitalization, merger, share exchange, consolidation or other reorganization and (c) any securities issued in replacement of or exchange for any securities described in clause (a) or (b) above. As to any particular Registrable Securities, such securities shall cease to be Registrable Securities when (A) a Registration Statement with respect to the sale of such securities shall have been declared effective under the Securities Act and such securities shall have been disposed of in accordance with such Registration Statement or (B) such securities shall have been sold (other than in a privately negotiated sale) in compliance with the requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, as such Rule 144 may be amended (or any successor provision thereto).

**“Registration Statement”** means a registration statement of the Company on an appropriate form under the Securities Act filed with the SEC covering the resale of Registrable Securities, including the Prospectus, amendments and supplements to such Registration Statement, including post-effective amendments, all exhibits and all materials incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Registration Statement.

**“Resale Shelf Registration”** has meaning set forth in Section 2.1(e).

“**Rule 144**” means Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any replacement or successor rule promulgated under the Securities Act.

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

“**Section 2.3(a) Sale Number**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(a).

“**Section 2.3(b) Sale Number**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(b).

“**Section 2.3(c) Sale Number**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3(c).

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

“**Shares**” means shares of Common Stock of the Company and any and all securities of any kind whatsoever of the Company which may be issued in respect of, or in exchange for, such shares of common stock of the Company pursuant to a merger, consolidation, stock split, stock dividend or recapitalization of the Company or otherwise.

“**Shelf Registrable Securities**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(f).

“**Shelf Registration Statement**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(f).

“**Shelf Underwriting**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(f).

“**Shelf Underwriting Request**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(f).

“**Short-Form Registration**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a)(i).

“**Valid Business Reason**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(b).

“**WKS**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a)(i).

## ARTICLE II REGISTRATION RIGHTS

### Section 2.1. Demand Registration.

(a) (i) Subject to Sections 2.1(b) and 2.3, the Holders shall have the right to require the Company to file one or more Registration Statements covering all or any part of its Registrable Securities by delivering a written request therefor to the Company specifying the number of Registrable Securities to be included in such registration and the intended method of distribution therefor (a “**Demand Registration Request**”). The registration so requested is referred to herein as a “**Demand Registration**”. Any Demand Registration Request may request that the Company register Registrable Securities on an appropriate form, including Form S-1 or on Form S-3 or any similar short-form registration, including a Shelf Registration Statement (as defined below) and, if the Company is a well-known seasoned issuer (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) (a “**WKS**”), an automatic shelf registration statement (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) (an “**Automatic Shelf Registration Statement**”) (each, a “**Short-Form Registration**”). Demand Registrations will be Short-Form Registrations whenever the Company is permitted to use any applicable short form.

(iii) The Company shall, subject to Section 2.1(b), use its commercially reasonable efforts to (x) no later than (A) thirty (30) days following receipt of a Demand Registration Request for a Short-Form Registration and (B) forty-five (45) days following receipt of a Demand Registration Request for a registration that is not a Short-Form Registration, file with the SEC a Registration Statement for the registration under the Securities Act (including, without limitation, by means of a Shelf Registration Statement, as defined below, if so requested and if the Company is then eligible to use such a registration) of the Registrable Securities which the Company has been so requested to register, for distribution in accordance with such intended method of distribution, (y) once filed, cause such Registration Statement to be declared effective as soon as practicable following the filing and (z) if requested by the Holders, obtain acceleration of the effective date of the Registration Statement relating to such registration.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 2.1(a), the Demand Registration rights granted in Section 2.1(a) are subject to the following limitations: (i) the Company shall not be required to effect more than six (6) total Demand Registrations and Shelf Underwritings (as defined below) in the aggregate during the term of this Agreement or more than one Demand Registration (which shall be deemed to include for these purposes any Shelf Underwriting, which are subject to this Section 2.1(b) *mutatis mutandis*) in any ninety (90)-day period (it being understood that a registration pursuant to a Piggyback Request (as defined below) by the Holders shall not constitute a Demand Registration for the purposes of this Section 2.1(b)); (ii) each registration in respect of a Demand Registration Request made by the Holders must include, in the aggregate, net of underwriting discounts and commissions (based on the Common Stock included in such registration by all holders participating in such registration), shares of Common Stock having an aggregate market value of at least \$500,000,000 (or a lesser amount if the Registrable Securities requested by the Holders to be included in such Demand Registration constitute all of the Registrable Securities held by all Holders); and (iii) if the Board, in its good faith judgment, after consultation with outside counsel to the Company, determines that any registration of Registrable Securities should not be made or continued because it would require the Company to disclose material non-public information which, (A) would be required to be made in any report or Registration Statement filed with the SEC by the Company so that such report or Registration Statement would not be materially misleading, (B) would not be required to be made at such time but for the filing, effectiveness or continued use of such report or Registration Statement and (C) the Company disclosing publicly would adversely affect any financing, acquisition, corporate reorganization or merger or other material transaction or event involving the Company or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Company (in each case, a “**Valid Business Reason**”), then (x) the Company may postpone filing a Registration Statement relating to a Demand Registration Request until five (5) Business Days after such Valid Business Reason no longer exists, but in no event for more than ninety (90) days after the date the Board determines a Valid Business Reason exists and (y) in case a Registration Statement has been filed relating to a Demand Registration Request, the Company may, to the extent determined in the good faith judgment of the Board to be reasonably necessary to avoid interference with any of the transactions described above, cause such Registration Statement to be withdrawn and its effectiveness terminated or suspend the use of such Registration Statement by the Holders or may postpone amending or supplementing such Registration Statement until five (5) Business Days after such Valid Business Reason no longer exists, but in no event for more than ninety (90) days after the date the Board determines a Valid Business Reason exists (such period of suspension, postponement or withdrawal under this clause (iii), the “**Postponement Period**”). The Company shall give written notice of its determination to suspend, postpone or withdraw a Registration Statement and of the fact that the Valid Business Reason for such postponement or withdrawal no longer exists, together with a certificate of such determination signed by the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer of the Company, in each case, promptly after the occurrence thereof; *provided*, that the Company shall not be permitted to suspend, postpone or withdraw a Registration Statement for more than an aggregate of one hundred fifty (150) days in any twelve (12)-month period.

If the Company shall give any notice of suspension, postponement or withdrawal of any Registration Statement pursuant to clause (b)(iii) above, the Company shall not, during the Postponement Period, register any Common Stock, other than pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-4 or S-8 (or an equivalent registration form then in effect). The Holders agree that, upon receipt of any notice from the Company that the Company has determined to suspend, withdraw, terminate or postpone amending or supplementing any Registration Statement pursuant to clause (b)(iii)(y) above, the Holders will discontinue its disposition of Registrable Securities pursuant to such Registration Statement. If the Company shall have withdrawn or prematurely terminated a Registration Statement filed under Section 2.1(a)(i) (whether pursuant to clause (b)(iii) above or as a result of any stop order, injunction or other order or requirement of the SEC or any other governmental agency or court), the Company shall not be considered to have effected an effective registration for the purposes of this Agreement until the Company shall have filed a new Registration Statement covering the Registrable Securities covered by the withdrawn or terminated Registration Statement and such Registration Statement shall have been declared effective and shall not have been withdrawn. If the Company shall give any notice of suspension, withdrawal or postponement of a Registration Statement, the Company shall, not later than five (5) Business Days after the Valid Business Reason that caused such suspension, withdrawal or postponement no longer exists (but in no event later than forty-five (45) days after the date of the suspension, postponement or withdrawal), use its reasonable best efforts to effect the registration under the Securities Act of the Registrable Securities covered by the suspended, withdrawn or postponed Registration Statement in accordance with this Section 2.1 (unless the Holders shall have withdrawn such request, in which case the Company shall not be considered to have effected an effective registration for the purposes of this Agreement).

(c) In connection with any Demand Registration, the Holders shall have the right to designate the lead managing underwriter in connection with any underwritten offering pursuant to such registration; provided, that in each case, the Company shall have the right to approve each such lead managing underwriter, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

(d) The obligation to effect a Demand Registration as described in this Section 2.1 shall be deemed satisfied only when a Registration Statement covering the applicable Registrable Securities shall have become effective (unless, after effectiveness, the Registration Statement becomes subject to any stop order, injunction or other order of the SEC or other governmental agency, in which case the obligation shall not be deemed satisfied) and, if the method of disposition is a firm commitment underwritten Public Offering, all such Registrable Securities (less any reduced pursuant to Section 2.3) have been sold pursuant thereto. Any request for a Demand Registration shall not count against the limitations on the number of Demand Registrations required to be effected set forth in Section 2.1(b) unless the obligation to effect such Demand Registration is deemed satisfied.

(e) If requested in writing by the Holders of a majority of all of the Registrable Securities, the Company shall prepare, file with the SEC and use commercially reasonable efforts to have effective as promptly as practicable following the date of such request a Registration Statement for the sale or distribution by the Holders of all of the Registrable Securities held by the Holders on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act, including by way of an underwritten offering, block sale or other distribution plan (the “**Resale Shelf Registration**”), to be filed and declared effective under the Securities Act, and, if the Company is a WKSI at the time of such Resale Shelf Registration, to cause such Resale Shelf Registration to be an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement, and once effective, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Resale Shelf Registration to remain effective (including by filing a new Resale Shelf Registration, if necessary) for a period ending on the earliest of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in such registration have been sold or distributed pursuant to the Resale Shelf Registration, (ii) the date as of which there are no longer in existence any Registrable Securities covered by the Resale Shelf Registration and (iii) an earlier date agreed to in writing by the Company and the Holders. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing set forth herein shall require the Company to file the Resale Shelf Registration or to keep effective the Resale Shelf Registration at any time during which the Company is ineligible to use any applicable short-form registration; *provided*, that at such time, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to become and remain qualified to use Short-Form Registrations and, upon the request of the Holders pursuant to this Article II, the Company shall prepare and file with the SEC a Registration Statement or Registration Statements on such form that is available for the sale of the Registrable Securities that were to be otherwise sold or distributed under such Resale Shelf Registration.



(f) In the event that the Company files a shelf Registration Statement under Rule 415 of the Securities Act whether pursuant to a Demand Registration Request or the Resale Shelf Registration and such registration becomes effective (such Registration Statement, a “**Shelf Registration Statement**”), the Holders shall have the right at any time or from time to time to elect to sell pursuant to an underwritten offering Registrable Securities available for sale pursuant to such Registration Statement (“**Shelf Registrable Securities**”), so long as the Shelf Registration Statement remains in effect and only if the method of distribution set forth in the Shelf Registration Statement allows for sales pursuant to an underwritten offering. The Holders shall make such election by delivering to the Company a written request (a “**Shelf Underwriting Request**”) for such underwritten offering to the Company specifying the number of Shelf Registrable Securities that the Holders desire to sell pursuant to such underwritten offering (the “**Shelf Underwriting**”). The Company, subject to Sections 2.3 and 2.6, shall include in such Shelf Underwriting the Shelf Registrable Securities of the Holders. The Company shall, as expeditiously as possible (and in any event within ten (10) days after the receipt of a Shelf Underwriting Request), but subject to Section 2.1(b), which shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any Shelf Underwriting, use its reasonable best efforts to facilitate such Shelf Underwriting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Holders wish to engage in a Block Trade off of a Shelf Registration Statement (either through filing an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement or through a take-down from an already existing Shelf Registration Statement), then notwithstanding the foregoing time periods, (A) the Holders need to notify the Company of the Block Trade Shelf Underwriting no later than 2:00 p.m. Eastern time five (5) Business Days prior to the day such offering is targeted to commence and (B) the Company shall as expeditiously as possible use its reasonable best efforts to facilitate such shelf offering (which may close as early as three (3) Business Days after the date it commences); provided, that the Holders shall use commercially reasonable efforts to work with the Company and the underwriters prior to making such request in order to facilitate preparation of the Registration Statement, Prospectus and other offering documentation related to the Block Trade. For the avoidance of doubt, any party holding Additional Piggyback Rights (as defined below) shall not be entitled to receive notice of, or to elect to participate in, a Block Trade or any Shelf Registration Statement or Prospectus to be used in connection with such Block Trade. The Company shall, at the request of the Holders, file any Prospectus supplement or, if the applicable Shelf Registration Statement is an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement, any post-effective amendments and otherwise take any action necessary to include therein all disclosure and language reasonably deemed necessary or advisable by the Holders to effect such Shelf Underwriting, subject to Section 2.1(b). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.1(f), each Shelf Underwriting must include, in the aggregate, net of underwriting discounts and commissions (based on the Common Stock included in such Shelf Underwriting by all participants in such Shelf Underwriting), shares of Common Stock having an aggregate market value of at least \$500,000,000 (or a lesser amount if the Registrable Securities of the Holders to be included in such Shelf Underwriting constitute all of the Registrable Securities held by all Holders).

(a) If the Company proposes or is required to register any of its equity securities for its own account or for the account of any other stockholder under the Securities Act (other than pursuant to (i) a Shelf Underwriting (which shall be governed by Section 2.1 hereof) and (ii) registrations on Form S-4 or Form S-8 or any similar successor forms thereto), the Company shall give prompt written notice of its intention to do so to the Holders, at least five (5) Business Days prior to the filing of any Registration Statement under the Securities Act. Upon the written request of the Holders (a “**Piggyback Request**”), made within five (5) days following the receipt of any such written notice (which request shall specify the maximum number of Registrable Securities intended to be disposed of by the Holders and the intended method of distribution thereof), the Company shall, subject to Sections 2.2(c), 2.3 and 2.6 hereof, use its reasonable best efforts to cause all such Registrable Securities, the holders of which have so requested the registration thereof, to be registered under the Securities Act with the securities which the Company at the time proposes to register to permit the sale or other disposition by the Holders (in accordance with the intended method of distribution thereof) of the Registrable Securities to be so registered, including, if necessary, by filing with the SEC a post-effective amendment or a supplement to the Registration Statement filed by the Company or the Prospectus related thereto. There is no limitation on the number of such piggyback registrations pursuant to the preceding sentence which the Company is obligated to effect. No registration of Registrable Securities effected under this Section 2.2(a) shall relieve the Company of its obligations to effect Demand Registrations under Section 2.1 hereof.

(b) The Company, subject to Sections 2.3 and 2.6, may elect to include in any Registration Statement and offering pursuant to demand registration rights by any Person, (i) authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock or shares of Common Stock held by the Company as treasury shares and (ii) with the prior written consent of the Holders in the case of a registration pursuant to Section 2.1, any other shares of Common Stock which are requested to be included in such registration pursuant to the exercise of piggyback registration rights granted by the Company after the date hereof and which are not inconsistent with the rights granted in, or otherwise conflict with the terms of, this Agreement (“**Additional Piggyback Rights**”); *provided*, that with respect to any underwritten offering, such inclusion shall be permitted only to the extent that it is pursuant to, and subject to, the terms of the underwriting agreement or arrangements, if any, entered into by the Holders.

(c) If, at any time after giving written notice of its intention to register any equity securities and prior to the effective date of the Registration Statement filed in connection with such registration, the Company shall determine for any reason not to register or to delay registration of such equity securities, the Company may, at its election, give written notice of such determination to the Holders and (i) in the case of a determination not to register, shall be relieved of its obligation to register any Registrable Securities in connection with such abandoned registration, without prejudice, however, to the rights of the Holders under Section 2.1 and (ii) in the case of a determination to delay such registration of its equity securities, shall be permitted to delay the registration of such Registrable Securities for the same period as the delay in registering such other equity securities.

(d) The Holders shall have the right to withdraw their request for inclusion of their Registrable Securities in any Registration Statement pursuant to this Section 2.2 by giving written notice to the Company of its request to withdraw; *provided*, that such request must be made in writing prior to the earlier of the execution of the underwriting agreement or the execution of the custody agreement with respect to such registration.

(e) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Company shall, at the request of the Holders, file any Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendments, or include in the initial Registration Statement any disclosure or language, or include in any Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment any disclosure or language reasonably deemed necessary or advisable by the Holders.

Section 2.3. Allocation of Securities Included in Registration Statement.

(a) If any requested registration made pursuant to Section 2.1 (including a Shelf Underwriting) involves an underwritten offering and the managing underwriter of such offering shall advise the Company that, in its view, the number of securities requested to be included in such underwritten offering by the Holders, the Company or any other Persons exercising Additional Piggyback Rights exceeds the largest number (the “**Section 2.3(a) Sale Number**”) that can be sold in an orderly manner in such underwritten offering within a price range acceptable to the Holders, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to include in such underwritten offering:

(i) first, all Registrable Securities requested to be included in such underwritten offering by the Holders; *provided*, that if the number of such Registrable Securities exceeds the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number, the number of such Registrable Securities (not to exceed the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number) to be included in such underwritten offering shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among the Holders, based on the number of Registrable Securities then owned by each such holder requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Registrable Securities owned by all holders requesting inclusion;

(ii) second, to the extent that the number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clause (i) of this Section 2.3(a) is less than the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number, any securities that the Company proposes to register; *provided*, that the number of such securities when aggregated with that number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clause (i) totals no more than the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number; and

(iii) third, to the extent that the number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.3(a) is less than the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number, the remaining Registrable Securities to be included in such underwritten offering shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among all Persons requesting that securities be included in such underwritten offering pursuant to the exercise of Additional Piggyback Rights (“**Piggyback Shares**”), based on the number of Piggyback Shares then owned by each Person requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares owned by all Persons requesting inclusion; *provided*, that the number of such securities when aggregated with that number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) totals no more than the Section 2.3(a) Sale Number.

(b) If any registration or offering made pursuant to Section 2.2 involves an underwritten primary offering on behalf of the Company and the managing underwriter shall advise the Company that, in its view, the number of securities requested to be included in such underwritten offering by the Holders, the Company or any other Persons exercising Additional Piggyback Rights exceeds the largest number (the “**Section 2.3(b) Sale Number**”) that can be sold in an orderly manner in such underwritten offering within a price range acceptable to the Company, the Company shall include in such underwritten offering:

(i) first, all equity securities that the Company proposes to register for its own account;

(ii) second, to the extent that the number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clause (i) of this Section 2.3(b) is less than the Section 2.3(b) Sale Number, the remaining Registrable Securities to be included in such underwritten offering shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among the Holders, based on the number of Registrable Securities then owned by each such holder requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Registrable Securities owned by all such holders requesting inclusion; *provided*, that the number of such remaining Registrable Securities when aggregated with that number of equity securities to be included pursuant to clause (i) totals no more than the Section 2.3(b) Sale Number; and

(iii) third, to the extent that the number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.3(b) is less than the Section 2.3(b) Sale Number, the remaining Registrable Securities to be included in such underwritten offering shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among all Persons requesting that securities be included in such underwritten offering pursuant to the exercise of Additional Piggyback Rights, based on the number of Piggyback Shares then owned by each Person requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares owned by all Persons requesting inclusion; *provided*, that the number of such securities when aggregated with that number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) totals no more than the Section 2.3(b) Sale Number.

(c) If any registration pursuant to Section 2.2 involves an underwritten offering that was initially requested by any Person(s) requesting that securities be included in such underwritten offering pursuant to the exercise of Additional Piggyback Rights and the managing underwriter shall advise the Company that, in its view, the number of securities requested to be included in such underwritten offering exceeds the number (the “**Section 2.3(c) Sale Number**”) that can be sold in an orderly manner in such underwritten offering within a price range acceptable to the Company, the Company shall include in such underwritten offering:

(i) first, the shares requested to be included in such underwritten offering shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among all Persons requesting that securities be included in such underwritten offering pursuant to the exercise of Additional Piggyback Rights, based on the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares then owned by each Person requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Piggyback Shares owned by all such Persons requesting inclusion, up to the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number;

(ii) second, to the extent that the number of Piggyback Shares to be included pursuant to clause (i) of this Section 2.3(c) is less than the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number, the remaining Registrable Securities to be included in such underwritten offering shall be allocated on a pro rata basis among the Holders requesting that Registrable Securities be included in such underwritten offering pursuant to the exercise of piggyback rights pursuant to Section 2.2, based on the aggregate number of Registrable Securities then owned by each Holder requesting inclusion in relation to the aggregate number of Registrable Securities owned by all such Holders requesting inclusion, up to the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number; *provided*, that the number of such securities when aggregated with that number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clause (i) totals no more than the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number; and

(iii) third, to the extent that the number of Piggyback Shares and Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.3(c) is less than the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number, the remaining Registrable Securities to be included in such underwritten offering shall be allocated to shares the Company proposes to register for its own account; *provided*, that the number of such securities when aggregated with that number of Registrable Securities to be included pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) totals no more than the Section 2.3(c) Sale Number.

(d) If, as a result of the proration provisions set forth in clauses (a), (b) or (c) of this Section 2.3, the Holders shall not be entitled to include all Registrable Securities in an underwritten offering that the Holders have requested be included, the Holders may elect to withdraw its request to include Registrable Securities in the registration to which such underwritten offering relates or may reduce the number requested to be included; *provided*, that (x) such request must be made in writing prior to the earlier of the execution of the underwriting agreement or the execution of the custody agreement with respect to such registration and (y) such withdrawal or reduction shall be irrevocable and, after making such withdrawal or reduction, the Holders shall no longer have any right to include Registrable Securities in the registration as to which such withdrawal or reduction was made to the extent of the Registrable Securities so withdrawn or reduced.

Section 2.4. Registration Procedures. Whenever the Holders request that any Registrable Securities be registered pursuant to Section 2.1 or Section 2.2, subject to the provisions of those Sections, the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect the registration and the offer and sale of such Registrable Securities in accordance with the intended method of disposition thereof as soon as reasonably practicable, and shall, in connection with any such request, other than during any Postponement Period, use reasonable best efforts to:

(a) prepare and file with the SEC a Registration Statement on an appropriate registration form of the SEC for the disposition of such Registrable Securities in accordance with the intended method of disposition thereof, which registration form (i) shall be selected by the Company and (ii) shall, in the case of a shelf registration, be available for the sale of the Registrable Securities by the selling holders thereof and such Registration Statement shall comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the applicable registration form and include all financial statements required by the SEC to be filed therewith, and the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause such Registration Statement to become effective and remain continuously effective for such period as the Holders shall request, and no less than one hundred eighty (180) days, (provided, that as far in advance as reasonably practicable before filing a Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, or comparable statements under securities or state “blue sky” laws of any jurisdiction, or any Free Writing Prospectus related thereto, or before sending a response to an SEC comment letter prior to any such filing, the Company will furnish to counsel for the Holders participating in the planned offering and to one counsel for the managing underwriter, if any, copies of reasonably complete drafts of all such documents proposed to be filed (including all exhibits thereto and each document incorporated by reference therein to the extent then required by the rules and regulations of the SEC), which documents will be subject to the reasonable review and reasonable comment of such counsel (including any reasonable objections to any information pertaining to the Holders and their plan of distribution and otherwise to the extent necessary, if at all, to complete the filing or maintain the effectiveness thereof), and make the Company’s representatives reasonably available for discussion of such document and make such changes in such document concerning the Holders prior to the filing thereof as counsel for the Holders or underwriters may reasonably request, and the Company shall consider in good faith the changes reasonably and timely requested by such counsel and shall not file any Registration Statement or amendment thereto, any Prospectus or supplement thereto or any Free Writing Prospectus related thereto to which the Holders or the underwriters, if any, shall reasonably and timely object); *provided*, that notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Company be required to file any document with the SEC which in the reasonable view of the Company or its counsel contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make any statement therein not misleading;

(b) (i) prepare and file with the SEC such amendments and supplements to such Registration Statement and the Prospectus used in connection therewith and such Free Writing Prospectuses and Exchange Act reports as may be necessary to keep such Registration Statement effective for the period specified in paragraph (a) above and comply with the provisions of the Securities Act with respect to the disposition of all Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement and any Prospectus so supplemented to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act in accordance with the Holders’ intended method of disposition set forth in such Registration Statement for such period and (ii) provide reasonable notice to the Holders and the managing underwriter(s), if any, to the extent that the Company determines that a post-effective amendment to a Registration Statement would be appropriate;

(c) furnish, without charge, to the Holders and each underwriter, if any, of the Registrable Securities such number of copies of such Registration Statement, each amendment and supplement thereto (in each case including all exhibits), the Prospectus, each Free Writing Prospectus utilized in connection therewith, in each case, in all material respects in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act, and other documents, as the Holders and underwriter may reasonably request in order to facilitate the public sale or other disposition of the Registrable Securities owned by the Holders (the Company hereby consenting to the use in accordance with all applicable Laws of each such Registration Statement (or amendment or post-effective amendment thereto) and each such Prospectus or Free Writing Prospectus by the Holders and the underwriters, if any, in connection with the offering and sale of the Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement or Prospectus);

(d) register or qualify the Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement under the securities or “blue sky” Laws of such jurisdictions as the Holders or, in the case of a Public Offering, the managing underwriter reasonably shall request and do any and all other acts and things which may be reasonably necessary or advisable to enable the Holders to consummate the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Registrable Securities beneficially owned by them; *provided*, that the Company shall not for any such purpose be required to qualify generally to transact business as a foreign corporation in any jurisdiction where it is not so qualified, to subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction or to consent to general service of process in any such jurisdiction;

(e) promptly notify the Holders and each managing underwriter, if any: (i) when the Registration Statement, any pre-effective amendment, the Prospectus or any Prospectus supplement related thereto, any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or any Free Writing Prospectus has been filed with the SEC and, with respect to the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment, when the same has become effective; (ii) of any request by the SEC or state securities authority for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus related thereto or for additional information, including copies of any and all transmittal letters and other correspondence with the SEC and all correspondence (including comment letters and a copy of the Company’s draft responses thereto), from the SEC to the Company relating to such Registration Statement or any Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any documents incorporated by reference therein); (iii) of the issuance by the SEC of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose; or (iv) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of any Registrable Securities for sale under the securities or state “blue sky” Laws of any jurisdiction or the initiation of any proceeding for such purpose;

(f) if at any time (i) any event or development shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which the Disclosure Package, as then amended or supplemented, would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Disclosure Package is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading, or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement the Disclosure Package to comply with Law, the Company will promptly notify the Holders and each managing underwriter, if any, and promptly prepare and file with the SEC (to the extent required) and furnish to the Holders and each underwriter, if any, such amendments or supplements to the Disclosure Package as may be necessary so that the statements in the Disclosure Package, as so amended or supplemented, will not, in the light of the circumstances existing when the Disclosure Package is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading, or so that the Disclosure Package will comply with Law, subject to Section 2.1(b);

(g) make generally available to its security holders, as soon as reasonably practicable, an earnings statement covering the period of at least twelve (12) months beginning with the first day of the Company's first full calendar quarter after the effective date of a Registration Statement, which earnings statement shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158;

(h) (i) list the Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement on the New York Stock Exchange or any other national securities exchange selected by the Company, if the listing of such Registrable Securities is then permitted under the rules of such exchange and (ii) comply (and continue to comply) with the requirements of any self-regulatory organization applicable to the Company, including without limitation all corporate governance requirements;

(i) cause its officers, employees and independent public accountants (in the case of the independent public accountants, subject to any applicable accounting guidance regarding their participation in the offering or the due diligence process) to participate at reasonable times and for reasonable periods in, make themselves reasonably available, supply such information as may reasonably be requested and to otherwise facilitate and cooperate with, the preparation of the Registration Statement and Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, taking into account the Company's reasonable business needs;

(j) provide and cause to be maintained a transfer agent and registrar for all such Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement not later than the applicable effective date of such Registration Statement and, in the case of any secondary equity offering, provide and enter into any reasonable agreements with a custodian for the Registrable Securities;

(k) if the offering is underwritten pursuant to a Demand Registration Request, then at the request of the Holders, (i) enter into such customary agreements (including underwriting agreements in customary form) and take all such other customary actions as the Holders reasonably request in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities (it being understood that the Holders of the Registrable Securities which are to be distributed by any underwriters shall be a party to any such underwriting agreement), (ii) have members of its management participate in due diligence sessions and, in the case of marketed offerings, support the marketing of the Registrable Securities covered by the registration (including, without limitation, participation in investor calls and electronic or telephone "road shows"), and (iii) furnish to the underwriters a customary legal opinion and disclosure letter from counsel to the Company and customary comfort letters from the independent public accountants retained by the Company (and brought down to the closing under the underwriting agreement);



(l) (i) obtain an opinion from the Company's counsel and a "comfort" letter and updates thereof from the independent public accountants who have certified the Company's financial statements (and/or any other financial statements) included or incorporated by reference in such Registration Statement, in each case, in customary form and covering such matters as are customarily covered by such opinions and "comfort" letters (including, in the case of such "comfort" letter, events subsequent to the date of such financial statements) delivered to underwriters in underwritten Public Offerings, which opinion and letter shall be dated as of the dates such opinions and "comfort" letters are customarily dated and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the underwriters and (ii) furnish to each underwriter a copy of such opinion and letter addressed to such underwriter;

(m) deliver promptly to counsel for the Holders and to each managing underwriter, if any, copies of all correspondence between the SEC and the Company, its counsel or auditors and all memoranda relating to discussions with the SEC or its staff with respect to the Registration Statement, and, upon receipt of such confidentiality agreements as the Company may reasonably request, make reasonably available for inspection by counsel for the Holders, by counsel for any underwriter participating in any disposition to be effected pursuant to such Registration Statement and by any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by the Holders or any such underwriter, all pertinent financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company, and cause all of the Company's officers, directors and employees to supply all information reasonably requested by any such counsel for the Holders, counsel for an underwriter, accountant or agent in connection with such Registration Statement; *provided*, that, in connection with any of the foregoing, the Company may in its sole discretion restrict access to competitively sensitive or legally privileged documents or information;

(n) in connection with the preparation and filing of each Registration Statement registering Registrable Securities under the Securities Act, and before filing any such Registration Statement or any other document in connection therewith, give reasonable consideration to the inclusion in such documents of any comments reasonably and timely made by the Holders or their legal counsel; participate in, and make documents available for, the reasonable and customary due diligence review of underwriters during normal business hours, on reasonable advance notice and without undue burden or hardship on the Company; *provided*, that (i) any party receiving confidential materials shall execute a confidentiality agreement on customary terms if reasonably requested by the Company and (ii) the Company may in its sole discretion restrict access to competitively sensitive or legally privileged documents or information;

(o) use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness of a Registration Statement, or the suspension of the qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction and, if such an order or suspension is issued, to use its commercially reasonable efforts to promptly obtain the withdrawal of such order or suspension and to notify the Holders of the issuance of such order and the resolution thereof or its receipt of actual notice of the initiation or threat of any proceeding for such purpose;

(p) comply with the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and any other applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and reasonably cooperate with the Holders in the disposition of its Registrable Securities in accordance with the method of distribution described in the Prospectus included in any Registration Statement, such cooperation to include the endorsement and transfer of any certificates representing Registrable Securities (or a book-entry transfer to similar effect) transferred in accordance with this Agreement and delivery of any necessary instructions or opinions to the Company's transfer agent in order to cause the transfer agent to allow Shares to be sold from time to time as permitted by Law;

(q) ensure that any Free Writing Prospectus utilized in connection with any registration covered by Section 2.1 or Section 2.2 complies in all material respects with the Securities Act, is filed in accordance with the Securities Act to the extent required thereby, is retained in accordance with the Securities Act to the extent required thereby, will not conflict with a related Prospectus, Prospectus supplement and related documents and, when taken together with the related Prospectus, Prospectus supplement and related documents, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(r) cooperate with the managing underwriters, if any, the Holders and their respective counsel in connection with the preparation and filing of any applications, notices, registrations and responses to requests for additional information with FINRA, the New York Stock Exchange or any other national securities exchange on which the Shares are listed;

(s) pay the applicable filing fees covering the Registrable Securities in compliance with the SEC rules and to file such amendments or subsequent Registration Statements as may be required to maintain an effective Registration Statement for the relevant period;

(t) cooperate with the Holders and the managing underwriter, if any, to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of book-entry shares or certificates not bearing any restrictive legends representing the Registrable Securities to be sold, and cause such Registrable Securities to be issued in such denominations and registered in such names in accordance with the underwriting agreement at least two (2) Business Days prior to any sale of Registrable Securities to the underwriters or, if not an underwritten offering, in accordance with the instructions of the Holders at least two (2) Business Days prior to any sale of Registrable Securities and instruct any transfer agent and registrar of Registrable Securities to release any stop transfer orders in respect thereof (and, in the case of Registrable Securities registered on a Shelf Registration Statement, at the request of the Holders, prepare and deliver book-entry shares or certificates representing such Registrable Securities not bearing any restrictive legends and deliver or cause to be delivered an opinion or instructions to the transfer agent in order to allow such Registrable Securities to be sold from time to time);

(u) cause the Registrable Securities covered by the applicable Registration Statement to be registered with or approved by such other governmental agencies or authorities as may be necessary to enable the Holders or the underwriters, if any, to consummate the disposition of such Registrable Securities; and

(v) take all such other commercially reasonable actions as are necessary or advisable in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities.

To the extent the Company is a WKSI at the time any Demand Registration Request is submitted to the Company and such Demand Registration Request requests that the Company file an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3, the Company shall file an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement which covers those Registrable Securities which are requested to be registered in accordance with Section 2.1(e). The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to remain a WKSI (and not become an ineligible issuer (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act)) during the period during which such Automatic Shelf Registration Statement is required to remain effective.

If the Company does not pay the filing fee covering the Registrable Securities at the time the Automatic Shelf Registration Statement is filed, the Company agrees to pay such fee at such time or times as the Registrable Securities are to be sold. If the Automatic Shelf Registration Statement has been outstanding for at least three (3) years, at the end of the third year the Company shall refile a new Automatic Shelf Registration Statement covering the Registrable Securities to remain effective for a period ending on the earliest of (i) the date on which all Registrable Securities included in such registration have been sold or distributed pursuant to the Automatic Shelf Registration Statement, (ii) the date as of which there are no longer in existence any Registrable Securities covered by the Automatic Shelf Registration Statement and (iii) an earlier date agreed to in writing by the Company and the Holders. If at any time when the Company is required to re-evaluate its WKSI status the Company determines that it is not a WKSI, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to refile the shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 and, if such form is not available, Form S-1 and keep such Registration Statement effective during the period during which such Registration Statement is required to be kept effective.

If the Company files any shelf Registration Statement for the benefit of the holders of any of its securities other than the Holders, and the Holders do not request that its Registrable Securities be included in such Shelf Registration Statement, the Company agrees that it shall include in such Registration Statement such disclosures as may be required by Rule 430B under the Securities Act (referring to the unnamed selling security holders in a generic manner by identifying the initial offering of the securities to the Holders) in order to ensure that the Holders may be added to such shelf Registration Statement at a later time through the filing of a Prospectus supplement rather than a post-effective amendment.

The Company may require as a condition precedent to the Company's obligations under this Section 2.4 that each participating holder as to which any registration is being effected furnish the Company such information regarding such seller and the distribution of such securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably request; *provided*, that such information is necessary for the Company to consummate such registration and shall be used only in connection with such registration.

The Holders agree that upon receipt of any notice from the Company of the happening of any event of the kind described in paragraph (f) of this Section 2.4, the Holders will discontinue the Holders' disposition of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement covering such Registrable Securities until the Holders' receipt of the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by paragraph (f) of this Section 2.4 and, if so directed by the Company, will deliver to the Company (at the Company's expense) all copies, other than permanent file copies, then in the Holders' possession of the Prospectus covering such Registrable Securities that was in effect at the time of receipt of such notice. In the event the Company shall give any such notice, the applicable period mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Section 2.4 shall be extended by the number of days during such period from and including the date of the giving of such notice to and including the date when each participating holder covered by such Registration Statement shall have received the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by paragraph (e) of this Section 2.4.

Section 2.5.      Registration Expenses.

(a)      The Company shall pay all Expenses with respect to any registration or offering of Registrable Securities pursuant to Article II, whether or not a Registration Statement becomes effective or the offering is consummated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to pay for any Expenses of any registration begun pursuant to the terms of this Agreement if the Demand Registration request is subsequently withdrawn at the request of the Holders (in which case the Holders shall bear such expenses).

(b)      Notwithstanding the foregoing, (x) the provisions of this Section 2.5 shall be deemed amended to the extent necessary to cause these expense provisions to comply with state "blue sky" laws of each state in which the offering is made and (y) in connection with any underwritten offering hereunder, the Holders shall pay all underwriting discounts and commissions and any transfer taxes, if any, attributable to the sale of such Registrable Securities, pro rata with respect to payments of discounts and commissions in accordance with the number of shares sold in the offering by the Holders.

Section 2.6. Certain Limitations on Registration Rights.

In the case of any registration under Section 2.1 involving an underwritten offering, or, in the case of a registration under Section 2.2, if the Company has determined to enter into an underwriting agreement in connection therewith, all securities to be included in such underwritten offering shall be subject to such underwriting agreement and no Person may participate in such underwritten offering unless such Person (i) agrees to sell such Person's securities on the basis provided therein and completes and executes all reasonable questionnaires, and other customary documents (including custody agreements and powers of attorney) which must be executed in connection therewith; *provided*, that all such documents shall be consistent with the provisions hereof and (ii) provides such other information to the Company or the underwriter as may be necessary to register such Person's securities.

Section 2.7. Limitations on Sale or Distribution of Other Securities; Coordination.

(a) The Holders agree, (i) to the extent requested in writing by a managing underwriter, if any, of any underwritten Public Offering pursuant to a registration or offering effected pursuant to Section 2.1 or 2.2 (except in the case of a Block Trade, unless the Holders have the option to participate in such Block Trade pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise), not to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, including any sale pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, any Common Stock, or any other equity security of the Company or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any equity security of the Company (other than as part of such underwritten Public Offering) during the time period reasonably requested by the managing underwriter, not to exceed sixty (60) days or such shorter period as the managing underwriter shall agree to; provided, that such shorter period shall apply to the Holders (and the Company hereby also so agrees (except that the Company may effect any sale or distribution of any such securities pursuant to a registration on Form S-4 or Form S-8, or any successor or similar form); and (ii) to the extent requested in writing by a managing underwriter of any underwritten Public Offering effected by the Company for its own account (including without limitation any offering in which one or more holders is selling Common Stock pursuant to the exercise of piggyback rights under Section 2.2 hereof), it will not sell any Common Stock (other than as part of such underwritten Public Offering) during the time period reasonably requested by the managing underwriter, which period shall not exceed ninety (90) days or such shorter period as the managing underwriter shall agree to; provided, that such shorter period shall apply to the Holders.

(b) The Company hereby agrees that, to the extent requested in writing by a managing underwriter, if any, in connection with an offering pursuant to Sections 2.1 or 2.2, the Company shall not sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, any Common Stock, or any other equity security of the Company or any security convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for any equity security of the Company (other than as part of such underwritten Public Offering, a registration on Form S-4 or Form S-8 or any successor or similar form), until a period of sixty (60) days (or such shorter period to which the underwriter shall agree) shall have elapsed from the pricing date of such offering; and the Company shall so provide in any registration rights agreements hereafter entered into with respect to any of its equity securities.

(c) Without limiting the other provisions of this Agreement or the rights and obligations of the Holders or the Company hereunder, the Holders will cooperate and consult in good faith with the Company and its financial advisors with respect to formulating a plan for the orderly disposition and wind down of their Shares in a manner designed to minimize any potential adverse consequences for or disruption to the Company, any pending transaction involving the Company, or any adverse effect on the trading price of the Shares, and will use commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Company reasonably informed and updated with respect to their plans for the disposition of such Shares and the anticipated timing thereof.

Section 2.8. Indemnification.

(a) Indemnification Rights.

(i) In the event of any registration or offer and sale of any securities of the Company under the Securities Act pursuant to this Article II, the Company will, and hereby agrees to, and hereby does, indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Holders, their Affiliates and, as applicable, their respective directors, officers, employees, stockholders, members or general and limited partners in the offering or sale of such securities (and their respective directors, officers, employees, stockholders, members or general and limited partners), underwriter or Qualified Independent Underwriter, if any, in the offering or sale of such securities, each officer, director, employee, stockholder, managing director, affiliate, representative, successor, assign or partner of such underwriter or Qualified Independent Underwriter, or any such underwriter or Qualified Independent Underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, actions or proceedings (whether commenced or threatened) and expenses (including reasonable fees of counsel and any amounts paid in any settlement effected with the Company's consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to which each such indemnified party may become subject under the Securities Act or otherwise in respect thereof (collectively, "**Claims**"), insofar as such Claims arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement under which such securities were registered under the Securities Act or the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary, final or summary Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, together with the documents incorporated by reference therein, or any Free Writing Prospectus utilized in connection therewith, or the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (iii) any violation by the Company of any federal, state or common law rule or regulation applicable to the Company and relating to action required of or inaction by the Company in connection with any such registration, and the Company will reimburse any such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such Claim as such expenses are incurred; *provided*, that the Company shall not be liable to any such indemnified party in any such case to the extent such Claim arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission of a material fact made in such Registration Statement or amendment thereof or supplement thereto or in any such Prospectus or any preliminary, final or summary Prospectus or Free Writing Prospectus in reliance upon and in strict conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such indemnified party specifically for use therein. Such indemnity and reimbursement of expenses shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of such indemnified party and shall survive the transfer of such securities by the Holders.

(ii) The Holders shall indemnify and hold harmless (in the same manner and to the same extent as set forth in Section 2.8(a)(i)) to the extent permitted by law, the Company, its officers and directors, and each Person controlling the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact in, or omission or alleged omission of any material fact from, such Registration Statement, any preliminary, final or summary Prospectus contained therein, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or any Free Writing Prospectus utilized in connection therewith, if such statement or alleged statement or omission or alleged omission was made in reliance upon and in strict conformity with written information furnished to the Company or its representatives by or on behalf of the Holders or underwriter or Qualified Independent Underwriter, if any, specifically for use therein, and the Holders shall reimburse such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such Claim as such expenses are incurred; *provided*, that the aggregate amount which the Holders shall be required to pay pursuant to this Section 2.8 (including pursuant to indemnity, contribution or otherwise) shall in no case be greater than the amount of the net proceeds received by the Holders upon the sale of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement giving rise to such Claim; *provided*, further, that such Holders shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that prior to the filing of any such Registration Statement or Prospectus or amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or any Free Writing Prospectus utilized in connection therewith, such Holders have furnished in writing to the Company information expressly for use in such Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto or Free Writing Prospectus which corrected or made not misleading information previously furnished to the Company.

(iii) Indemnification similar to that specified in Sections 2.8(a)(i) and 2.8(a)(ii) (with appropriate modifications) shall be given by the Company and the Holders with respect to any required registration or other qualification of securities under any applicable securities and state “blue sky” laws.

(iv) If for any reason the foregoing indemnity is unavailable, unenforceable or is insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Sections 2.8(a)(i), 2.8(a)(ii) or 2.8(a)(iii), then each applicable indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable to such indemnified party as a result of any Claim in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party, on the one hand, and the indemnified party, on the other hand, with respect to such Claim. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such untrue statement or omission. If, however, the allocation provided in the second preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable Law, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative faults but also the relative benefits of the indemnifying party and the indemnified party as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The parties hereto agree that it would not be just and equitable if any contribution pursuant to this Section 2.8(a)(iv) were to be determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in the preceding sentences of this Section 2.8(a)(iv). The amount paid or payable in respect of any Claim shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such Claim. No Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 2.8(a)(iv) to the contrary, no indemnifying party (other than the Company) shall be required pursuant to this Section 2.8(a)(iv) to contribute any amount greater than the amount of the net proceeds received by such indemnifying party from the sale of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement giving rise to such Claim, less the amount of any indemnification payment made by such indemnifying party pursuant to Sections 2.8(a)(ii) and 2.8(a)(iii). In addition, neither the Holders nor any Affiliate thereof shall be required to pay any amount under this Section 2.8(a)(iv) unless such Person or entity would have been required to pay an amount pursuant to Section 2.8(a)(ii) if it had been applicable in accordance with its terms.

(v) The indemnity and contribution agreements contained herein shall be in addition to any other rights to indemnification or contribution which any indemnified party may have pursuant to law or contract and shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made or omitted by or on behalf of any indemnified party and shall survive the transfer of the Registrable Securities by any such party.



(vi) The indemnification and contribution required by this Section 2.8 shall be made by periodic payments of the amount thereof during the course of the investigation or defense, as and when bills are received or expense, loss, damage or liability is incurred; *provided*, that the recipient thereof hereby undertakes to repay such payments if and to the extent it shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that such recipient is not entitled to such payment hereunder.

(b) Notice of Claim; Defense of Claims.

(i) Any Person entitled to indemnification under this Agreement shall notify promptly the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement of any action or proceeding with respect to which a claim for indemnification may be made pursuant to this Section 2.8, but the failure of any indemnified party to provide such notice shall not relieve the indemnifying party of its obligations under the preceding paragraphs of this Section 2.8, except to the extent the indemnifying party is materially and actually prejudiced thereby and shall not relieve the indemnifying party from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Article II.

(ii) In case any action or proceeding is brought against an indemnified party and such indemnified party shall have notified the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof (as required above), the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, unless in the reasonable opinion of outside counsel to the indemnified party a conflict of interest between such indemnified and indemnifying parties may exist in respect of such Claim, to assume the defense thereof jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to the extent that it chooses, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, and after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party that it so chooses, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation; *provided*, that (i) if the indemnifying party fails to take reasonable steps necessary to defend diligently the action or proceeding within twenty (20) days after receiving notice from such indemnified party that the indemnified party believes it has failed to do so; (ii) if such indemnified party who is a defendant in any action or proceeding which is also brought against the indemnifying party reasonably shall have concluded that there may be one or more legal or equitable defenses available to such indemnified party which are not available to the indemnifying party or which may conflict with those available to another indemnified party with respect to such Claim; or (iii) if representation of both parties by the same counsel is otherwise inappropriate under applicable standards of professional conduct, then, in any such case, the indemnified party shall have the right to assume or continue its own defense as set forth above (but with no more than one firm of counsel for all indemnified parties in each jurisdiction, except to the extent any indemnified party or parties reasonably shall have made a conclusion described in clause (ii) or (iii) above) and the indemnifying party shall be liable for any expenses therefor. No indemnifying party shall, without the written consent of the indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such action or claim) unless such settlement, compromise or judgment (A) includes an unconditional release of the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim and (B) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

Section 2.9. Free Writing Prospectuses. Except for a Prospectus relating to Registrable Securities included in a Registration Statement, an “issuer free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act) prepared by the Company or other materials prepared by Company, the Holders represent and agree that they (a) will not make any offer relating to the Registrable Securities that would constitute an issuer free writing prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a Free Writing Prospectus, and (b) will not distribute any written materials in connection with the offer or sale pursuant to a Registration Statement of Registrable Securities, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Company and, in connection with any Public Offering, the underwriters.

Section 2.10. Information from and Obligations of the Holders. The Company and the Holders hereby acknowledge and agree that, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing by the Holders, for all purposes of this Agreement, the only information furnished or to be furnished to the Company for use in any such Registration Statement, Prospectus, or any Free Writing Prospectus, are statements specifically relating to:

(a) (i) the beneficial ownership of Shares by the Holders and their Affiliates as set forth on Schedule A hereto and (ii) the name and address of the Holders and all information required to be disclosed in order to make such information not contain a material misstatement of fact or necessary to cause such Registration Statement or Prospectus not to omit a material fact with respect to the Holders necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; and

(b) all other information required to be included in such Registration Statement or Prospectus by applicable securities Laws in connection with the disposition of such Registrable Securities as the Company reasonably requests.

Section 2.11. Rule 144. With a view to making available the benefits of certain rules and regulations of the SEC that may permit the resale of the Registrable Securities without registration, the Company agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to:

(a) make and keep public information regarding the Company available, as those terms are understood and defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act, at all times from and after the date hereof;

(b) file with the SEC in a timely manner all reports and other documents required of the Company under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act at all times from and after the date hereof; and

(c) so long as a Holder owns any Registrable Securities, furnish (i) to the extent accurate, forthwith upon request, a written statement of the Company that it has complied with the reporting requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act and (ii) unless otherwise available via the SEC's EDGAR filing system, to such Holder forthwith upon request a copy of the most recent annual or quarterly report of the Company, and such other reports and documents so filed as such Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the SEC allowing such Holder to sell any such securities without registration.

Section 2.12. Assistance with Transfers. In connection with any sale or transfer of Registrable Securities by any Holder, including any sale or transfer pursuant to Rule 144 and other rules and regulations of the SEC that may at any time permit a Holder of Registrable Securities to sell securities of the Company to the public without registration, the Company shall, to the extent allowed by law, take any and all action necessary or reasonably requested by such Holder in order to permit or facilitate such sale or transfer, including, without limitation, at the sole expense of the Company, by (i) issuing such directions to any transfer agent, registrar or depository, as applicable, (ii) delivering such opinions to the transfer agent, registrar or depository as are customary for the transaction of this type and are reasonably requested by the same, and (iii) taking or causing to be taken such other actions as are reasonably necessary (in each case on a timely basis) in order to cause any legends, notations or similar designations restricting transferability of the Registrable Securities held by such Holder to be removed and to rescind any transfer restrictions with respect to such Registrable Securities; *provided*, however, that such Holder shall deliver to the Company, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company, representation letters regarding such Holder's compliance with such rules and regulations, as may be applicable. In addition, the Company, at its sole expense, shall use commercially reasonable efforts to remove any restrictive legend on any shares of Common Stock that are Registrable Securities upon request by the Holder if (A) such shares of Common Stock are sold pursuant to an effective registration statement or (B) a registration statement covering the resale of such shares of common Stock is effective under the Securities Act and the applicable Holder delivers to the Company a representation letter agreeing that such shares of Common Stock will be sold under such effective registration statement. Furthermore, at the request of any Holder, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to assist such Holder with respect to any potential private transfer of any Common Stock held by such Holder and its Affiliates, including (i) entering into customary confidentiality agreements with any prospective transferees, (ii) affording to such Holder, its Affiliates and any prospective transferees and their respective counsel, accountants, lenders and other representatives, reasonable access during normal business hours to the properties, books, contracts and records of the Company and (iii) providing reasonable availability of appropriate members of senior management of the Company to provide customary due diligence assistance in connection with any such transfer; *provided*, however, that any such investigation shall be conducted in such a manner as not to interfere unreasonably with the Company's business and operations and the Company may in its sole discretion restrict access to competitively sensitive or legally privileged documents or information.

ARTICLE III  
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 3.1. Termination. This Agreement shall terminate when the Holders collectively beneficially own less than 5% of the then-outstanding Common Stock; *provided, however*, that Section 2.8 shall survive any termination hereof.

Section 3.2. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be illegal and unenforceable by any court of law, the remaining provisions shall be severable and enforceable in accordance with their terms.

Section 3.3. Remedies. In the event of actual or potential breach by the Company or any Holder of any of its obligations under this Agreement, each Holder or the Company, as applicable, in addition to being entitled to exercise all rights granted by law and under this Agreement, including recovery of damages, will be entitled to specific performance of its rights under this Agreement. The Company and each Holder agrees that monetary damages would not provide adequate compensation for any losses incurred by reason of a breach by it of any of the provisions of this Agreement and further agrees that, in the event of any action for specific performance in respect of such breach, it shall waive the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

Section 3.4. Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial.

(a) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws that would direct the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.

(b) THE PARTIES HEREBY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY ANY PARTY AGAINST ANOTHER IN ANY MATTER WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF OR IN RELATION TO OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. FURTHER, NOTHING HEREIN SHALL DIVEST A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OF THE RIGHT AND POWER TO GRANT A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, TO GRANT TEMPORARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, OR TO COMPEL SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF ANY DECISION OF AN ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL MADE PURSUANT TO THIS PROVISION.

Section 3.5. Adjustments Affecting Registrable Securities. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to any and all shares of capital stock of the Company or any successor or assignee of the Company (whether by merger, consolidation, sale of assets or otherwise) that may be issued in respect of, in exchange for or in substitution for the Registrable Securities, by reason of any dividend, split, reverse split, combination, recapitalization, reclassification, merger, consolidation or otherwise in such a manner and with such appropriate adjustments as to reflect the intent and meaning of the provisions hereof and so that the rights, privileges, duties and obligations hereunder shall continue with respect to the capital stock of the Company as so changed as well as the capital stock of any other entity received in connection with such transaction.

Section 3.6. Binding Effects; Benefits of Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company and its successors and assigns and each Holder and its successors and assigns. For the avoidance of doubt, each Holder, to the extent not a direct party to this Agreement, shall be a third party beneficiary of this Agreement. The rights to cause the Company to register Registrable Securities under this Agreement may be transferred or assigned by each Holder to one or more transferees or assignees of Registrable Securities if such transferee or assignee is an Affiliate of such Holder and such transferee delivers to the Company a duly executed joinder to this Agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company. The Company shall not be permitted to assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of Leslie H. Wexner and Abigail S. Wexner other than by operation of law in connection with a merger or a similar transaction contemplated by, and subject to, Section 3.5.

Section 3.7. Notices. All notices or other communications that are required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if (a) personally delivered, (b) sent by nationally recognized overnight courier, (c) sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or (d) email, addressed as follows:

if to the Company:

Victoria's Secret & Co.  
4 Limited Parkway East  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Attention: Chief Legal Officer

if to the Holders:

N.A. Property, Inc.  
8000 Walton Parkway  
Suite 1000  
New Albany, Ohio 43054  
Attention: Dennis Hersch  
Email: dennish@naproperty.com

or to such other address as the party to whom notice is to be given may have furnished to such other party in writing in accordance herewith. Any such communication shall be deemed to have been received (i) when delivered, if personally delivered, (ii) on the date sent if delivered by e-mail on a Business Day, or if not sent on a Business Day, on the first Business Day thereafter, (iii) the next Business Day after delivery, if sent by nationally recognized overnight courier, and (iv) on the third (3rd) Business Day following the date on which the piece of mail containing such communication is posted, if sent by first-class mail.

Section 3.8. Modification; Waiver. This Agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented only by a written instrument duly executed by the Company and Leslie H. Wexner or Abigail S. Wexner. No course of dealing between the Company and the Holders (or any of them) or any delay in exercising any rights hereunder will operate as a waiver of any rights of any party to this Agreement. The failure of any party to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement will in no way be construed as a waiver of such provisions and will not affect the right of such party thereafter to enforce each and every provision of this Agreement in accordance with its terms. Any determination, consent or approval of, or notice or request delivered by, or any similar action of, the Holders pursuant to this Agreement shall be made or given by Leslie H. Wexner or Abigail S. Wexner and shall be valid and binding upon all Holders to the same extent as if made or given directly by such Holders.

Section 3.9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings of the parties in connection therewith.

Section 3.10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each such counterpart shall be deemed to be an original instrument, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute but one agreement.

*[Signature page follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has executed this Agreement, or caused the same to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date first above written.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Leslie H. Wexner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Abigail S. Wexner

Victoria’s Secret & Co.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

[Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement]

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**SCHEDULE A**  
**HOLDERS**

Leslie H. Wexner  
Abigail S. Wexner  
The Linden East Trust  
The Linden West Trust  
Wexner Personal Holdings Corporation  
The Beech Trust  
Linden East II trust  
Linden West II trust  
Pine Trust  
Willow Trust  
Cedar Trust  
Rose Trust  
The Wexner Children’s Trust II  
The Wexner Family Charitable Fund

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## FORM OF FIRST LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of [●], 2021

among  
VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.,  
as the Company,

THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS PARTY HERETO,  
as Lenders,

and

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,  
as Administrative Agent

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,  
GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
CITIBANK, N.A., HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC.,  
WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC and BARCLAYS BANK PLC,  
as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners

and

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
CITIBANK, N.A., HSBC BANK USA, N.A.,  
WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC and BARCLAYS BANK PLC,  
as Co-Syndication Agents

and

KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, MIZUHO BANK, LTD.,  
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
and MUFG UNION BANK, N.A.,  
as Co-Documentation Agents

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# FIRST LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT

FIRST LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of [●], 2021 (this “**Agreement**”), by and among Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), as the borrower hereunder, the Lenders from time to time party hereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in its capacities as administrative agent and collateral agent for the Lenders (in such capacities, the “**Administrative Agent**”).

## RECITALS

A. The Company has requested that the Term Lenders extend credit in the form of Initial Term Loans in an original aggregate principal amount equal to \$400,000,000.

B. The Company will issue and sell senior unsecured notes due [●] in an aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,000 (the “**Senior Notes**”).

C. The Company will use the proceeds from the Initial Term Loans, together with the proceeds of the Senior Notes and the ABL Facility, directly or indirectly, to pay the Closing Date Payment and to pay Transaction Costs.

D. The Lenders are willing to extend such credit on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein. Accordingly, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.01 Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“**ABL Collateral Agent**” has the meaning set forth in the ABL Intercreditor Agreement.

“**ABL Credit Agreement**” means the Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among, inter alios, the Company, certain subsidiaries party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent and the lenders from time to time party thereto, as amended, restated, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time or refunded, refinanced, restructured, replaced, renewed, repaid, increased or extended from time to time (whether in whole or in part, whether with the original administrative agent and lenders or other agents and lenders or otherwise, and whether provided under the original ABL Credit Agreement or other credit agreements or otherwise), except to the extent such agreement, instrument or document expressly provides that it is not intended to be and is not an ABL Credit Agreement. Any references to the ABL Credit Agreement hereunder shall be deemed a reference to each ABL Credit Agreement then in existence.

“**ABL Facility**” means the collective reference to the ABL Credit Agreement, any Loan Documents (as defined therein), any notes and letters of credit issued pursuant thereto and any guarantee and collateral agreement, letter of credit applications and other guarantees, pledge agreements, security agreements (including Intellectual Property Security Agreements) and collateral documents, and other instruments and documents, executed and delivered pursuant to or in connection with any of the foregoing, in each case as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, or refunded, refinanced, restructured, replaced, renewed, repaid, increased or extended from time to time (whether in whole or in part, whether with the original agent and lenders or other agents and lenders or otherwise, and whether provided under the original ABL Credit Agreement or one or more other credit agreements, indentures or financing agreements or otherwise) except to the extent such agreement, instrument or document expressly provides that it is not intended to be and is not an ABL Facility. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “ABL Facility” shall include any agreement (i) changing the maturity of any Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or contemplated thereby, (ii) adding Subsidiaries of the Company as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder, (iii) increasing the amount of Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or available to be borrowed thereunder or (iv) otherwise altering the terms and conditions thereof.

“**ABL Incremental Debt**” has the meaning given to the term “Incremental Revolving Loans” in the ABL Credit Agreement (or any equivalent term under any ABL Facility).

“**ABL Intercreditor Agreement**” means the ABL Intercreditor Agreement dated as of [●], among the Administrative Agent and [●], and acknowledged by the grantors from time to time party thereto, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

“**ABL Priority Collateral**” has the meaning assigned to such term in the ABL Intercreditor Agreement.

“**ABR**”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.

“**Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement**” means the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, a Market Intercreditor Agreement, or another intercreditor agreement that is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which may, if applicable, consist of a payment “waterfall”).

“**ACH**” means automated clearing house transfers.

“**Acquired Indebtedness**” means Indebtedness of a Person (i) existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary or (ii) assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person, in each case other than Indebtedness Incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Subsidiary or such acquisition. Acquired Indebtedness shall be deemed to be Incurred on the date of the related acquisition of assets from any Person or the date the acquired Person becomes a Subsidiary.

“**Additional Assets**” means (i) any property or assets that replace the property or assets that are the subject of an Asset Disposition; (ii) any property or assets (other than Indebtedness and Capital Stock) used or to be used by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary or otherwise useful in a Related Business, and any capital expenditures in respect of any property or assets already so used; (iii) the Capital Stock of a Person that is engaged in a Related Business and becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of the acquisition of such Capital Stock by the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary; or (iv) Capital Stock of any Person that at such time is a Restricted Subsidiary acquired from a third party.

“**Additional Commitment**” means any commitment hereunder added pursuant to Sections 2.22, 2.23 or 9.02(b).

**“Additional Credit Facilities”** means any credit facilities added pursuant to Sections 2.22, 2.23 or 9.02(b).

**“Additional Lender”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(b).

**“Additional Loans”** means any Additional Term Loans.

**“Additional Non-ABL Secured Debt Obligations”** means any Obligations secured by a Lien on the Non-ABL Priority Collateral and by a Lien on the ABL Priority Collateral, in each case that ranks pari passu as to priority (but without regard to control of remedies) with the Lien on such Collateral securing the Obligations hereunder (including the Subsidiary Guarantees), and that are permitted to be incurred and permitted to be so secured by this Agreement.

**“Additional Term Loan Commitments”** means any term loan commitment added hereunder pursuant to Sections 2.22, 2.23 or 9.02(b)(i).

**“Additional Term Loans”** means any term loan added hereunder pursuant to Section 2.22, 2.23 or 9.02(b)(i).

**“Adjusted LIBO Rate”** means, with respect to any LIBO Rate Borrowing for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) equal to (a) the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (b) the Statutory Reserve Rate; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Adjusted LIBO Rate shall at no time be less than 0.50% per annum.

**“Administrative Agent”** means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder, and its Affiliates in such capacity.

**“Administrative Questionnaire”** means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.

**“Affected Financial Institution”** means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any U.K. Financial Institution.

**“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.

**“Affiliated Lender”** means the Company and/or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

**“Affiliated Lender Assignment and Assumption”** means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Affiliated Lender (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 9.05) and accepted by the Administrative Agent in the form of Exhibit A-2 or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent and the Company.

**“Agents”** means the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent.

**“Agreement”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the preamble to this Credit Agreement.

**“Alternate Base Rate”** means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the NYFRB Rate in effect on such day plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% per annum and (c) the Adjusted LIBO Rate on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) for a deposit in dollars with a maturity of one month plus 1% per annum; provided, that for purposes of this definition, the Adjusted LIBO Rate for any day shall be based on the LIBO Screen Rate on such day for deposits in dollars with a maturity of one month (or, if the LIBO Screen Rate is not available for such one month maturity, the Interpolated Rate) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time. Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted LIBO Rate, respectively. If the Alternate Base Rate is being used as an alternate rate of interest pursuant to Section 2.14 (for the avoidance of doubt, only until the applicable Benchmark Replacement has been determined pursuant to Section 2.14(b)), then for purposes of clause (c) above the Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be deemed to be 0.50%.

**“Amendment”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.03(iii).

**“Anti-Corruption Laws”** means FCPA, the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 and all other laws, rules and regulations of any jurisdiction concerning or relating to bribery, corruption or money laundering, in each case to the extent applicable to the Company and its Subsidiaries.

**“Applicable Administrative Agent”** means (i) with respect to ABL Priority Collateral, the ABL Collateral Agent (or other analogous term in another Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement, as applicable), (ii) with respect to Term Loan Priority Collateral, the Term Collateral Representative (as defined in the ABL Intercreditor Agreement) (or other analogous term in another Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement, as applicable) or (iii) if at any time there is no Intercreditor Agreement or other intercreditor agreement as described in the definition of Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement then in effect, the Administrative Agent.

**“Applicable Charges”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.19.

**“Applicable Percentage”** means, with respect to any Term Lender of any Class, a percentage equal to a fraction the numerator of which is the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Term Loans and unused Additional Term Loan Commitments of such Term Lender under such Class and the denominator of which is the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Term Loans and unused Additional Term Loan Commitments of all Term Lenders under such Class.

**“Applicable Price”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Applicable Rate”** means, for any day, with respect to the Initial Term Loans, (x) with respect to ABR Loans, 2.25% per annum and (y) with respect to LIBO Rate Loans 3.25% per annum. The Applicable Rate for any Class of Additional Term Loans shall be as set forth in the applicable Refinancing Amendment, Incremental Facility Amendment or Extension Amendment.

**“Approved Commercial Bank”** means a commercial bank with a consolidated combined capital and surplus of at least \$5,000,000,000.



**“Approved Fund”** means any Person (other than a natural person) that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in bank loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business and that is administered or managed by a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

**“Arrangers”** means the financial institutions listed as such on the cover page to this Agreement, in their capacities as such.

**“Asset Disposition”** means any sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of shares of Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary (other than directors’ qualifying shares, or (in the case of a Foreign Subsidiary) to the extent required by applicable law), property or other assets (each referred to for the purposes of this definition as a “disposition”) by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including any disposition by means of a merger, consolidation or similar transaction) other than (i) a disposition to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) a disposition in the ordinary course of business, (iii) a disposition of Cash Equivalents, Investment Grade Securities or Temporary Cash Investments, (iv) the sale or discount (with or without recourse, and on customary or commercially reasonable terms, as determined by the Company in good faith) of accounts receivable or notes receivable arising in the ordinary course of business, or the conversion or exchange of accounts receivable for notes receivable, (v) any Restricted Payment Transaction, (vi) a disposition that is governed by Section 6.08, (vii) any Financing Disposition, (viii) any “fee in lieu” or other disposition of assets to any Governmental Authority that continue in use by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, so long as the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may obtain title to such assets upon reasonable notice by paying a nominal fee, (ix) any exchange of property pursuant to or intended to qualify under Section 1031 (or any successor section) of the Code, or any exchange of equipment to be leased, rented or otherwise used in a Related Business, (x) any financing transaction with respect to property built or acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date, including without limitation any sale/leaseback transaction or asset securitization, (xi) any disposition arising from foreclosure, condemnation, eminent domain or similar action with respect to any property or other assets, or exercise of termination rights under any lease, license, sublicense, concession or other agreement, or necessary or advisable (as determined by the Company in good faith) in order to consummate any acquisition of any Person, business or assets, or pursuant to buy/sell arrangements under any joint venture or similar agreement or arrangement, or of non-core assets acquired in connection with any acquisition of any Person, business or assets or any Investment, (xii) any disposition of Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other securities of an Unrestricted Subsidiary, (xiii) a disposition of Capital Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to an agreement or other obligation with or to a Person (other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) from whom such Restricted Subsidiary was acquired, or from whom such Restricted Subsidiary acquired its business and assets (having been newly formed in connection with such acquisition), entered into in connection with such acquisition, (xiv) a disposition of not more than 5.0% of the outstanding Capital Stock of a Foreign Subsidiary that has been approved by the Board of Directors, (xv) any disposition or series of related dispositions for aggregate consideration not to exceed \$25.0 million, (xvi) any Exempt Sale and Leaseback Transaction, (xvii) the assignment, sale, transfer, lapse, abandonment (including failure to maintain) or other disposition of any Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights or other intellectual property that are, in the good faith judgment of the Company, no longer economically practicable to maintain or useful in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (xviii) any license, sublicense, covenant not to sue or other grant of rights in or to any Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights or other intellectual property, or (xix) the creation or granting of any Lien permitted under this Agreement.

**“Assignment Agreement”** means, collectively, each Assignment and Assumption and each Affiliated Lender Assignment and Assumption.

**“Assignment and Assumption”** means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 9.05), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in the form of Exhibit A or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent and the Company.

**“ASU”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(c).

**“Available Tenor”** means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark, as applicable, any tenor for such Benchmark or payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark, as applicable, that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period pursuant to this Agreement as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of “Interest Period” pursuant to clause (f) of Section 2.14.

**“Auction”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Auction Agent”** means (a) the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates or (b) any other financial institution or advisor engaged by the Company (whether or not an Affiliate of the Administrative Agent) to act as an arranger in connection with any Auction pursuant to the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Auction Amount”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Auction Notice”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Auction Party”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Auction Response Date”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Bail-In Action”** means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.

**“Bail-In Legislation”** means (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their Affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

**“Bank Products Agreement”** means any agreement pursuant to which a bank or other financial institution agrees to provide cash management services or facilities, including: (a) ACH transactions, (b) controlled disbursement services, treasury, depository, overdraft, and electronic funds transfer services, (c) credit card processing services, (d) purchase cards and (e) credit or debit cards.

**“Bank Products Obligations”** of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any Bank Products Agreement.

**“Bankruptcy Code”** means title 11 of the United States Code, as amended.

**“Benchmark”** means, initially, the Adjusted LIBO Rate; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event, a Term SOFR Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the then-current Benchmark, then “Benchmark” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to clause (b) or clause (c) of Section 2.14.

**“Benchmark Replacement”** means, for any Available Tenor, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent for the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date:

(1) the sum of: (a) Term SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

(2) the sum of: (a) Daily Simple SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

(3) the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Company as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

provided that, in the case of clause (1), such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion; provided, further, that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document, upon the occurrence of a Term SOFR Transition Event, and the delivery of a Term SOFR Notice, on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date the “Benchmark Replacement” shall revert to and shall be deemed to be the sum of (a) Term SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment, as set forth in clause (1) of this definition (subject to the first proviso above).

If the Benchmark Replacement as determined pursuant to clause (1), (2) or (3) above would be less than the Floor, the Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

**“Benchmark Replacement Adjustment”** means, with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Interest Period and Available Tenor for any setting of such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement:

(1) for purposes of clauses (1) and (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement,” the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent:

(a) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) as of the Reference Time such Benchmark Replacement is first set for such Interest Period that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for the applicable Corresponding Tenor;

(b) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) as of the Reference Time such Benchmark Replacement is first set for such Interest Period that would apply to the fallback rate for a derivative transaction referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon an index cessation event with respect to such Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor; and

(2) for purposes of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement,” the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Company for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities;

provided that, in the case of clause (1) above, such adjustment is displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such Benchmark Replacement Adjustment from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

**“Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes”** means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of “Alternate Base Rate,” the definition of “Business Day,” the definition of “Interest Period,” timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, length of lookback periods, the applicability of breakage provisions, and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent decides, following consultation with the Company, may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark Replacement and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of such Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

**“Benchmark Replacement Date”** means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

(1) in the case of clause (1) or (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(2) in the case of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein;

(3) in the case of a Term SOFR Transition Event, the date that is thirty (30) days after the date a Term SOFR Notice is provided to the Lenders and the Company pursuant to Section 2.14(c); or

(4) in the case of an Early Opt-in Election, the sixth (6th) Business Day after the date notice of such Early Opt-in Election is provided to the Lenders, so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date notice of such Early Opt-in Election is provided to the Lenders, written notice of objection to such Early Opt-in Election from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

For the avoidance of doubt, (i) if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination and (ii) the “Benchmark Replacement Date” will be deemed to have occurred in the case of clause (1) or (2) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“**Benchmark Transition Event**” means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

(1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Board, the NYFRB, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), in each case which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(3) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are no longer, or as of a specified future date will no longer be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, a “Benchmark Transition Event” will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“**Benchmark Unavailability Period**” means the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date pursuant to clauses (1) or (2) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 2.14 and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 2.14.

“**Beneficial Ownership Certification**” means a certification regarding individual beneficial ownership solely to the extent required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

“**Beneficial Ownership Regulation**” means 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

“**Benefit Plan**” means (a) an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a “plan” as defined in Section 4975 of the Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such “employee benefit plan” or “plan”.

“**BHC Act Affiliate**” means, with respect to any Person, an “affiliate” (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k)) of such Person.

“**Board**” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.

“**Board of Directors**” means, for any Person, the board of directors or other governing body of such Person or, if such Person does not have such a board of directors or other governing body and is owned or managed by a single entity, the board of directors or other governing body of such entity or, in either case, any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board of directors or other governing body. Unless otherwise provided, “**Board of Directors**” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

“**Bona Fide Debt Fund**” means any debt fund, investment vehicle, regulated bank entity or unregulated lending entity that is primarily engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of business for financial investment purposes (other than primarily in distressed situations) and which is managed, sponsored or advised by any Person controlling, controlled by or under common control with (a) any competitor of the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries or (b) any Affiliate of such competitor, but, in each case, with respect to which no personnel involved with any investment in such Person or the management, control or operation of such Person (i) directly or indirectly makes, has the right to make or participates with others in making any investment decisions, or otherwise causing the direction of the investment policies, with respect to such debt fund, investment vehicle, regulated bank entity or unregulated lending entity or (ii) has access to any information (other than information that is publicly available) relating to the Company or its Subsidiaries or any entity that forms a part of any of their respective businesses; it being understood and agreed that the term “Bona Fide Debt Fund” shall not include any Person that is separately identified to the Arrangers or the Administrative Agent in accordance with clause (a)(i) of the definition of “Disqualified Institution” or any reasonably identifiable Affiliate of any such Person on the basis of such Affiliate’s name.

**“Borrowers”** means, collectively, the Company and each other Discretionary Borrower that becomes a party hereto pursuant to Section 9.02(d).

**“Borrowing”** means Loans of the same Class, Type and currency made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of LIBO Rate Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect.

**“Borrowing Base”** means the sum of (1) 90% of the book value of Inventory of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries, (2) 85% of the book value of Receivables of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Credit Card Receivables), (3) 95% of the book value of Credit Card Receivables of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries and (4) 50% of the fair market value of real property of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries (in each case, determined as of the end of the most recently ended fiscal month of the Company for which internal consolidated financial statements of the Company are available), and, in the case of any determination relating to any Incurrence of Indebtedness, on a pro forma basis including (x) any property or assets of a type described above acquired since the end of such fiscal month and (y) any property or assets of a type described above being acquired in connection therewith.

**“Borrowing Request”** means a request by the Company for a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.03 and substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B or such other form that is reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Company.

**“Business Day”** means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York City are authorized or required by law to remain closed; provided that when used in connection with a LIBO Rate Loan, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day on which banks are not open for dealings in Dollar deposits in the London interbank market.

**“Capital Expenditures”** means, as applied to any Person for any period, the aggregate amount, without duplication, of all expenditures (whether paid in cash or accrued as liabilities and including in all events all amounts expended or capitalized in respect of Finance Lease Obligations) for such Person for such period in accordance with GAAP.

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

**“Captive Insurance Subsidiary”** means any Subsidiary of the Company that is subject to regulation as an insurance company (or any Subsidiary thereof).

“Cash” or “cash” means money, currency or a credit balance in any Deposit Account, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Cash Equivalents” means any of the following: (a) money, (b) securities issued or fully guaranteed or insured by the United States, Canada or a member state of the European Union or any agency or instrumentality of any thereof, (c) time deposits, certificates of deposit or bankers’ acceptances of (i) any bank or other institutional lender hereunder or under the ABL Facility or any affiliate thereof or (ii) any commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$500.0 million (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof as of the date of such investment) and the commercial paper of the holding company of which is rated at least A-2 or the equivalent thereof by S&P or at least P-2 or the equivalent thereof by Moody’s (or, if at such time neither is issuing ratings, a comparable rating of another nationally recognized rating agency), (d) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (b) and (c) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (c)(i) or (c)(ii) above, (e) money market instruments, commercial paper or other short-term obligations rated at least A-2 or the equivalent thereof by S&P or at least P-2 or the equivalent thereof by Moody’s (or, if at such time neither is issuing ratings, a comparable rating of another nationally recognized rating agency), (f) investments in money market funds subject to the risk limiting conditions of Rule 2a-7 or any successor rule of the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (g) investments similar to any of the foregoing denominated in foreign currencies approved by the Board of Directors, and (h) solely with respect to any Captive Insurance Subsidiary, any investment that Person is permitted to make in accordance with applicable law.

“Change in Law” means (a) the adoption of any law, rule or regulation after the Closing Date, (b) any change in any law, rule or regulation or in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority after the Closing Date or (c) compliance by any Lender (or, for purposes of Section 2.15(b), by any lending office of such Lender or by such Lender’s holding company, if any) with any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority made or issued after the Closing Date. For purposes of this definition and Section 2.15, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines, requirements and directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith or in implementation thereof and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines, requirements or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or U.S. regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case described in clauses (a), (b) and (c) above, be deemed to be a Change in Law, regardless of the date enacted, adopted, issued or implemented.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any “Person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than the Company or one of its Subsidiaries or (2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “Person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the then outstanding number of shares of the Company’s voting stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (1) the Company becomes a wholly owned Subsidiary of a holding company and (2) either the holders of the voting stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the Company’s voting stock immediately prior to that transaction or no Person (other than such holding company) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the outstanding number of shares of the Company’s voting stock.



**“Charge”** means any fee, loss, charge, expense, cost, accrual or reserve of any kind.

**“Class”**, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Initial Term Loans, Additional Term Loans of any series established as a separate “Class” pursuant to Sections 2.22, 2.23 or 9.02(b).

**“Closing Date”** means the date on which the conditions specified in Section 4.01 are satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02).

**“Closing Date Distribution”** means the distribution by the Company to L Brands, of 100% of the Company’s common stock for distribution to L Brands’ existing shareholders.

**“Closing Date Payment”** means the payment of the Special Cash Payment (as defined in the Separation Agreement).

**“Code”** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

**“Collateral”** means any and all assets, tangible or intangible, on which Liens are purported to be granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents as security for the Obligations hereunder. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall “Collateral” include any Excluded Asset, unless specifically consented to by the Company.

**“Collateral Agreement”** means the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit J, among the Loan Parties and the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

**“Collateral and Guarantee Requirement”** means, at any time, subject to (x) the applicable limitations set forth in this Agreement and/or any other Loan Document (including the ABL Intercreditor Agreement and any other Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement) and (y) the time periods (and extensions thereof) set forth in the applicable provisions of this Agreement, the requirement that the Administrative Agent shall have received (A) a joinder to the Collateral Agreement in substantially the form attached as an exhibit thereto, (B) a supplement to the Collateral Agreement in substantially the form attached as an exhibit thereto, (C) if the respective Restricted Subsidiary required to comply with the requirements set forth in this definition pursuant to Section 5.10 owns registrations of or applications for U.S. Patents, U.S. Trademarks and/or U.S. Copyrights that constitute Collateral, an Intellectual Property Security Agreement in substantially the form attached as an exhibit hereto, (D) a completed Perfection Certificate, (E) Uniform Commercial Code financing statements in appropriate form for filing in such jurisdictions as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request and (F) to the extent required by the terms thereof, an executed joinder to any Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement in substantially the form attached as an exhibit thereto.

**“Collateral Documents”** means, collectively, (i) the Collateral Agreement, (ii) each Intellectual Property Security Agreement, (ii) any supplement to any of the foregoing delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the definition of “Collateral and Guarantee Requirement”, (iv) the Perfection Certificate and (v) each of the other instruments and documents pursuant to which any Loan Party grants a Lien on any Collateral as security for payment of the Secured Obligations.

**“Commitment”** means, with respect to each Lender, such Lender’s Initial Term Loan Commitment and Additional Commitment, as applicable, in effect as of such time.

**“Commitment Schedule”** means the Schedule attached hereto as Schedule 1.01(a).

**“Commodities Agreement”** means, in respect of a Person, any commodity futures contract, forward contract, option or similar agreement or arrangement (including derivative agreements or arrangements), as to which such Person is a party or beneficiary.

**“Commodity Exchange Act”** means the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.).

**“Company”** means (a) Victoria’s Secret & Co. and/or (b) following the consummation of a transaction permitted hereunder that results in a Successor Company, such Successor Company, in each case, as the context may require.

**“Company Competitor”** means any competitor of the Company and/or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

**“Confidential Information”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.13.

**“Consolidated Coverage Ratio”** as of any date of determination means the ratio of (i) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available to (ii) Consolidated Interest Expense for such four fiscal quarters; provided that

(1) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary has Incurred any Indebtedness or the Company has issued any Designated Preferred Stock that remains outstanding on such date of determination or if the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Coverage Ratio is an Incurrence of Indebtedness or an issuance of Designated Preferred Stock of the Company, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis to such Indebtedness or Designated Preferred Stock as if such Indebtedness or Designated Preferred Stock had been Incurred or issued, as applicable, on the first day of such period (except that in making such computation, the amount of Indebtedness under any revolving credit facility outstanding on the date of such calculation shall be computed based on (A) the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during such four fiscal quarters or such shorter period for which such facility was outstanding or (B) if such facility was created after the end of such four fiscal quarters, the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the period from the date of creation of such facility to the date of such calculation),

(2) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary has repaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or otherwise acquired, retired or discharged any Indebtedness or any Designated Preferred Stock of the Company that is no longer outstanding on such date of determination (each, a “**Discharge**”) or if the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Coverage Ratio involves a Discharge of Indebtedness (in each case other than Indebtedness Incurred under any revolving credit facility, unless such Indebtedness has been repaid with an equivalent permanent reduction in commitments thereunder) or a Discharge of Designated Preferred Stock of the Company, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis to such Discharge of such Indebtedness or Designated Preferred Stock, including with the proceeds of such new Indebtedness or new Designated Preferred Stock of the Company, as if such Discharge had occurred on the first day of such period,

(3) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall have disposed of any company, any business or any group of assets constituting an operating unit of a business, including any such disposition occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder, or designated any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary (any such disposition or designation, a “**Sale**”), the Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if positive) attributable to the assets that are the subject of such Sale for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if negative) attributable thereto for such period, and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be reduced by an amount equal to (A) the Consolidated Interest Expense attributable to any Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary repaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or otherwise acquired, retired or discharged with respect to the Company and its continuing Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with such Sale for such period (including, but not limited to, through the assumption of such Indebtedness by another Person) plus (B) if the Capital Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary is disposed of in such Sale or any Restricted Subsidiary is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, the Consolidated Interest Expense for such period attributable to the Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiary to the extent the Company and its continuing Restricted Subsidiaries are no longer liable for such Indebtedness after such Sale,

(4) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) shall have made an Investment in any Person that thereby becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, or otherwise acquired any company, any business or any group of assets constituting an operating unit of a business, including any such Investment or acquisition occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder, or designated any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary (any such Investment, acquisition or designation, a “**Purchase**”), Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto (including the Incurrence of any related Indebtedness) as if such Purchase occurred on the first day of such period, and

(5) if, since the beginning of such period, any Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, and since the beginning of such period such Person shall have discharged any Indebtedness or made any Sale or Purchase that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (2), (3) or (4) above if made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period, Consolidated EBITDA and Consolidated Interest Expense for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Discharge, Sale or Purchase occurred on the first day of such period;

provided that, in the event that the Company shall classify Indebtedness Incurred on the date of determination as Incurred in part under Section 6.01(a) and in part under Section 6.01(b), as provided in Section 6.01(c)(ii)), any pro forma calculation of Consolidated Interest Expense shall not give effect on such date of determination (x) to any Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 6.01(b) (other than if the Company at its option has elected to disregard Indebtedness being Incurred on the date of determination in part pursuant to Section 6.01(a) for purposes of calculating the Consolidated Coverage Ratio for Incurring Indebtedness on the date of determination in part pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(xi)) or (y) to any Discharge of Indebtedness from the proceeds of any such Incurrence pursuant to Section 6.01(b) (other than Section 6.01(b)(xi)), if the Incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(xi) is being given effect to in the calculation of the Consolidated Coverage Ratio).

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any Sale, Purchase or other transaction, or the amount of income or earnings relating thereto and the amount of Consolidated Interest Expense associated with any Indebtedness Incurred, Designated Preferred Stock issued, or Indebtedness or Designated Preferred Stock repaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or otherwise acquired, retired or discharged in connection therewith, the pro forma calculations in respect thereof (including without limitation in respect of anticipated cost savings or synergies relating to any such Sale, Purchase or other transaction) shall be as determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer or an authorized Officer of the Company. If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Interest Rate Agreement applicable to such Indebtedness). If any Indebtedness bears, at the option of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, a rate of interest based on a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate, a secured overnight financing rate, or other fixed or floating rate, and such Indebtedness is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be calculated by applying such optional rate as the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary may designate. If any Indebtedness that is being given pro forma effect was Incurred under a revolving credit facility, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the applicable period. Interest on a Finance Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Company to be the rate of interest implicit in such Finance Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP.

**“Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense”** means, with respect to any Person for any period, the total amount of depreciation and amortization expense, including the amortization of intangible assets and deferred financing fees and amortization of unrecognized prior service costs and actuarial gains and losses related to pensions and other post-employment benefits, of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period on a consolidated basis and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP.

**“Consolidated EBITDA”** means, with respect to any Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period plus, without duplication and, except in the case of clause (9) below, to the extent the same was deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income:

- (1) Consolidated Taxes; plus
- (2) Fixed Charges and costs of surety bonds in connection with financing activities, plus amounts excluded from the definition of “Consolidated Interest Expense” and any non-cash interest expense, to the extent deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income; plus
- (3) Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense; plus
- (4) Consolidated Non-Cash Charges; plus
- (5) any expenses or charges (other than Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense) related to any issuance of Capital Stock, Investment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization or the incurrence, modification or repayment of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred by this Agreement (including a refinancing thereof) (whether or not successful), including (i) such fees, expenses or charges related to the Transactions, the Loans, the Senior Notes or the ABL Facility, (ii) any amendment or other modification of this Agreement or other Indebtedness and (iii) commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges (including any interest expense) related to any Specified Receivables Facility; plus
- (6) business optimization expenses and other restructuring charges, reserves or expenses (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include, without limitation, the effect of facility closures, facility consolidations, retention, severance, systems establishment costs, contract termination costs, future lease commitments and excess pension charges); plus
- (7) the amount of loss or discount on sale of assets to a Receivables Subsidiary and any commissions, yield and other fees and charges, in each case in connection with a Specified Receivables Facility; plus
- (8) any costs or expense incurred pursuant to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement or any stock subscription or shareholder agreement, to the extent that such cost or expenses are funded with cash proceeds contributed to the capital of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor or net cash proceeds of an issuance of Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) solely to the extent that such net cash proceeds are excluded from the determination of the amount available for Restricted Payments under Section 6.02(a)(3)(A); plus

- (9) the amount of net cost savings, operating improvements or synergies projected by the Company in good faith to be realized within twelve months following the date of any operational changes, business realignment projects or initiatives, restructurings or reorganizations which have been or are intended to be initiated (calculated on a pro forma basis as though such cost savings had been realized on the first day of such period), net of the amount of actual benefits realized during such period from such actions; provided that such net cost savings and operating improvements or synergies are reasonably identifiable and quantifiable; provided, further, that the aggregate amount added to Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to this clause (9) shall not exceed 20.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for such period (determined after giving effect to such adjustments);

less, without duplication, to the extent the same increased Consolidated Net Income,

- (1) non-cash items increasing Consolidated Net Income for such period (excluding the recognition of deferred revenue or any items which represent the reversal of any accrual of, or cash reserve for, anticipated cash charges that reduced Consolidated EBITDA in any prior period and any items for which cash was received in a prior period).

**“Consolidated First Lien Indebtedness”** means, as of any date of determination, (i) an amount equal to the sum of, without duplication, Consolidated Total Indebtedness (without regard to clause (ii) of the definition thereof) and any Ratio Tested Committed Amount as of such date that, in each case, is then secured by a first-priority Lien on property or assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries that constitutes Collateral (other than property or assets held in a defeasance or similar trust or arrangement for the benefit of the Indebtedness secured thereby), minus (ii) the sum of (A) the amount of such Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(ix), (B) the amount of such Indebtedness consisting of Indebtedness under the ABL Facility (unless such Indebtedness is secured by a Lien on the Collateral either (x) ranking pari passu with the Liens securing the Initial Term Loans or (y) with the rankings set forth in the ABL Intercreditor Agreement) and (C) cash, Cash Equivalents and Temporary Cash Investments held by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the end of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available.

**“Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio”** means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated First Lien Indebtedness as at such date (after giving effect to any Incurrence or Discharge of Indebtedness on such date) to (ii) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available, provided that:

- (1) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall have made a Sale (including any Sale occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder), the Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if positive) attributable to the assets that are the subject of such Sale for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if negative) attributable thereto for such period;

(2) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) shall have made a Purchase (including any Purchase occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder), Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Purchase occurred on the first day of such period; and

(3) if, since the beginning of such period, any Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, and since the beginning of such period such Person shall have made any Sale or Purchase that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above if made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period, Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Sale or Purchase occurred on the first day of such period;

provided that, in the event that the Company shall classify Indebtedness Incurred on the date of determination as Incurred in part pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(II) and in part pursuant to one or more other clauses or subclauses of Section 6.01(b) and/or pursuant to Section 6.01(a) (as provided in Section 6.01(c)(ii)), Consolidated First Lien Indebtedness shall not include any such Indebtedness (and shall not give effect to any Discharge of Consolidated First Lien Indebtedness from the proceeds thereof) to the extent Incurred pursuant to any such other clause or subclause of such Section 6.01(b) and/or pursuant to such Section 6.01(a).

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any Sale, Purchase or other transaction, or the amount of income or earnings relating thereto, the pro forma calculations in respect thereof (including, without limitation, in respect of anticipated cost savings or synergies relating to any such Sale, Purchase or other transaction) shall be as determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer or another authorized Officer of the Company.

**“Consolidated Interest Expense”** means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of (1) consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, to the extent such expense was deducted in computing Consolidated Net Income (including the interest component of Finance Lease Obligations and net payments and receipts (if any) pursuant to interest rate Hedging Obligations, and non-cash interest expense attributable to movement in mark to market valuation of Hedging Obligations or other derivatives (in each case permitted hereunder) under GAAP) but excluding commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges related to any Specified Receivables Facility; plus (2) consolidated capitalized interest of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued; plus (3) commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges Incurred in connection with any Specified Receivables Facility which are payable to Persons other than the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries; minus (4) interest income for such period and excluding debt issuance costs, commissions, fees and expenses (including bridge, commitment or other financing fees).

For purposes of this definition, interest on a Finance Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by the Company to be the rate of interest implicit in such Finance Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP.

**“Consolidated Net Income”** means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate of the Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis; provided, however, that:

- (1) any net after-tax extraordinary, infrequently occurring, nonrecurring or unusual gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) or expenses or charges shall be excluded;
- (2) any severance expenses, relocation expenses, restructuring expenses, curtailments or modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans, excess pension charges, any expenses related to any reconstruction, decommissioning, recommissioning or reconfiguration of fixed assets for alternate uses and fees, expenses or charges relating to facilities closing costs, acquisition integration costs, facilities opening costs, project start-up costs, business optimization costs, signing, retention or completion bonuses, expenses or charges related to any issuance, redemption, repurchase, retirement or acquisition of Capital Stock, Investment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization or issuance, repayment, refinancing, amendment or modification of Indebtedness (in each case, whether or not successful), and any fees, expenses or charges related to the Transactions, in each case, shall be excluded;
- (3) effects of purchase accounting adjustments (including the effects of such adjustments pushed down to such Person and such Subsidiaries and including, without limitation, the effects of adjustments to (A) Finance Lease Obligations or (B) any other deferrals of income) in amounts required or permitted by GAAP, resulting from the application of purchase accounting or the amortization or write-off of any amounts thereof, net of taxes, shall be excluded;
- (4) the Net Income for such period shall not include the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles during such period;
- (5) any net after-tax income or loss from disposed, abandoned, transferred, closed or discontinued operations or fixed assets and any net after-tax gains or losses on disposal of disposed, abandoned, transferred, closed or discontinued operations or fixed assets shall be excluded;
- (6) any net after-tax gains or losses (less all fees and expenses or charges relating thereto) attributable to business dispositions or asset dispositions other than in the ordinary course of business (as determined in good faith by management of the Company) shall be excluded, provided, that notwithstanding any classification of any Person, business, assets or operations as discontinued operations because a definitive agreement for the sale, transfer or other disposition in respect thereof has been entered into, the Company shall not exclude any such net after-tax income or loss or any such net after-tax gains or losses attributable thereto until such sale, transfer or other disposition has been consummated;
- (7) any net after-tax gains or losses (less all fees and expenses or charges relating thereto) attributable to the early extinguishment of indebtedness, Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments shall be excluded;
- (8) (a) the Net Income for such period of any Person (other than the Company) that is not a Subsidiary of such Person, or is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting, shall be included only to the extent of the amount of dividends or distributions or other payments paid in cash (or to the extent converted into cash) to the referent Person or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof in respect of such period and (b) the Net Income for such period shall include any dividend, distribution or other payment in cash (or to the extent converted into cash) received by the referent Person or a Subsidiary thereof (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary of such referent Person) from any Person in excess of, but without duplication of, the amounts included in subclause (a);



(9) solely for the purpose of determining the amount available for Restricted Payments under Section 6.02(a)(3)(A) or for the purpose of calculating Excess Cash Flow, the Net Income for such period of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Subsidiary Guarantor or Foreign Subsidiary) shall be excluded to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary of its Net Income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (which has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by the operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders, unless such restrictions with respect to the payment of dividends or similar distributions have been legally waived; provided that the Consolidated Net Income of such Person shall be increased by the amount of dividends or other distributions or other payments actually paid in cash (or converted into cash) by any such Restricted Subsidiary to such Person; to the extent not already included therein;

(10) an amount equal to the amount of tax distributions actually made to any Parent Entity in respect of such period in accordance with Section 6.02(b)(viii)(C) shall be included as though such amounts had been paid directly by such Person for such period;

(11) any impairment charges or asset write-offs, in each case pursuant to GAAP, and the amortization of intangibles and other fair value adjustments arising pursuant to GAAP shall be excluded;

(12) any non-cash expense realized or resulting from management equity plans, stock option plans, employee benefit plans or post-employment benefit plans, or grants or sales of stock, stock appreciation or similar rights, stock options, restricted stock, preferred stock or other rights shall be excluded;

(13) any (a) non-cash compensation charges, (b) costs and expenses after the Closing Date related to employment of terminated employees, or (c) costs or expenses realized in connection with or resulting from stock appreciation or similar rights, stock options or other rights existing on the Closing Date of officers, directors and employees, in each case of such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary, shall be excluded;

(14) accruals and reserves that are established or adjusted within 12 months after the Closing Date and that are so required to be established or adjusted in accordance with GAAP or as a result of adoption or modification of accounting policies shall be excluded;

(15) non-cash gains, losses, income and expenses resulting from fair value accounting required by the applicable standard under GAAP and related interpretations shall be excluded;

(16) any currency translation gains and losses related to currency remeasurements of Indebtedness, and any net loss or gain resulting from hedging transactions for currency exchange risk, shall be excluded;

(17) (a) to the extent covered by insurance and actually reimbursed, or, so long as such Person has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer and only to the extent that such amount is (i) not denied by the applicable carrier in writing within 180 days and (ii) in fact reimbursed within 365 days of the date of such evidence (with a deduction for any amount so added back to the extent not so reimbursed within 365 days), expenses with respect to liability or casualty events or business interruption shall be excluded and (b) amounts in respect of which such Person has determined that there exists reasonable evidence that such amounts will in fact be reimbursed by insurance in respect of lost revenues or earnings in respect of liability or casualty events or business interruption shall be included (with a deduction for amounts actually received up to such estimated amount, to the extent included in Net Income in a future period);

(18) non-cash charges for deferred tax asset valuation allowances shall be excluded; and

(19) the amount of loss or discount on sale of Receivables Facility Assets and related assets in connection with a Receivables Facility shall be excluded.

**“Consolidated Non-Cash Charges”** means, with respect to any Person for any period, the non-cash expenses (other than Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries reducing Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period on a consolidated basis and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP, provided that if any such non-cash expenses represent an accrual or reserve for potential cash items in any future period, the cash payment in respect thereof in such future period shall be subtracted from Consolidated EBITDA in such future period to the extent paid, but excluding from this proviso, for the avoidance of doubt, amortization of a prepaid cash item that was paid in a prior period.

**“Consolidated Tangible Assets”** means, as of any date of determination, the total assets less the sum of the goodwill, net, and other intangible assets, net, in each case reflected on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as at the end of the most recently ended fiscal quarter of the Company for which such a balance sheet is available, determined on a Consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (and, in the case of any determination relating to any Incurrence of Indebtedness or Liens or any Investment, on a pro forma basis including any property or assets being acquired in connection therewith).

**“Consolidated Taxes”** means, with respect to any Person for any period, the provision for taxes based on income, profits or capital, including, without limitation, state, franchise, property and similar taxes, foreign withholding taxes (including penalties and interest related to such taxes or arising from tax examinations) and any tax distributions taken into account in calculating Consolidated Net Income.

**“Consolidated Total Indebtedness”** means, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to (i) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date consisting of (without duplication) Indebtedness for borrowed money (including Purchase Money Obligations and unreimbursed outstanding drawn amounts under funded letters of credit); Finance Lease Obligations; debt obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments; Disqualified Stock; and (in the case of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor) Preferred Stock, determined on a Consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (excluding (x) items eliminated in Consolidation and (y) Hedging Obligations), minus (ii) the sum of (A) the amount of such Indebtedness consisting of Indebtedness of a type referred to in, or incurred pursuant to, Section 6.01(b)(ix), (B) the amount of such Indebtedness consisting of Indebtedness under the ABL Facility and (C) cash, Cash Equivalents and Temporary Cash Investments held by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the end of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available.

**“Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio”** means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Total Indebtedness as at such date (after giving effect to any Incurrence or Discharge of Indebtedness on such date) to (ii) the aggregate amount of Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the most recent four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ending prior to the date of such determination for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available, provided that:

(1) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall have made a Sale (including any Sale occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder), the Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if positive) attributable to the assets that are the subject of such Sale for such period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated EBITDA (if negative) attributable thereto for such period;

(2) if, since the beginning of such period, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) shall have made a Purchase (including any Purchase occurring in connection with a transaction causing a calculation to be made hereunder), Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Purchase occurred on the first day of such period; and

(3) if, since the beginning of such period, any Person became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, and since the beginning of such period such Person shall have made any Sale or Purchase that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above if made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period, Consolidated EBITDA for such period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Sale or Purchase occurred on the first day of such period;

provided that, for purposes of the foregoing calculation, in the event that the Company shall classify Indebtedness Incurred on the date of determination as Incurred in part pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(xi) (other than by reason of subclause (2) of the proviso to such clause (xi)) and in part pursuant to one or more other clauses of Section 6.01(b) and/or (unless the Company at its option has elected to disregard Indebtedness being Incurred on the date of determination in part pursuant to subclause (2) of the proviso to Section 6.01(b)(xi) for purposes of calculating the Consolidated Coverage Ratio for Incurring Indebtedness on the date of determination in part under Section 6.01(a)) and in part pursuant to Section 6.01(a) (as provided in Sections 6.01(c)(ii) and (iii)), Consolidated Total Indebtedness shall not (x) include any such Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to one or more of such other clauses of Section 6.01(b) and/or pursuant to Section 6.01(a), and (y) give effect to any Discharge of any Indebtedness from the proceeds of any such Indebtedness being disregarded for purposes of the calculation of the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio that otherwise would be included in Consolidated Total Indebtedness.

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any Sale, Purchase or other transaction, or the amount of income or earnings relating thereto, the pro forma calculations in respect thereof (including, without limitation, in respect of anticipated cost savings or synergies relating to any such Sale, Purchase or other transaction) shall be as determined in good faith by the Chief Financial Officer or another authorized Officer of the Company.

**“Consolidated Working Capital”** means, as at any date of determination, the excess of Current Assets over Current Liabilities.

**“Consolidated Working Capital Adjustment”** means, for any period on a consolidated basis, the amount (which may be a negative number) by which Consolidated Working Capital as of the beginning of such period exceeds (or is less than) Consolidated Working Capital as of the end of such period; provided that there shall be excluded (a) the effect of reclassification during such period between current assets and long term assets and current liabilities and long term liabilities (with a corresponding restatement of the prior period to give effect to such reclassification), (b) the effect of any Disposition of any Person, facility or line of business or acquisition of any Person, facility or line of business during such period, (c) the effect of any fluctuations in the amount of accrued and contingent obligations under any Hedging Agreement and (d) the application of purchase or recapitalization accounting.

**“Consolidation”** means the consolidation of the accounts of each of the Restricted Subsidiaries with those of the Company in accordance with GAAP; provided that “Consolidation” will not include consolidation of the accounts of any Unrestricted Subsidiary, but the interest of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in any Unrestricted Subsidiary will be accounted for as an investment. The term “Consolidated” has a correlative meaning.

**“Contingent Obligation”** means, with respect to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing any obligation that does not constitute Indebtedness (a “primary obligation”) of any other Person (the “primary obligor”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent, (1) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (2) to advance or supply funds (a) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation, or (b) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, or (3) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof.

**“Contribution Amounts”** means the aggregate amount of capital contributions applied by the Company to permit the Incurrence of Contribution Indebtedness pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(x).

**“Contribution Indebtedness”** means Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount not greater than the aggregate amount of cash contributions (other than Excluded Contributions, the proceeds from the issuance of Disqualified Stock or contributions by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary) made to the capital of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date (whether through the issuance or sale of Capital Stock or otherwise); provided that such Contribution Indebtedness (a) is Incurred within 180 days after the receipt of the related cash contribution and (b) is so designated as Contribution Indebtedness pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate on the date of Incurrence thereof.

**“Control”** means, with respect to a specified Person, the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct, or cause the direction of, the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have correlative meanings.

**“Copyrights”** means the following: (a) all copyrights, rights and interests in copyrights, works protectable by copyright whether published or unpublished, copyright registrations and copyright applications; (b) all renewals of the foregoing; (c) all income, royalties, damages, and payments now or hereafter due or payable under any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, damages or payments for past or future infringements thereof; (d) the right to sue for past, present, and future infringements thereof; and (e) all domestic rights corresponding to any of the foregoing.

**“Corresponding Tenor”** with respect to any Available Tenor means, as applicable, either a tenor (including overnight) or an interest payment period having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as such Available Tenor.

**“Cost Saving Initiative”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Consolidated EBITDA”.

**“Covered Entity”** means (a) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (b) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (c) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

**“Credit Card Receivables”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the ABL Credit Agreement.

**“Credit Facilities”** means one or more of (i) the ABL Facility and (ii) any other facilities or arrangements designated by the Company, in each case with one or more banks or other lenders or institutions providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables, inventory or real estate financings (including without limitation through the sale of receivables, inventory, real estate and/or other assets to such institutions or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such institutions against such receivables, inventory, real estate and/or other assets or the creation of any Liens in respect of such receivables, inventory, real estate and/or other assets in favor of such institutions), letters of credit or other Indebtedness, in each case, including all agreements, instruments and documents executed and delivered pursuant to or in connection with any of the foregoing, including but not limited to any notes and letters of credit issued pursuant thereto and any guarantee and collateral agreement, mortgages or letter of credit applications and other guarantees, pledge agreements, security agreements (including Intellectual Property Security Agreements) and collateral documents, in each case as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, or refunded, refinanced, restructured, replaced, renewed, repaid, increased or extended from time to time (whether in whole or in part, whether with the original banks, lenders or institutions or other banks, lenders or institutions or otherwise, and whether provided under any original Credit Facility or one or more other credit agreements, indentures, financing agreements or other Credit Facilities or otherwise). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term “Credit Facility” shall include any agreement (i) changing the maturity of any Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or contemplated thereby, (ii) adding Subsidiaries as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder, (iii) increasing the amount of Indebtedness Incurred thereunder or available to be borrowed thereunder or (iv) otherwise altering the terms and conditions thereof.

**“Credit Rating”** means, in the case of S&P, the “Issuer Credit Rating” assigned by S&P to the Company and, in the case of Moody’s, the “Corporate Family Rating” assigned by Moody’s to the Company.

**“Cured Default”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.03(c).

**“Currency Agreement”** means, in respect of a Person, any foreign exchange contract, currency swap agreement or other similar agreement or arrangements (including derivative agreements or arrangements), as to which such Person is a party or a beneficiary.

**“Current Assets”** means, at any date, all assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries which under GAAP would be classified as current assets (excluding any (i) cash, Cash Equivalents, Investment Grade Securities or Temporary Cash Investments (including such items held on deposit for third parties by the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary), (ii) permitted loans to third parties, (iii) deferred bank fees and derivative financial instruments, (iv) the current portion of current and deferred Taxes and (v) assets held for sale or pension assets).

**“Current Liabilities”** means, at any date, all liabilities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries which under GAAP would be classified as current liabilities, other than (i) current maturities of long term debt, (ii) outstanding revolving loans and letter of credit exposures, (iii) accruals of Consolidated Interest Expense (excluding Consolidated Interest Expense that is due and unpaid), (iv) obligations in respect of derivative financial instruments, (v) the current portion of current and deferred Taxes, (vi) liabilities in respect of unpaid earnouts, (vii) accruals relating to restructuring reserves, (viii) liabilities in respect of funds of third parties on deposit with the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary, (ix) the current portion of any Finance Lease Obligation and the current portion of any Non-Financing Lease Obligation that is otherwise required to be capitalized, (x) any liabilities recorded in connection with stock based awards, partnership interest based awards, awards of profits interests, deferred compensation awards and similar initiative based compensation awards or arrangements, (xi) the current portion of any current or deferred pension plan liabilities, (xii) the current portion of any other long term liability for borrowed money and (xiii) any current liabilities associated with assets held for sale or pension assets.

**“Daily Simple SOFR”** means, for any day, SOFR, with the conventions for this rate (which may include a lookback) being established by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the conventions for this rate selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for determining “Daily Simple SOFR” for business loans; provided, that if the Administrative Agent decides that any such convention is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, then the Administrative Agent may establish another convention in its reasonable discretion.

**“Debtor Relief Laws”** means the Bankruptcy Code of the U.S., and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, general assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization or similar debtor relief laws of the U.S. or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect and affecting the rights of creditors generally.

**“Declined Proceeds”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.11(b)(v).

**“Default”** means any event or condition which constitutes an Event of Default or which upon notice, lapse of time or both would, unless cured or waived, become an Event of Default.

**“Default Right”** has the meaning assigned to such term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

**“Defaulting Lender”** means any Lender that has (a) defaulted in its obligations under this Agreement, including without limitation, to make a Loan within one Business Day of the date required to be made by it hereunder, unless such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Company in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender’s determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, (b) notified the Administrative Agent or any Loan Party in writing that it does not intend to satisfy any such obligation or has made a public statement to the effect that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations under this Agreement or under agreements in which it commits to extend credit generally (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender’s obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender’s determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) failed, within two Business Days after the request of Administrative Agent or the Company, to confirm in writing that it will comply with the terms of this Agreement relating to its obligations to fund prospective Loans hereunder; provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Administrative Agent, (d) become (or any parent company thereof has become) insolvent or been determined by any Governmental Authority having regulatory authority over such Person or its assets, to be insolvent, or the assets or management of which has been taken over by any Governmental Authority, (e) become (or any parent company thereof has become) the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or custodian, appointed for it, or has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in, any such proceeding or appointment, unless in the case of any Lender subject to this clause (e), the Company and the Administrative Agent shall each have determined that such Lender intends, and has all approvals required to enable it (in form and substance satisfactory to each of the Company and the Administrative Agent), to continue to perform its obligations as a Lender hereunder or (f) become (or any parent company thereof has become) the subject of a Bail-In Action; provided that no Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any Capital Stock in such Lender or its parent by any Governmental Authority; provided that such action does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the U.S. or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contract or agreement to which such Lender is a party.

**“Deposit Account”** means a demand, time, savings, passbook or like account with a bank, savings and loan association, credit union or like organization, excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any investment property (within the meaning of the UCC) or any account evidenced by an instrument or negotiable certificate of deposit (within the meaning of the UCC).

**“Derivative Transaction”** means (a) any interest-rate transaction, including any interest-rate swap, basis swap, forward rate agreement, interest rate option (including a cap, collar or floor), and any other instrument linked to interest rates that gives rise to similar credit risks (including when-issued securities and forward deposits accepted), (b) any exchange-rate transaction, including any cross-currency interest-rate swap, any forward foreign-exchange contract, any currency option, and any other instrument linked to exchange rates that gives rise to similar credit risks, (c) any equity derivative transaction, including any equity-linked swap, any equity-linked option, any forward equity-linked contract, and any other instrument linked to equities that gives rise to similar credit risk and (d) any commodity (including precious metal) derivative transaction, including any commodity-linked swap, any commodity-linked option, any forward commodity-linked contract, and any other instrument linked to commodities that gives rise to similar credit risks; provided, that, no phantom stock or similar plan providing for payments only on account of services provided by current or former directors, officers, employees, members of management, managers or consultants of the Company or its subsidiaries shall constitute a Derivative Transaction.

**“Designated Noncash Consideration”** means noncash consideration received by the Company or one of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with an Asset Disposition that is so designated as Designated Noncash Consideration pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate, setting forth the basis of such valuation.

**“Designated Preferred Stock”** means Preferred Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) that is issued after the Closing Date for cash (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) and is so designated as Designated Preferred Stock, pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate of the Company; provided that the cash proceeds of such issuance shall be excluded from the calculation set forth in Section 6.02(a)(3)(B).

**“Disinterested Directors”** means, with respect to any Affiliate Transaction, one or more members of the Board of Directors of the Company, or one or more members of the Board of Directors having no material direct or indirect financial interest in or with respect to such Affiliate Transaction. A member of any such Board of Directors shall not be deemed to have such a financial interest by reason of such member’s holding Capital Stock of the Company or any options, warrants or other rights in respect of such Capital Stock or by reason of such member receiving any compensation in respect of such member’s role as director.

**“Discount Range”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Disclosed Matters”** means the actions, suits and proceedings and the environmental matters disclosed in Schedule 3.05.

**“Disposition”** or **“Dispose”** means the sale, lease, sublease or other disposition of any property of any Person. The fair market value of any assets or other property Disposed of shall be determined by the Company in good faith and shall be measured at the time provided for in Section 1.04(e).

**“Disqualified Stock”** means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock (other than Management Stock) that by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable or exercisable) or upon the happening of any event (other than following the occurrence of a Change of Control or other similar event described under such terms as a “change of control,” or an Asset Disposition or other disposition) (i) matures or is mandatorily redeemable pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, (ii) is convertible or exchangeable for Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or (iii) is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than following the occurrence of a Change of Control or other similar event described under such terms as a “change of control,” or an Asset Disposition or other disposition), in whole or in part, in each case on or prior to the final Stated Maturity of the Initial Term Loans; provided that Capital Stock issued to any employee benefit plan, or by any such plan to any employees of the Company or any Subsidiary, shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased or otherwise acquired or retired in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations.



**“Disqualified Institution”** means:

(a) (i) any Person identified as such by the Company in writing (and reasonably satisfactory) to the Administrative Agent, (ii) any Affiliate of any Person described in clause (i) above that is reasonably identifiable as an Affiliate of such Person on the basis of such Affiliate’s name and (iii) any other Affiliate of any Person described in clause (i) above that is identified by the Company in a written notice to the Arrangers (if prior to the Closing Date) or the Administrative Agent (if after the Closing Date) (other than Bona Fide Debt Funds other than such Bona Fide Debt Funds excluded pursuant to clause (a)(i) of this paragraph) (each such person described in clauses (i) through (iii) above, a **“Disqualified Lending Institution”**);

(b) (i) any Person that is a Company Competitor and/or any Affiliate of any Company Competitor (other than any Affiliate that is a Bona Fide Debt Fund) and is identified by the Company as such in writing to the Arrangers (if prior to the Closing Date) or the Administrative Agent (if after the Closing Date), (ii) any Affiliate of any Person described in clause (i) above (other than any Affiliate that is a Bona Fide Debt Fund) that is reasonably identifiable as an Affiliate of such person on the basis of such Affiliate’s name and (iii) any other Affiliate of any Person described in clause (i) above that is identified by the Company in a written notice to the Arrangers (if prior to the Closing Date) or to the Administrative Agent (if after the Closing Date) (it being understood and agreed that no Bona Fide Debt Fund may be designated as a Disqualified Institution pursuant to this clause (iii)), but such Bona Fide Debt Fund may be designated as a Disqualified Lending Institution pursuant to clause (a) above); and

(c) any Affiliate or Representative of any Arranger and/or any Initial Lender that is engaged as a principal primarily in private equity, mezzanine financing or venture capital;

it being understood and agreed that no written notice delivered pursuant to clauses (a)(i), (a)(iii), (b)(i) and/or (b)(iii) above shall apply retroactively to disqualify any Person that has previously acquired an assignment or participation interest in any Loans or Commitments if such Person was not a Disqualified Institution at the time of acquisition of such assignment or participation interest.

**“Disqualified Lending Institution”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Disqualified Institution”.

**“Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary”** means any Domestic Subsidiary that has no material assets other than the Capital Stock and/or Indebtedness of one or more Foreign Subsidiaries or one or more Disregarded Domestic Subsidiaries, IP Rights related to such Foreign Subsidiaries or Disregarded Domestic Subsidiaries, Cash or Cash Equivalents and other incidental assets related thereto.

**“Dollars”** or **“\$”** refers to lawful money of the U.S.

**“Domestic Subsidiary”** means any Restricted Subsidiary incorporated or organized under the laws of the U.S., any state thereof or the District of Columbia.

**“Dutch Auction”** means an auction (an **“Auction”**) conducted by any Affiliated Lender (any such Person, the **“Auction Party”**) in order to purchase Initial Term Loans (or any Additional Term Loans), substantially in accordance with the following procedures (as may be modified by such Affiliated Lender and the applicable “auction agent” in connection with a particular Auction transaction); provided that no Auction Party shall initiate any Auction unless (I) at least five Business Days have passed since the consummation of the most recent purchase of Term Loans pursuant to an Auction conducted hereunder; or (II) at least three Business Days have passed since the date of the last Failed Auction (or equivalent) which was withdrawn:

(a) Notice Procedures. In connection with any Auction, the Auction Party will provide notification to the Auction Agent (for distribution to the relevant Lenders) of the Term Loans that will be the subject of the Auction (an **“Auction Notice”**). Each Auction Notice shall be in a form reasonably acceptable to the Auction Agent and shall (i) specify the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Term Loans subject to the Auction, in a minimum amount of \$10,000,000 and whole increments of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or, in any case, such lesser amount of such Term Loans then outstanding or which is otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Auction Agent and the Administrative Agent (if different from the Auction Agent)) (the **“Auction Amount”**), (ii) specify the discount to par (which may be a range (the **“Discount Range”**) of percentages of the par principal amount of the Term Loans subject to such Auction), that represents the range of purchase prices that the Auction Party would be willing to accept in the Auction, (iii) be extended, at the sole discretion of the Auction Party, to (x) each Lender and/or (y) each Lender with respect to any Term Loan on an individual Class basis and (iv) remain outstanding through the Auction Response Date. The Auction Agent will promptly provide each appropriate Lender with a copy of the Auction Notice and a form of the Return Bid to be submitted by a responding Lender to the Auction Agent (or its delegate) by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date specified in the Auction Notice (or such later date as the Auction Party may agree with the reasonable consent of the Auction Agent) (the **“Auction Response Date”**).

(b) Reply Procedures. In connection with any Auction, each Lender holding the relevant Term Loans subject to such Auction may, in its sole discretion, participate in such Auction and may provide the Auction Agent with a notice of participation (the **“Return Bid”**) which shall be in a form reasonably acceptable to the Auction Agent, and shall specify (i) a discount to par (that must be expressed as a price at which it is willing to sell all or any portion of such Term Loans) (the **“Reply Price”**), which (when expressed as a percentage of the par principal amount of such Term Loans) must be within the Discount Range and (ii) a principal amount of such Term Loans, which must be in whole increments of \$1,000,000 (or, in any case, such lesser amount of such Term Loans of such Lender then outstanding or which is otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Auction Agent) (the **“Reply Amount”**). Lenders may only submit one Return Bid per Auction, but each Return Bid may contain up to three bids only one of which may result in a Qualifying Bid. In addition to the Return Bid, the participating Lender must execute and deliver, to be held in escrow by the Auction Agent, an Assignment and Assumption with the dollar amount of the Term Loans to be assigned to be left in blank, which amount shall be completed by the Auction Agent in accordance with the final determination of such Lender’s Qualifying Bid pursuant to clause (c) below. Any Lender whose Return Bid is not received by the Auction Agent by the Auction Response Date shall be deemed to have declined to participate in the relevant Auction with respect to all of its Term Loans.

(c) Acceptance Procedures. Based on the Reply Prices and Reply Amounts received by the Auction Agent prior to the applicable Auction Response Date, the Auction Agent, in consultation with the Auction Party, will determine the applicable price (the “**Applicable Price**”) for the Auction, which will be the lowest Reply Price for which the Auction Party can complete the Auction at the Auction Amount; provided that, in the event that the Reply Amounts are insufficient to allow the Auction Party to complete a purchase of the entire Auction Amount (any such Auction, a “**Failed Auction**”), the Auction Party shall either, at its election, (i) withdraw the Auction or (ii) complete the Auction at an Applicable Price equal to the highest Reply Price. The Auction Party shall purchase the relevant Term Loans (or the respective portions thereof) from each Lender with a Reply Price that is equal to or lower than the Applicable Price (“**Qualifying Bids**”) at the Applicable Price; provided that if the aggregate proceeds required to purchase all Term Loans subject to Qualifying Bids would exceed the Auction Amount for such Auction, the Auction Party shall purchase such Term Loans at the Applicable Price ratably based on the principal amounts of such Qualifying Bids (subject to rounding requirements specified by the Auction Agent in its discretion). If a Lender has submitted a Return Bid containing multiple bids at different Reply Prices, only the bid with the lowest Reply Price that is equal to or less than the Applicable Price will be deemed to be the Qualifying Bid of such Lender (e.g., a Reply Price of \$100 with a discount to par of 1%, when compared to an Applicable Price of \$100 with a 2% discount to par, will not be deemed to be a Qualifying Bid, while, however, a Reply Price of \$100 with a discount to par of 2.50% would be deemed to be a Qualifying Bid). The Auction Agent shall promptly, and in any case within five Business Days following the Auction Response Date with respect to an Auction, notify (I) the Company of the respective Lenders’ responses to such solicitation, the effective date of the purchase of Term Loans pursuant to such Auction, the Applicable Price, and the aggregate principal amount of the Term Loans and the tranches thereof to be purchased pursuant to such Auction, (II) each participating Lender of the effective date of the purchase of Term Loans pursuant to such Auction, the Applicable Price, and the aggregate principal amount and the tranches of Term Loans to be purchased at the Applicable Price on such date, (III) each participating Lender of the aggregate principal amount and the tranches of the Term Loans of such Lender to be purchased at the Applicable Price on such date and (IV) if applicable, each participating Lender of any rounding and/or proration pursuant to the second preceding sentence. Each determination by the Auction Agent of the amounts stated in the foregoing notices to the Company and Lenders shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes absent manifest error.

(d) Additional Procedures.

(i) Once initiated by an Auction Notice, the Auction Party may not withdraw an Auction other than a Failed Auction. Furthermore, in connection with any Auction, upon submission by a Lender of a Qualifying Bid, such Lender will be obligated to sell the entirety or its allocable portion of the Reply Amount, as the case may be, at the Applicable Price.

(ii) To the extent not expressly provided for herein, each purchase of Term Loans pursuant to an Auction shall be consummated pursuant to procedures consistent with the provisions in this definition, established by the Auction Agent acting in its reasonable discretion and as reasonably agreed by the Company.

(iii) In connection with any Auction, the Company and the Lenders acknowledge and agree that the Auction Agent may require as a condition to any Auction, the payment of customary fees and expenses by the Auction Party in connection therewith as agreed between the Auction Party and the Auction Agent.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in any Loan Document to the contrary, for purposes of this definition, each notice or other communication required to be delivered or otherwise provided to the Auction Agent (or its delegate) shall be deemed to have been given upon the Auction Agent's (or its delegate's) actual receipt during normal business hours of such notice or communication; provided that any notice or communication actually received outside of normal business hours shall be deemed to have been given as of the opening of business on the next Business Day.

(v) The Company and the Lenders acknowledge and agree that the Auction Agent may perform any and all of its duties under this definition by itself or through any Affiliate of the Auction Agent and expressly consent to any such delegation of duties by the Auction Agent to such Affiliate and the performance of such delegated duties by such Affiliate. The exculpatory provisions pursuant to this Agreement shall apply to each Affiliate of the Auction Agent and its respective activities in connection with any purchase of Term Loans provided for in this definition as well as activities of the Auction Agent.

**“Early Opt-in Election”** means, if the then current Benchmark is the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the occurrence of:

(1) a notification by the Administrative Agent to (or the request by the Company to the Administrative Agent to notify) each of the other parties hereto that at least five currently outstanding Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time contain (as a result of amendment or as originally executed) a SOFR-based rate (including SOFR, a term SOFR or any other rate based upon SOFR) as a benchmark rate (and such syndicated credit facilities are identified in such notice and are publicly available for review), and

(2) the joint election by the Administrative Agent and the Company to trigger a fallback from LIBO Rate and the provision by the Administrative Agent of written notice of such election to the Lenders.

**“ECF Prepayment Amount”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.11(b)(i).

**“EEA Financial Institution”** means (a) any institution established in any EEA Member Country that is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country that is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any institution established in an EEA Member Country that is a subsidiary of an institution described in clause (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

**“EEA Member Country”** means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

**“EEA Resolution Authority”** means any public administrative authority or any Person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

**“Effective Yield”** means, as to any Indebtedness, the effective yield applicable thereto calculated by the Administrative Agent in consultation with the Company in a manner consistent with generally accepted financial practices, taking into account (a) interest rate margins, (b) interest rate floors (subject to the proviso set forth below), (c) any amendment to the relevant interest rate margins and interest rate floors prior to the applicable date of determination and (d) original issue discount and upfront or similar fees (based on an assumed four-year average life to maturity or lesser remaining average life to maturity), but excluding (i) any advisory, arrangement, commitment, consent, structuring, success, underwriting, ticking, unused line fees, amendment fees and/or any similar fees payable in connection therewith (regardless of whether any such fees are paid to or shared in whole or in part with any lender) and (ii) any other fee that is not directly paid generally to all relevant lenders ratably (or, if only one lender (or affiliated group of lenders) is providing such Indebtedness, are fees of the type not customarily shared with lenders generally); provided, that with respect to any Indebtedness that includes a “LIBOR floor” or “Base Rate floor”, that (A) to the extent that the LIBO Rate (for an Interest Period of three months) or Alternate Base Rate (in each case without giving effect to any floor specified in the definitions thereof on the date on which the Effective Yield is being calculated) is less than such floor, the amount of such difference will be deemed added to the interest rate margin applicable to such Indebtedness for purposes of calculating the Effective Yield and (B) to the extent that the LIBO Rate (for an Interest Period of three months) or Alternate Base Rate (in each case, without giving effect to any floor specified in the definitions thereof) is greater than such floor, the floor will be disregarded in calculating the Effective Yield.

**“Eligible Assignee”** means (a) any Lender, (b) any commercial bank, insurance company, finance company, financial institution, any fund that invests in loans or any other “accredited investor” (as defined in Regulation D of the Securities Act), (c) any Affiliate of any Lender or (d) any Approved Fund of any Lender; provided that in any event, “Eligible Assignee” shall not include (i) any natural person, (ii) any Disqualified Institution or Defaulting Lender or (iii) except as permitted under Section 9.05(g), the Company or any of its Affiliates.

**“Environmental Laws”** means all applicable laws, rules, regulations, codes, orders-in-council, ordinances, orders, decrees, judgments, injunctions or binding agreements issued, promulgated or entered into by any Governmental Authority, relating to the environment, preservation or reclamation of natural resources or the management, release or threatened release of any Hazardous Material.

**“Environmental Liability”** means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

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

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Company, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

“EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule” means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

“Event of Default” has the meaning set forth in Article 7.

“Excess Cash Flow” means, for any Excess Cash Flow Period, an amount (if positive) equal to:

(a) the sum, without duplication, of the amounts for such period of the following:

(i) Consolidated EBITDA for such period without giving effect to clause (9) of the definition thereof,  
*plus*

(ii) the Consolidated Working Capital Adjustment for such period, *plus*

(iii) cash gains of the type described in clauses (1), (5), and (6) of the definition of “Consolidated Net Income”, to the extent not otherwise included in calculating Consolidated EBITDA (except to the extent such gains consist of proceeds utilized in calculating amounts subject to Section 2.11(b)(ii)), *plus*

(iv) to the extent not otherwise included in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA for such period, cash payments received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to amounts deducted from Excess Cash Flow in a prior period pursuant to clause (b)(vii) below, *minus*

(b) the sum, without duplication, of the amounts for such period (or, in the case of clauses (b)(i), (b)(iii), (b)(iv), (b)(x), (b)(xi) and (b)(xiii), at the option of the Company, amounts after such period to the extent paid prior to the date of the applicable Excess Cash Flow payment) of the following:

(i) the aggregate principal amount of (i) all optional prepayments of Indebtedness (other than any (A) optional prepayment of Indebtedness that is deducted in calculating the amount of any Excess Cash Flow payment in accordance with Section 2.11(b)(i) or (B) revolving Indebtedness except to the extent any related commitment is permanently reduced in connection with such repayment), (ii) all mandatory prepayments and scheduled repayments of Indebtedness and (iii) the aggregate amount of any premiums, make-whole or penalty payments actually paid in Cash by the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary that are or were required to be made in connection with any prepayment of Indebtedness, in each case, except to the extent financed with long-term funded Indebtedness (other than revolving Indebtedness), *plus*

(ii) [reserved], *plus*

(iii) Fixed Charges and other items added back under clauses (2) of the definition of Consolidated EBITDA to the extent paid or payable in Cash (including (A) fees and expenses paid to the Administrative Agent in connection with its services hereunder, (B) other bank, administrative agency (or trustee) and financing fees (including rating agency fees and other fees in respect of any ABL Facility), (C) costs of surety bonds in connection with financing activities (whether amortized or immediately expensed) and (D) commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to revolving commitments, letters of credit, bank guarantees, bankers' acceptances or any similar facilities or financing and Hedging Agreements), *plus*

(iv) Consolidated Taxes (including Taxes paid or payable pursuant to any Tax sharing arrangement or arrangements and/or any Tax distribution) paid or estimated in good faith to be payable by the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary, and provisions for Taxes, to the extent payable by the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary in Cash with respect to such Excess Cash Flow Period, *plus*

(v) [reserved], *plus*

(vi) any foreign translation losses paid or payable in Cash (including any currency re-measurement of Indebtedness, any net gain or loss resulting from Hedging Agreements for currency exchange risk resulting from any intercompany Indebtedness, any foreign currency translation or transaction or any other currency-related risk) to the extent included in calculating Consolidated EBITDA, *plus*

(vii) amounts added back under clause 17 of the definition of Consolidated Net Income with respect to insurance, in each case to the extent such amounts have not yet been received by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries, *plus*

(viii) an amount equal to (A) all Charges either (1) excluded in calculating Consolidated Net Income or (2) added back in calculating Consolidated EBITDA, in each case, to the extent paid or payable in cash and (B) all non-Cash credits included in calculating Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated EBITDA, *plus*

(ix) [reserved], *plus*

(x) to the extent not expensed (or exceeding the amount expensed) during such period or not deducted (or exceeding the amount deducted) in calculating Consolidated Net Income, the aggregate amount of Charges paid or payable in Cash by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period, other than to the extent financed with long-term funded Indebtedness (other than revolving Indebtedness), *plus*

(xi) Cash payments (other than in respect of Consolidated Taxes, which are governed by clause (iv) above) made during such period for any liability the accrual of which in a prior period did not reduce Consolidated EBITDA and therefore increased Excess Cash Flow in such prior period (provided there was no other deduction to Consolidated EBITDA or Excess Cash Flow related to such payment), except to the extent financed with long term funded Indebtedness (other than revolving Indebtedness), *plus*

(xii) [reserved], *plus*

(xiii) amounts paid in Cash (except to the extent financed with long term funded Indebtedness (other than revolving Indebtedness)) during such period on account of (A) items that were accounted for as non-Cash reductions of Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated EBITDA in a prior period and (B) reserves or amounts established in purchase accounting to the extent such reserves or amounts are added back to, or not deducted from, Consolidated Net Income, *plus*

(xiv) the amount of any payment of Cash to be amortized or expensed over a future period and recorded as a long-term asset, *plus*

(xv) [reserved], *plus*

(xvi) [reserved], *plus*

(xvii) the aggregate amount of any extraordinary, unusual, special or non-recurring cash Charges or Charges referred to in clauses (1) of the definition of Consolidated Net Income paid or payable during such period (whether or not incurred in such Excess Cash Flow Period) that were excluded in calculating Consolidated EBITDA (including any component definition used therein) for such period.

Notwithstanding anything else provided in this Agreement, (x) the amounts deducted under clause (b) above shall in no event be duplicative of amounts deducted under sub-clauses (1) through (9) of Section 2.11(b)(i) and (y) to the extent an amount is eligible to be deducted under either clause (b) above or sub-clauses (1) through (9) of Section 2.11(b)(i), unless otherwise elected by the Company on or prior to the date of the applicable Excess Cash Flow payment, such amounts shall be deemed to have been deducted under sub-clauses (1) through (9) of Section 2.11(b)(i).

**“Excess Cash Flow Period”** means each full fiscal year of the Company ending after the Closing Date (commencing, for the avoidance of doubt, with the fiscal year of the Company ending on January 28, 2023).

**“Exchange Act”** means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

**“Excluded Assets”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the Collateral Agreement.

**“Excluded Contribution”** means Net Cash Proceeds, or the Fair Market Value (as of the date of contribution) of property or assets, received by the Company as capital contributions to the Company after the Closing Date or from the issuance or sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company, in each case to the extent designated as an Excluded Contribution pursuant to an Officer’s Certificate of the Company and not previously included in the calculation set forth in Section 6.02(a)(3)(B)(x) for purposes of determining whether a Restricted Payment may be made.

**“Excluded Subsidiary”** means:

(a) any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary,



(b) any Immaterial Subsidiary,

(c) any Restricted Subsidiary that is prohibited or restricted by law, rule or regulation or contractual obligation (in the case of any such contractual obligation, where such contractual obligation exists on the Closing Date or on the date such entity becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, as long as such contractual obligation was not entered into in contemplation of such person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary) from Guaranteeing the Obligations or that would require a governmental (including regulatory) or third party consent, approval, license or authorization to Guarantee the Obligations (including under any financial assistance, corporate benefit, thin capitalization, capital maintenance, liquidity maintenance or similar legal principles) for so long as the applicable prohibition or restriction is in effect and unless and until such consent has been received, it being understood that the Company and its subsidiaries shall have no obligation to obtain any such consent, approval, license or authorization,

(d) any not-for-profit subsidiary,

(e) any Captive Insurance Subsidiary or subsidiary that is a broker-dealer,

(f) any special purpose entity (including a special purpose entity used for any permitted securitization or receivables facility or financing) and any Receivables Subsidiary,

(g) any Foreign Subsidiary,

(h) (i) any Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary or (ii) any Domestic Subsidiary that is a direct or indirect subsidiary of any Foreign Subsidiary or any Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary,

(i) any Unrestricted Subsidiary,

(j) any Restricted Subsidiary acquired pursuant to an acquisition or other Investment permitted by this Agreement that has Indebtedness at the time of such acquisition or Investment, and not Incurred in contemplation thereof, and any Restricted Subsidiary thereof that guarantees such Indebtedness, in each case to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness prohibit such Restricted Subsidiary from becoming a Subsidiary Guarantor,

(k) any Restricted Subsidiary if the provision of a Guarantee of the Obligations could reasonably be expected to result in adverse tax or regulatory consequences to any Loan Party or any of its subsidiaries or parent companies that are not de minimis as determined by the Company in good faith, and

(l) any other Restricted Subsidiary with respect to which, in the good faith judgment of the Administrative Agent and the Company, the burden or cost of providing a Guarantee of the Obligations outweighs the benefits afforded thereby.

[**“Excluded Taxes”** means, any of the following Taxes imposed on or, with respect to, or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to, the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party hereunder, (a) Taxes imposed on (or measured by) its net income, franchise Taxes and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed by the jurisdiction under the laws of which such recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable lending office is located or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, any U.S. federal withholding tax that is imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender at the time such Lender becomes a party to this Agreement (or designates a new lending office), except (i) pursuant to an assignment or designation of a new lending office under Section 2.19 and (ii) to the extent that such Lender (or the assignor, if any) was entitled, immediately before the designation of a new lending office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts from any Loan Party with respect to such withholding tax pursuant to Section 2.17, (c) any tax imposed as a result of a failure by the Administrative Agent or any Lender or any other recipient to comply with Section 2.17(f) and (d) any withholding tax under FATCA.]

**“Exempt Sale and Leaseback Transaction”** means any Sale and Leaseback Transaction (a) in which the sale or transfer of property occurs within 180 days of the acquisition of such property by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (b) that involves property with a book value equal to the greater of \$60.0 million and 1.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets or less and is not part of a series of related Sale and Leaseback Transactions involving property with an aggregate value in excess of such amount and entered into with a single Person or group of Persons. For purposes of the foregoing, “Sale and Leaseback Transaction” means any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries of real or personal property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by the Company or any such Subsidiary to such Person or to any other Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property or rental obligations of the Company or such Subsidiary.

**“Extended Term Loans”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a)(ii).

**“Extension”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

**“Extension Amendment”** means an amendment to this Agreement that is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (to the extent required by Section 2.23) and the Company, executed by each of (a) the Company, (b) the Administrative Agent and (c) each Lender that has accepted the applicable Extension Offer pursuant hereto and in accordance with Section 2.23.

**“Extension Offer”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.23(a).

**“Failed Auction”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Fair Market Value”** means, with respect to any asset or property, the fair market value of such asset or property as determined in good faith by senior management of the Company or the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive.

**“FATCA”** means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with); any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof; any intergovernmental agreements entered into thereunder and any law, regulation or official guidance adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements; and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

**“Federal Funds Effective Rate”** means, for any day, the rate calculated by the NYFRB based on such day’s federal funds transactions by depository institutions (as determined in such manner as shall be set forth on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Website from time to time) and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as the federal funds effective rate; provided that if such rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for all purposes of this Agreement.

**“Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Website”** means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source.

**“Fee Letter”** means that certain Fee Letter dated June [●], 2021.

**“Finance Lease Obligation”** means an obligation that is required to be classified and accounted for as a finance lease for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP. The Stated Maturity of any Finance Lease Obligation shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under the related lease.

**“Financing Disposition”** means any sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of, or creation or incurrence of any Lien on, property or assets by the Company or any Subsidiary thereof to or in favor of any Receivables Subsidiary in connection with the Incurrence by a Receivables Subsidiary of Indebtedness, or obligations to make payments to the obligor on Indebtedness, which may be secured by a Lien in respect of such property or assets.

**“Fixed Amounts”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(g).

**“Fixed Charges”** means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of: (1) Consolidated Interest Expense (excluding amortization or write-off of deferred financing costs) of such Person for such period, and (2) all cash dividend payments (excluding items eliminated in consolidation) on any series of Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

**“Floor”** means the benchmark rate floor, if any, provided in this Agreement initially (as of the execution of this Agreement, the modification, amendment or renewal of this Agreement or otherwise) with respect to the Adjusted LIBO Rate.

**“Foreign Lender”** means any Lender that is not a U.S. Person.

**“Foreign Subsidiary”** means any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

**“Funding Account”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.03(f).

**“GAAP”** means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

**“Governmental Authority”** means the government of the United States, any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

**“Granting Lender”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.05(e).

**“Guarantee”** means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person; provided 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.

**“Guarantor Subordinated Obligations”** means, with respect to a Subsidiary Guarantor, any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary Guarantor (whether outstanding on the Closing Date or thereafter Incurred) that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to a written agreement (other than Indebtedness owing to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary).

**“Hazardous Materials”** means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes in each case which are regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

**“Hedging Agreements”** means, collectively, Interest Rate Agreements, Currency Agreements and Commodities Agreements or other agreement or arrangement designed to protect against fluctuations in interest rates or currency, commodity or equity values (including, without limitation, any option with respect to any of the foregoing and any combination of the foregoing agreement or arrangements), and any confirmation executed in connection with any such agreement or arrangement.

**“Hedging Obligations”** of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any Interest Rate Agreement, Currency Agreement or Commodities Agreement.

**“IFRS”** means international accounting standards within the meaning of the IAS Regulation 1606/2002, as in effect from time to time (subject to the provisions of Section 1.04), to the extent applicable to the relevant financial statements.

**“Immaterial Subsidiary”** means, at any time, Restricted Subsidiaries that at such time, in the aggregate for all such Restricted Subsidiaries, (i) directly own less than 10% of the amount of Qualifying Assets owned directly by all Restricted Subsidiaries and (ii) directly own accounts receivable and inventory representing less than 5% of the book value of the accounts receivable and inventory directly owned by all Restricted Subsidiaries.

**“Impacted Interest Period”** has the meaning assigned to it in the definition of “LIBO Rate.”

**“Incremental Cap”** means, as of any date of determination:

- (a) the Shared Incremental Amount as of such date, *plus*
- (b) in the case of any Incremental Facility or Incremental Equivalent Debt that effectively extends the Maturity Date with respect to any Class of Loans and/or commitments hereunder, an amount equal to the portion of the relevant Class of Loans or commitments that will be replaced by such Incremental Facility or Incremental Equivalent Debt, *plus*
- (c) [reserved], *plus*

(d) (i) the amount of any optional prepayment of any Loan (including any Incremental Loan) in accordance with Section 2.11(a), (ii) the amount of any optional prepayment, redemption, repurchase or retirement of Incremental Equivalent Debt that is *pari passu* with the Initial Term Loans in right of payment and with respect to security (without regard to the control of remedies) or that was originally incurred in reliance on the preceding clause (a), (iii) the amount of any optional prepayment, redemption or repurchase of any Replacement Term Loan or any borrowing or issuance of Replacement Debt previously applied to the permanent prepayment of any Loan hereunder or of any Incremental Equivalent Debt, in each case that is *pari passu* with the Initial Term Loans in right of payment and with respect to security (without regard to the control of remedies) or that was originally incurred in reliance on the preceding clause (a), (iv) [reserved] and (v) the aggregate amount of any Indebtedness referred to in clauses (i) through (iii) repaid or retired resulting from any assignment of such Indebtedness to (and/or assignment and/or purchase of such Indebtedness by) the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary; provided that for each of clauses (i) through (v), the relevant prepayment, redemption, repurchase or assignment and/or purchase was not funded with the proceeds of any long-term Indebtedness (other than revolving Indebtedness), *plus*

(e) an unlimited amount so long as, in the case of this clause (e), on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the incurrence of the Incremental Facility or the Incremental Equivalent Debt, as applicable, and the application of the proceeds thereof (other than any Cash funded to the consolidated balance sheet of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) and to any relevant Subject Transaction,

(i) if such Indebtedness is secured by Parity Priority Liens on the Collateral either (x) the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio does not exceed the greater of (x) 1.50:1.00 and (y) if such Indebtedness is incurred to finance an acquisition or other Investment permitted hereunder, the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio immediately prior to giving effect thereto, and

(ii) in the case of any other Indebtedness the Consolidated Coverage Ratio is not less than the lesser of (x) 2.00:1.00 and (y) if such Indebtedness is incurred to finance an acquisition or other Investment permitted hereunder, the Consolidated Coverage Ratio immediately prior to giving effect thereto, provided that:

(1) any Incremental Facility and/or Incremental Equivalent Debt may be incurred under one or more of clauses (a) through (e) of this definition as selected by the Company in its sole discretion (provided that, in the case of clause (e), an Incremental Facility may be incurred only under clause (i) thereof),

(2) if any Incremental Facility or Incremental Equivalent Debt is intended to be incurred under clause (e) of this definition and any other clause of this definition in a single transaction or series of related transactions, (A) the incurrence of the portion of such Incremental Facility or Incremental Equivalent Debt to be incurred or implemented under clause (e) of this definition shall be calculated first without giving effect to any Incremental Facilities or Incremental Equivalent Debt to be incurred under any other clause of this definition, but giving full pro forma effect to the use of proceeds of the entire amount of such Incremental Facility or Incremental Equivalent Debt and the related transactions and (B) the incurrence of the portion of such Incremental Facility or Incremental Equivalent Debt to be incurred or implemented under the other applicable clauses of this definition shall be calculated thereafter, and

(3) any portion of any Incremental Facility or Incremental Equivalent Debt that is Incurred under clauses (a) through (d) of this definition, unless otherwise elected by the Company, shall automatically and without need for action by any Person, be reclassified as having been Incurred under clause (e) of this definition if, at any time after the Incurrence thereof, when financial statements required pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(i) or (ii) are delivered, such portion of such Incremental Facility or Incremental Equivalent Debt would, using the figures reflected in such financial statements, be (or have been) permitted under the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio or Consolidated Coverage Ratio test, as applicable, set forth in clause (e) of this definition.

**“Incremental Commitment”** means any commitment made by a lender to provide all or any portion of any Incremental Facility or Incremental Loans.

**“Incremental Equivalent Debt”** means any Indebtedness incurred by any Loan Party (which may be Guaranteed by one or more Loan Parties) that satisfies the following conditions:

(a) the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof does not exceed the Incremental Cap as in effect at the time of determination (after giving effect to any reclassification on or prior to such date of determination),

(b) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of such Indebtedness is no shorter than the remaining Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Initial Term Loans and the final maturity date of such Indebtedness is no earlier than the Latest Maturity Date, in each case as determined on the date of the issuance or incurrence, as applicable, thereof; provided, that the foregoing limitations shall not apply to (i) customary bridge loans with a maturity date of not longer than one year; provided, that either (x) the terms of such bridge loans provide for automatic extension of the maturity date thereof to a date that is not earlier than the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date or (y) any loans, notes, securities or other Indebtedness (other than revolving loans) which are exchanged for or otherwise replace such bridge loans shall be subject to the requirements of this clause (b), (ii) [reserved] and (iii) Indebtedness having an aggregate principal amount outstanding not exceeding the greater of \$500.0 million and 50% of Consolidated EBITDA as of the last day of the most recently ended Test Period,

(c) subject to clause (b), such Indebtedness may otherwise have an amortization schedule as determined by the Company and the lenders providing such Indebtedness,

(d) if such Indebtedness is in the form of broadly syndicated Dollar-denominated term B loans that are *pari passu* with the Initial Term Loans in right of payment and with respect to security, the MFN Provisions of Section 2.22(a)(v) shall apply to such Indebtedness as if (but only to the extent, including after giving effect to the applicable exclusions and sunset provisions thereof) such Indebtedness was an Incremental Term Facility of the type subject to the provisions of Section 2.22(a)(v), *mutatis mutandis*, and

(e) if such Indebtedness is secured by assets that constitute Collateral, the holders of such Indebtedness (or a representative therefor) shall be party to an Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement.

**“Incremental Facilities”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

**“Incremental Facility Amendment”** means an amendment to this Agreement that is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (solely for purposes of giving effect to Section 2.22) and the Company executed by each of (a) the Company and each other Borrower, (b) the Administrative Agent and (c) each Lender that agrees to provide all or any portion of the Incremental Facility being incurred pursuant thereto and in accordance with Section 2.22.

**“Incremental Loans”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

**“Incremental Term Facility”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

**“Incremental Term Loans”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

**“Incur”** means issue, assume, enter into any Guarantee of, incur or otherwise become liable for; and the terms **“Incurs,”** **“Incurred”** and **“Incurrence”** shall have a correlative meaning; provided that any Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary (whether by merger, consolidation, acquisition or otherwise) shall be deemed to be Incurred by such Subsidiary at the time it becomes a Subsidiary. Accrual of interest, the accretion of accreted value, the payment of interest in the form of additional Indebtedness, and the payment of dividends on Capital Stock constituting Indebtedness in the form of additional shares of the same class of Capital Stock, will be deemed not to be an Incurrence of Indebtedness. Any Indebtedness issued at a discount (including Indebtedness on which interest is payable through the issuance of additional Indebtedness) shall be deemed Incurred at the time of original issuance of the Indebtedness at the initial accreted amount thereof.

**“Incurrence-Based Amounts”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(g).

**“Indebtedness”** means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination (without duplication):

- (i) the principal of indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money;
- (ii) the principal of obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (iii) all reimbursement obligations of such Person in respect of letters of credit, bankers’ acceptances or other similar instruments (the amount of such obligations being equal at any time to the aggregate amount of drawings thereunder that have not then been reimbursed);
- (iv) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property (except accruals and Trade Payables), which purchase price is due more than one year after the date of placing such property in final service or taking final delivery and title thereto;
- (v) all Finance Lease Obligations of such Person;

(vi) the redemption, repayment or other repurchase amount of such Person with respect to any Disqualified Stock of such Person or (if such Person is a Subsidiary of the Company other than a Subsidiary Guarantor) any Preferred Stock of such Subsidiary, but excluding, in each case, any accrued dividends (the amount of such obligation to be equal at any time to the maximum fixed involuntary redemption, repayment or repurchase price for such Capital Stock, or if less (or if such Capital Stock has no such fixed price), to the involuntary redemption, repayment or repurchase price therefor calculated in accordance with the terms thereof as if then redeemed, repaid or repurchased, and if such price is based upon or measured by the Fair Market Value of such Capital Stock, such Fair Market Value shall be as determined in good faith by senior management of the Company, the Board of Directors of the Company or the Board of Directors of the issuer of such Capital Stock);

(vii) all Indebtedness of other Persons secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person; provided that the amount of Indebtedness of such Person shall be the lesser of (A) the Fair Market Value of such asset at such date of determination (as determined in good faith by the Company) and (B) the amount of such Indebtedness of such other Persons;

(viii) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of other Persons, to the extent so Guaranteed by such Person; and

(ix) to the extent not otherwise included in this definition, net Hedging Obligations of such Person (the amount of any such obligation to be equal at any time to the termination value of such agreement or arrangement giving rise to such Hedging Obligation that would be payable by such Person at such time); provided that Indebtedness shall not include Contingent Obligations Incurred in the ordinary course of business.

The amount of Indebtedness of any Person at any date shall be determined as set forth above or as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, or otherwise shall equal the amount thereof that would appear as a liability on a balance sheet of such Person (excluding any notes thereto) prepared in accordance with GAAP.

**“Indemnified Taxes”** means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of the Company under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a), Other Taxes.

**“Indemnitee”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.03(b).

**“Initial Agreement”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.03(iii).

**“Initial Lenders”** means the Arrangers and the affiliates of the Arrangers who are party to this Agreement as Lenders on the Closing Date.

**“Initial Term Lender”** means any Lender with an Initial Term Loan Commitment or an outstanding Initial Term Loan.



**“Initial Term Loan Commitment”** means, with respect to each Term Lender, the commitment of such Term Lender to make Initial Term Loans hereunder in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Term Lender’s name on the Commitment Schedule, as the same may be (a) reduced from time to time pursuant to Section 2.09 or Section 2.19 and (b) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to (x) assignments by or to such Term Lender pursuant to Section 9.05 or (y) an Additional Term Loan Commitment. The aggregate amount of the Term Lenders’ Initial Term Loan Commitments on the Closing Date is \$400,000,000.

**“Initial Term Loan Maturity Date”** means the date that is seven years after the Closing Date.

**“Initial Term Loans”** means the term loans made by the Initial Term Lenders to the Company pursuant to Section 2.01(a).

**“Intellectual Property Security Agreement”** means any agreement executed on or after the Closing Date confirming or effecting the grant of any Lien on IP Rights owned by any Loan Party to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in accordance with this Agreement, including any of the following: (a) a Trademark Security Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit H-1 hereto, (b) a Patent Security Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit H-2 hereto or (c) a Copyright Security Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit H-3 hereto.

**“Intercreditor Agreements”** means, collectively, (a) the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, (b) the Pari Passu Intercreditor Agreement and (c) any other Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement.

**“Interest Election Request”** means a request by the Company in the form of Exhibit D hereto or another form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent to convert or continue a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.08.

**“Interest Payment Date”** means (a) with respect to any ABR Loan, the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December (commencing with the last Business Day of September 2021) or the maturity date applicable to such Loan and (b) with respect to any LIBO Rate Loan, the last day of the Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a LIBO Rate Borrowing with an Interest Period of more than three-months’ duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at intervals of three-months’ duration after the first day of such Interest Period.

**“Interest Period”** means with respect to any LIBO Rate Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months (or, with the consent of each Lender, twelve months) thereafter, as the Company may elect; provided, that (i) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless, in the case of a LIBO Rate Borrowing only, such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day, (ii) any Interest Period pertaining to a LIBO Rate Borrowing that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the last calendar month of such Interest Period and (iii) any Interest Period with respect to any Class that would otherwise end after the Maturity Date applicable to such Class will end on the Maturity Date applicable to such Class. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

**“Interest Rate Agreement”** means, with respect to any Person, any interest rate protection agreement, future agreement, option agreement, swap agreement, cap agreement, collar agreement, hedge agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement (including derivative agreements or arrangements), as to which such Person is a party or a beneficiary.

**“Interpolated Rate”** means, at any time, for any Interest Period, the rate *per annum* (rounded to the same number of decimal places as the LIBO Screen Rate) determined by the Administrative Agent (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) to be equal to the rate that results from interpolating on a linear basis between: (a) the LIBO Screen Rate for the longest period (for which the LIBO Screen Rate is available) that is shorter than the Impacted Interest Period; and (b) the LIBO Screen Rate for the shortest period (for which that LIBO Screen Rate is available) that exceeds the Impacted Interest Period, in each case, at such time.

**“Inventory”** means goods held for sale, lease or use by a Person in the ordinary course of business, net of any reserve for goods that have been segregated by such Person to be returned to the applicable vendor for credit, as determined in accordance with GAAP.

**“Investment”** in any Person by any other Person means any direct or indirect advance, loan or other extension of credit (other than to customers, dealers, licensees, sublicensees, franchisees, suppliers, consultants, directors, officers or employees of any Person in the ordinary course of business) or capital contribution (by means of any transfer of cash or other property to others or any payment for property or services for the account or use of others) to, or any purchase or acquisition of Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other similar instruments issued by, such Person. For purposes of the definition of “Unrestricted Subsidiary” and Section 6.02 only, (i) “Investment” shall include the portion (proportionate to the Company’s equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of any Subsidiary of the Company at the time that such Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary; provided that upon a redesignation of such Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, the Company shall be deemed to continue to have a permanent “Investment” in an Unrestricted Subsidiary in an amount (if positive) equal to (x) the Company’s “Investment” in such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation less (y) the portion (proportionate to the Company’s equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation, (ii) any property transferred to or from an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be valued at its Fair Market Value (as determined in good faith by the Company) at the time of such transfer and (iii) for purposes of Section 6.02(a)(3)(C), the amount resulting from the redesignation of any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary shall be the Fair Market Value of the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation. Guarantees shall not be deemed to be Investments. The amount of any Investment outstanding at any time shall be the original cost of such Investment, reduced (at the Company’s option) by any dividend, distribution, interest payment, return of capital, repayment or other amount or value received in respect of such Investment; provided that to the extent that the amount of Restricted Payments outstanding at any time pursuant to Section 6.02(a) is so reduced by any portion of any such amount or value that would otherwise be included in the calculation of Consolidated Net Income, such portion of such amount or value shall not be so included for purposes of calculating the amount of Restricted Payments that may be made pursuant to Section 6.02(a).

**“Investment Grade Rating”** means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody’s and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, or any equivalent rating by any other rating agency.

**“Investment Grade Securities”** means (i) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (other than Cash Equivalents); (ii) debt securities or debt instruments with an Investment Grade Rating, but excluding any debt securities or instruments constituting loans or advances among the Company and its Subsidiaries; (iii) investments in any fund that invests exclusively in investments of the type described in clauses (i) and (ii) above, which fund may also hold cash pending investment or distribution; and (iv) corresponding instruments in countries other than the United States customarily utilized for high-quality investments.

**“IP Rights”** refers to the Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, domain names, trade secrets and all other similar intellectual property rights owned or licensed by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

**“IRS”** means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

**“ISDA CDS Definitions”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.02(b).

**“ISDA Definitions”** means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or such successor thereto.

**“Junior Capital”** means, collectively, any Indebtedness of the Company that (i) is not secured by any asset of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) is expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full of the Loans on terms consistent with those for senior subordinated high yield debt securities issued by U.S. companies (as determined in good faith by the Company, which determination shall be conclusive), (iii) has a final maturity date that is not earlier than, and provides for no scheduled payments of principal prior to, the date that is 91 days after the maturity of the Initial Term Loans (other than through conversion or exchange of any such Indebtedness for Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any other Junior Capital), (iv) has no mandatory redemption or prepayment obligations other than (x) obligations that are subject to the prior payment in full in cash of the Initial Term Loans or (y) pursuant to an escrow or similar arrangement with respect to the proceeds of such Junior Capital and (v) does not require the payment of cash interest until the date that is 91 days after the maturity of the Initial Term Loans.

**“L Brands”** means L Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

**“Latest Maturity Date”** means, as of any date of determination, the latest maturity or expiration date applicable to any Loan or Commitment hereunder at such time, including the latest maturity or expiration date of any Initial Term Loan or Additional Term Loan.

**“Lender Presentation”** means the Lender Presentation dated June [ ], 2021 used in connection with the syndication of the initial credit facilities hereunder.

**“Lender-Related Person”** has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.04.

**“Liabilities”** means any losses, claims (including intraparty claims), demands, damages or liabilities of any kind.

**“Lenders”** means the Term Lenders, any lender with an Additional Commitment or an outstanding Additional Loan and any other Person that becomes a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment Agreement, other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment Agreement or as a result of the application of Section 9.05(g).

**“LIBO Rate”** means, with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing for any Interest Period, the LIBO Screen Rate at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period; provided that if the LIBO Screen Rate shall not be available at such time for such Interest Period (an **“Impacted Interest Period”**) then the LIBO Rate shall be the Interpolated Rate.

**“LIBO Screen Rate”** means, for any day and time, with respect to any LIBO Rate Borrowing for any Interest Period, the London interbank offered rate as administered by ICE Benchmark Administration (or any other Person that takes over the administration of such rate for Dollars for a period equal in length to such Interest Period as displayed on such day and time on pages LIBOR01 or LIBOR02 of the Reuters screen that displays such rate (or, in the event such rate does not appear on a Reuters page or screen, on any successor or substitute page on such screen that displays such rate, or on the appropriate page of such other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion).

**“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), in each case in the nature of security; provided that in no event shall a Non-Financing Lease Obligation in and of itself be deemed to constitute a Lien or lease in the nature thereof).

**“Loan Documents”** means this Agreement, any Promissory Note, the Collateral Documents, the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, any Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement and any other document or instrument designated by the Company and the Administrative Agent as a “Loan Document”, including any Incremental Facility Amendment, Refinancing Amendment or Extension Amendment or any other amendment hereto or thereto. Any reference in this Agreement or any other Loan Document to a Loan Document shall include all appendices, exhibits or schedules thereto.

**“Loan Installment Date”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.10(a).

**“Loan Parties”** means the Borrowers and the Subsidiary Loan Parties.

**“Loans”** means the loans made by the Lenders to the Borrowers pursuant to this Agreement.

**“Management Advances”** means (1) loans or advances made to directors, management members, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (x) in respect of travel, entertainment or moving-related expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business, (y) in respect of moving-related expenses incurred in connection with any closing or consolidation of any facility or (z) in the ordinary course of business and (in the case of this clause (z)) not exceeding \$20.0 million in the aggregate outstanding at any time, (2) promissory notes of Management Investors acquired in connection with the issuance of Management Stock to such Management Investors, (3) Management Guarantees, or (4) other Guarantees of borrowings by Management Investors in connection with the purchase of Management Stock, which Guarantees are permitted under Section 6.01.

**“Management Guarantees”** means guarantees (x) of up to an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time of \$30.0 million of borrowings by Management Investors in connection with their purchase of Management Stock or (y) made on behalf of, or in respect of loans or advances made to, directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (1) in respect of travel, entertainment and moving related expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business or (2) in the ordinary course of business and (in the case of this clause (2)) not exceeding \$15.0 million in the aggregate outstanding at any time.

**“Management Indebtedness”** means Indebtedness Incurred to (a) any Person other than a Management Investor of up to an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time of \$30.0 million and (b) any Management Investor, in each case, to finance the repurchase or other acquisition of Capital Stock of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof) from any Management Investor, which repurchase or other acquisition of Capital Stock is permitted by Section 6.02.

**“Management Investors”** means the management members, officers, directors, employees and other members of the management of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or family members or relatives of any of the foregoing, or trusts, partnerships or limited liability companies for the benefit of any of the foregoing, or any of their heirs, executors, successors and legal representatives, who at any date beneficially own or have the right to acquire, directly or indirectly, Capital Stock of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary.

**“Management Stock”** means Capital Stock of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof) held by any of the Management Investors.

**“Market Capitalization”** means an amount equal to (i) the total number of issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company or any direct or indirect parent company on the date of declaration of the relevant dividend multiplied by (ii) the arithmetic mean of the closing prices per share of such capital stock on the New York Stock Exchange (or, if the primary listing of such capital stock is on another exchange, on such other exchange) for the 30 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date of declaration of such dividend.

**“Market Intercreditor Agreement”** means an intercreditor or subordination agreement or arrangement (which may take the form of a “waterfall” or similar provision) the terms of which are either (a) consistent with market terms governing intercreditor arrangements for the sharing or subordination of liens or arrangements relating to the distribution of payments, as applicable, at the time the applicable agreement or arrangement is proposed to be established in light of the type of Indebtedness subject thereto or (b) in the case of the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, or in the event a “Market Intercreditor Agreement” has been entered into after the Closing Date meeting the requirement of preceding clause (a), the terms of which are, taken as a whole, not materially less favorable to the Lenders than the terms of such Intercreditor Agreement or Market Intercreditor Agreement to the extent such agreement governs similar priorities, in each case of clause (a) or (b) as determined by the Company in good faith.

**“Material Acquisition”** means any acquisition or other Investment the aggregate consideration for which exceeds \$[●].

**“Material Adverse Effect”** means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole or (ii) the material rights and remedies (taken as a whole) of the Administrative Agent under the applicable Loan Documents.

**“Material Debt Instrument”** means any physical instrument evidencing any Indebtedness for borrowed money which is required to be pledged and delivered to the Administrative Agent (or its bailee) pursuant to the Collateral Agreement.

**“Material Investment”** means any Investment, the aggregate consideration for which is greater than \$[●].

**“Material Subsidiary”** means any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is not an Immaterial Subsidiary.

**“Maturity Date”** means (a) with respect to the Initial Term Loans, the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, (b) with respect to any Replacement Term Loans, the final maturity date for such Replacement Term Loans, as set forth in the applicable Refinancing Amendment, and (c) with respect to any Incremental Facility, the final maturity date set forth in the applicable Incremental Facility Amendment.

**“Maximum Rate”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.19.

**“MFN Provision”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a)(v).

**“Moody’s”** means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc.

**“Multiemployer Plan”** means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

**“Net Available Cash”** from an Asset Disposition means an amount equal to the cash payments received (including any cash payments received by way of deferred payment of principal pursuant to a note or installment receivable or otherwise, but only as and when received, but excluding any other consideration received in the form of assumption by the acquiring Person of Indebtedness or other obligations relating to the properties or assets that are the subject of such Asset Disposition or received in any other non-cash form) therefrom, in each case net of (i) all legal, title and recording tax expenses, commissions and other fees and expenses incurred, and all Federal, state, provincial, foreign and local taxes required to be paid or to be accrued as a liability under GAAP, in each case as a consequence of, or in respect of, such Asset Disposition (including as a consequence of any transfer of funds in connection with the application thereof in accordance with Section 6.04), (ii) all payments made, and all installment payments required to be made, on any Indebtedness (x) that is secured by any assets subject to such Asset Disposition, in accordance with the terms of any Lien upon such assets (except, in the case of Collateral, to the extent such Lien ranks junior to the Lien thereon securing the Obligations hereunder), or (y) that must by its terms, or in order to obtain a necessary consent to such Asset Disposition, or by applicable law, be repaid out of the proceeds from such Asset Disposition, including but not limited to any payments required to be made to increase borrowing availability under any revolving credit facility, (iii) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Subsidiaries or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Disposition, or to any other Person (other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) owning a beneficial interest in the assets disposed of in such Asset Disposition, (iv) any liabilities or obligations associated with the assets disposed of in such Asset Disposition and retained, indemnified or insured by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after such Asset Disposition, including without limitation pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities, Environmental Liabilities, and liabilities relating to any indemnification obligations associated with such Asset Disposition, and (v) the amount of any purchase price or similar adjustment (x) claimed by any Person to be owed by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, until such time as such claim shall have been settled or otherwise finally resolved, or (y) paid or payable by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, in either case in respect of such Asset Disposition.

**“Net Cash Proceeds”** with respect to any issuance or sale of any Indebtedness or securities of the Company or any Subsidiary by the Company or any Subsidiary, or any capital contribution, means the cash proceeds of such issuance, sale, contribution or Incurrence net of attorneys’ fees, accountants’ fees, underwriters’ or placement agents’ fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees actually incurred in connection with such issuance, sale, contribution or Incurrence and net of all taxes paid or payable as a result, or in respect, thereof.

**“Net Income”** means, with respect to any Person, the net income (loss) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, determined in accordance with GAAP and before any reduction in respect of Preferred Stock dividends.

**“Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds”** means an amount equal to: (a) any Cash payments or proceeds (including Cash Equivalents) received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (i) under any casualty insurance policy in respect of a covered loss thereunder of any assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or (ii) as a result of the taking of any assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries by any Person pursuant to the power of eminent domain, condemnation or otherwise, or pursuant to a sale of any such assets to a purchaser with such power under threat of such a taking, *minus* (b) (i) any actual out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the adjustment, settlement or collection of any claims in respect thereof, (ii) payment of the outstanding principal amount of, premium or penalty, if any, and interest and other amounts on any Indebtedness (other than the Loans, any other Indebtedness secured by a Lien on the Collateral that is *pari passu* with or expressly subordinated to the Lien on the Collateral securing the Secured Obligations and any unsecured Indebtedness Incurred by a Loan Party) that is secured by a Lien on the assets in question and that is required to be repaid or otherwise comes due or would be in default under the terms thereof as a result of such loss, taking or sale, (iii) in the case of a taking, the reasonable out-of-pocket costs of putting any affected property in a safe and secure position, (iv) any selling costs and out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable broker’s fees or commissions, legal fees, accountants’ fees, investment banking fees, survey costs, title insurance premiums, and related search and recording charges, deed or mortgage recording taxes, other expenses and brokerage, consultant and other customary fees actually incurred in connection therewith and transfer and similar Taxes and the Company’s good faith estimate of income Taxes paid or payable (including pursuant to Tax sharing arrangements or that are or would be imposed on intercompany distributions with such proceeds)) in connection with any sale or taking of such assets as described in clause (a) of this definition, (v) any amounts provided as a reserve in accordance with GAAP against any liabilities under any indemnification obligation or purchase price adjustments associated with any sale or taking of such assets as referred to in clause (a) of this definition (provided that to the extent and at the time any such amounts are released from such reserve, other than to make a payment for which such amount was reserved, such amounts shall constitute Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds) and (vi) in the case of any covered loss or taking from any non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, the pro rata portion thereof (calculated without regard to this clause (vi)) attributable to minority interests and not available for distribution to or for the account of the Company or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary as a result thereof.

**“Net Short Lender”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.02.

**“Non-Consenting Lender”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.19(b).

**“Non-Financing Lease Obligation”** of any Person means a lease obligation of such Person that is not an obligation in respect of a Finance Lease Obligation. A straight-line or operating lease shall be considered a Non-Financing Lease Obligation.

**“Non-ABL Priority Collateral”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the ABL Credit Agreement.

**“Non-ABL Secured Debt Obligations”** means the Obligations hereunder (including the Subsidiary Guarantees), the Collateral Documents and this Agreement, and any Additional Non-ABL Secured Debt Obligations; provided, however, that (i) such indebtedness is permitted to be incurred and is permitted to be so secured and guaranteed on such basis by this Agreement and (ii) in the case of any Non-ABL Secured Debt Obligations incurred after the Closing Date, the Representative for the holders of such indebtedness will have become party to the ABL Intercreditor Agreement and, if applicable, the Pari Passu Intercreditor Agreement or another Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement.

**“NYFRB”** means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

**“NYFRB Rate”** means, for any day, the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day and (b) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate in effect on such day (or for any day that is not a Business Day, for the immediately preceding Business Day); provided that if none of such rates are published for any day that is a Business Day, the term “NYFRB Rate” shall mean the rate for a federal funds transaction quoted at 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on such day received by the Administrative Agent from a Federal funds broker of recognized standing selected by it; provided, further, that if any of the aforesaid rates shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

**“Obligations”** means, with respect to any Indebtedness, any principal, premium (if any), interest (including interest accruing on or after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy or for reorganization relating to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary whether or not a claim for post-filing interest is allowed or allowable in such proceedings), fees, charges, expenses, reimbursement obligations, Guarantees of such Indebtedness (or of Obligations in respect thereof), other monetary obligations of any nature and all other amounts payable thereunder or in respect thereof. As used herein, unless the context dictates otherwise, the “Obligations” shall refer to Obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

**“Officer”** means, with respect to the Company or any other obligor upon the Loans, the Chairman of the Board, the President, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, any Vice President, the Controller, the Treasurer or the Secretary (a) of such Person or (b) if such Person is owned or managed by a single entity, of such entity (or any other individual designated as an “Officer” for the purposes of this Agreement by the Board of Directors).



**“Officer’s Certificate”** means, with respect to the Company or any other obligor upon the Loans, a certificate signed by one Officer of such Person.

**“Organizational Documents”** means (a) with respect to any corporation, its certificate or articles of incorporation or organization and its by-laws, (b) with respect to any limited partnership, its certificate of limited partnership and its partnership agreement, (c) with respect to any general partnership, its partnership agreement, (d) with respect to any limited liability company, its articles of organization or certificate of formation, and its operating agreement or limited liability company agreement and (e) with respect to any other form of entity, such other organizational documents required by local Requirements of Law or customary under the jurisdiction in which such entity is organized to document the formation and governance principles of such type of entity. In the event that any term or condition of this Agreement or any other Loan Document requires any Organizational Document to be certified by a secretary of state or similar governmental official, the reference to any such “Organizational Document” shall only be to a document of a type customarily certified by such governmental official.

**“Open Account Agreement”** has the meaning specified in the ABL Credit Agreement.

**“Open Account Obligations”** of any Person means the obligations of such Person pursuant to any Open Account Agreement.

**“Overnight Bank Funding Rate”** means, for any day, the rate comprised of both overnight federal funds and overnight Eurodollar borrowings by U.S.-managed banking offices of depository institutions, as such composite rate shall be determined by the NYFRB as set forth on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Website from time to time, and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as an overnight bank funding rate.

**“Other Connection Taxes”** means, with respect to any Lender, Administrative Agent, any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party hereunder, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).]

**“Other Subject Indebtedness”** means any Indebtedness of any Loan Party evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments incurred in compliance with this Agreement that is secured by Liens on the Collateral on a pari passu basis with the Liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations (without regard to the control of remedies).

**“Other Taxes”** means any and all present or future recording, stamp, documentary, intangible filing, excise, property or similar taxes, charges or levies imposed by the United States or any political subdivision thereof arising from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, or from the registration, receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement, or any other Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.19).

**“Parent Entity”** means, with respect to a Person, any direct or indirect parent of such Person, and, if not in reference to any Person, any direct or indirect parent of the Company.

**“Parent Entity Expenses”** means (i) costs (including all professional fees and expenses) incurred by any Parent Entity in connection with maintaining its existence or in connection with its reporting obligations under, or in connection with compliance with, applicable laws or applicable rules of any governmental, regulatory or self-regulatory body or stock exchange, this Agreement or any other agreement or instrument relating to Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, including in respect of any reports filed with respect to the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or the respective rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, (ii) expenses incurred by any Parent Entity in connection with the acquisition, development, maintenance, ownership, prosecution, protection and defense of its intellectual property and associated rights (including but not limited to trademarks, service marks, trade names, trade dress, patents, copyrights and similar rights, including registrations and registration or renewal applications in respect thereof; inventions, processes, designs, formulae, trade secrets, know-how, confidential information, computer software, data and documentation, and any other intellectual property rights; and licenses of any of the foregoing) to the extent such intellectual property and associated rights relate to the business or businesses of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, (iii) indemnification obligations of any Parent Entity owing to directors, officers, employees or other Persons under its charter or by-laws or pursuant to written agreements with or for the benefit of any such Person, or obligations in respect of director and officer insurance (including premiums therefor), (iv) other administrative and operational expenses of any Parent Entity incurred in the ordinary course of business, (v) fees and expenses incurred by any Parent Entity in connection with maintenance and implementation of any management equity incentive plan, and (vi) fees and expenses incurred by any Parent Entity in connection with any offering of Capital Stock or Indebtedness, (w) which offering is not completed, or (x) where the net proceeds of such offering are intended to be received by or contributed or loaned to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, or (y) in a prorated amount of such expenses in proportion to the amount of such net proceeds intended to be so received, contributed or loaned, or (z) otherwise on an interim basis prior to completion of such offering so long as any Parent Entity shall cause the amount of such expenses to be repaid to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary out of the proceeds of such offering promptly if completed.

**“Pari Passu Intercreditor Agreement”** means an intercreditor agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit M or any other intercreditor agreement that is an Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement.

**“Parity Priority Lien”** means, with respect to specified Indebtedness, a Lien on the Collateral securing such Indebtedness that ranks equal with the Lien on such Collateral securing the Loans or any Subsidiary Guarantee, as applicable, either pursuant to the Pari Passu Intercreditor Agreement or one or more other intercreditor agreements that are Acceptable Intercreditor Agreements.

**“Participant”** has the meaning assigned to such term in [Section 9.05\(c\)](#).

**“Participant Register”** has the meaning assigned to such term in [Section 9.05\(c\)](#).

**“Patents”** means the following: (a) all patents and patent applications; (b) all inventions described and claimed therein; (c) all reissues, divisions, continuations, renewals, extensions and continuations in part thereof; (d) all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable under any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, damages or payments for past or future infringements thereof; (e) the right to sue for past, present, and future infringements thereof; and (f) all domestic rights corresponding to any of the foregoing.

**“Payment”** has the meaning set forth in Section 8.03.

**“Payment Notice”** has the meaning set forth in Section 8.03.

**“PBGC”** means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

**“Perfection Certificate”** means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit II to the Collateral Agreement.

**“Permitted Investment”** means an Investment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in, or consisting of, any of the following:

(i) a Restricted Subsidiary, the Company, or a Person that will, upon the making of such Investment, become a Restricted Subsidiary (and any Investment held by such Person that was not acquired by such Person, or made pursuant to a commitment by such Person that was not entered into, in contemplation of so becoming a Restricted Subsidiary);

(ii) another Person if as a result of such Investment such other Person is merged or consolidated with or into, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (and, in each case, any Investment held by such other Person that was not acquired by such Person, or made pursuant to a commitment by such Person that was not entered into, in contemplation of such merger, consolidation or transfer);

(iii) Temporary Cash Investments, Investment Grade Securities or Cash Equivalents;

(iv) receivables owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, if created or acquired in the ordinary course of business;

(v) any securities or other Investments received as consideration in, or retained in connection with, sales or other dispositions of property or assets, including Asset Dispositions made in compliance with Section 6.04;

(vi) securities or other Investments received in settlement of debts created in the ordinary course of business and owing to, or of other claims asserted by, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or as a result of foreclosure, perfection or enforcement of any Lien, or in satisfaction of judgments, including in connection with any bankruptcy proceeding or other reorganization of another Person;

(vii) Investments in existence or made pursuant to legally binding written commitments in existence on the Closing Date, and in each case any extension, modification, replacement, reinvestment or renewal thereof; provided that the amount of any such Investment may be increased in such extension, modification, replacement, reinvestment or renewal only (x) as required by the terms of such Investment or binding commitment as in existence on the Closing Date or (y) as otherwise permitted by this Agreement;

(viii) Currency Agreements, Interest Rate Agreements, Commodities Agreements and related Hedging Obligations, which obligations are Incurred in compliance with Section 6.01;

(ix) pledges or deposits (x) with respect to leases or utilities provided to third parties in the ordinary course of business or (y) otherwise described in the definition of "Permitted Liens" or made in connection with Liens permitted under Section 6.06;

(x) (1) Investments in or by any Receivables Subsidiary, or in connection with a Financing Disposition by, to, in or in favor of any Receivables Subsidiary, including Investments of funds held in accounts permitted or required by the arrangements governing such Financing Disposition or any related Indebtedness, or (2) any promissory note issued by the Company;

(xi) bonds secured by assets leased to and operated by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that were issued in connection with the financing of such assets so long as the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may obtain title to such assets at any time by paying a nominal fee, canceling such bonds and terminating the transaction;

(xii) [reserved];

(xiii) any Investment to the extent made using Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or Junior Capital as consideration;

(xiv) Management Advances;

(xv) Investments in Related Businesses in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed an amount equal to the greater of \$50.0 million and 1.25% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xvi) any transaction to the extent it constitutes an Investment that is permitted by and made in accordance with Section 6.05(b) (except transactions described in clauses (i), (v) and (vi) of Section 6.05(b)), including any Investment pursuant to any transaction described in Section 6.05(b)(ii) (whether or not any Person party thereto is at any time an Affiliate of the Company);

(xvii) any Investment by any Captive Insurance Subsidiary in connection with its provision of insurance to the Company or its Subsidiaries which Investment is made in the ordinary course of business of such Captive Insurance Subsidiary or by reason of applicable law, rule, regulation or order, or is required or approved by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over such Captive Insurance Subsidiary or its business, as applicable;

(xviii) other Investments in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed an amount equal to the greater of \$50.0 million and 1.25% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xix) Investments consisting of or to finance purchases and acquisitions of inventory, supplies, materials, services or equipment or purchases of contract rights to, or licenses or sublicenses of, intellectual property in the ordinary course of business;

(xx) advances in the form of a prepayment of expenses, so long as such expenses are being paid in accordance with customary trade terms of the Company or the Restricted Subsidiaries;

(xxi) any Investment in any Subsidiary of the Company or any joint venture in connection with intercompany cash management arrangements or related activities arising in the ordinary course of business; and

(xxii) any Investment acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (x) in exchange for any other Investment or accounts receivable held by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with or as a result of a bankruptcy, workout, reorganization or recapitalization of the issuer of such other Investment or accounts receivable, or (y) as a result of a foreclosure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to any secured Investment in default.

If any Investment pursuant to clause (xv) or (xviii) above, or Section 6.02(b)(vii) or Section 6.02(b)(xii), as applicable, is made in any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary and such Person thereafter (A) becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or (B) is merged or consolidated into, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, then such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above, respectively, and not clause (xv) or (xviii) above, or Section 6.02(b)(vii) or Section 6.02(b)(xi), as applicable.

**“Permitted Liens”** means:

- (a) Liens for taxes, assessments or other governmental charges not yet delinquent or the nonpayment of which in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or that are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, as the case may be, in accordance with GAAP;
- (b) Liens with respect to outstanding motor vehicle fines, and carriers’, warehousemen’s, mechanics’, landlords’, materialmen’s, repairmen’s or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business in respect of obligations that are not known to be overdue for a period of more than 60 days or that are bonded or that are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings;
- (c) pledges, deposits or Liens in connection with workers’ compensation, professional liability insurance, insurance programs, unemployment insurance and other social security and other similar legislation or other insurance-related obligations (including, without limitation, pledges or deposits securing liability to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements);

- (d) pledges, deposits or Liens to secure the performance of bids, tenders, trade, government or other contracts (other than for borrowed money), obligations for utilities, leases, licenses, sublicenses, statutory obligations, completion guarantees, surety, judgment, appeal or performance bonds, other similar bonds, instruments or obligations, and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (e) easements (including reciprocal easement agreements), rights-of-way, building, zoning and similar restrictions, utility agreements, covenants, reservations, restrictions, encroachments, charges, and other similar encumbrances or title defects incurred, or leases or subleases granted to others, in the ordinary course of business, which do not in the aggregate materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- (f) Liens existing on, or provided for under written arrangements existing on, the Closing Date (or in the case of any such Liens securing Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries existing or arising under written arrangements existing on the Closing Date) or securing any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of such Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness Incurred under Section 6.01(b)(i) and secured under clause (k)(1) of this definition) so long as the Lien securing such Refinancing Indebtedness is limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or under such written arrangements would secure) the original Indebtedness; provided that any Lien on any Collateral also securing Refinancing Indebtedness shall be permitted to be equal or senior in priority to the Liens securing the Obligations in respect of the Initial Term Loans (including the Subsidiary Guarantees) on such Collateral only to the extent that the corresponding Lien securing the Indebtedness so refinanced was (or, under the written arrangements under which the original Lien arose, would have been) a Lien equal or senior in priority, as applicable, to the Liens securing the Obligations in respect of the Initial Term Loans (including the Subsidiary Guarantees) and if the Indebtedness being refinanced was subject to an Intercreditor Agreement such Refinancing Indebtedness is also subject to an Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement;
- (g) (i) mortgages, liens, security interests, restrictions, encumbrances or any other matters of record that have been placed by any developer, landlord or other third party on property over which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company has easement rights or on any leased property and subordination or similar agreements relating thereto and (ii) any condemnation or eminent domain proceedings affecting any real property;
- (h) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations (including Liens securing any Obligations in respect thereof) consisting of Hedging Obligations, Bank Products Obligations, Open Account Obligations, Purchase Money Obligations or Finance Lease Obligations Incurred in compliance with Section 6.01;

- (i) Liens arising out of judgments, decrees, orders or awards in respect of which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall in good faith be prosecuting an appeal or proceedings for review, which appeal or proceedings shall not have been finally terminated, or if the period within which such appeal or proceedings may be initiated shall not have expired;
- (j) leases, subleases, licenses, sublicenses, covenants not to sue or other similar rights granted to or from third parties (including, for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to intellectual property);
- (k) Liens securing Indebtedness (including Liens securing any Obligations in respect thereof) consisting of (1) Indebtedness Incurred in compliance with Section 6.01(b)(i), (b)(iii) (other than Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in respect of Indebtedness described in Section 6.01(a)), (b)(iv), (b)(v), (b)(vii), (b)(viii) (other than Section 6.01(b)(viii)(H)), (b)(xi), (b)(xiii), (b)(xv), (b)(xvi) or (b)(xvii); provided that (I) in the case of Indebtedness Incurred in compliance with Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(I), any such Liens on ABL Priority Collateral may rank senior to the Liens thereon securing the Term Loans, in which case Liens securing such Indebtedness on Non-ABL Priority Collateral shall rank junior to the Liens thereon securing the Term Loans and the Subsidiary Guarantees, in each case, pursuant to the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, (II) in the case of Indebtedness Incurred in compliance with Section 6.01(b)(xi)(v), any such Liens on the Collateral shall rank junior to the Liens securing the Term Loans and the Subsidiary Guarantees pursuant to an Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement and (III) in all other cases, such Liens on the Collateral shall be Parity Priority Liens), (2) the Term Loans and the Subsidiary Guarantees in respect thereof, (3) Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor, or (4) obligations in respect of Management Advances or Management Guarantees; and in each case under the foregoing clauses (1) through (4) Liens securing any Guarantee of any thereof;
- (l) Liens existing on property or assets of a Person at, or provided for under written arrangements existing at, the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of the Company (or at the time the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary acquires such property or assets, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary); provided, however, that such Liens and arrangements are not created in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person becoming such a Subsidiary (or such acquisition of such property or assets), and that such Liens are limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which such Liens arose, could secure) the obligations to which such Liens relate; provided, further, that for purposes of this clause (l), if a Person other than the Company is the Successor Company with respect thereto, any Subsidiary thereof shall be deemed to become a Subsidiary of the Company, and any property or assets of such Person or any such Subsidiary shall be deemed acquired by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, when such Person becomes such Successor Company;
- (m) Liens on Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other securities of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or any joint venture that is not a Subsidiary of the Company that secure Indebtedness or other obligations of such Unrestricted Subsidiary or joint venture, respectively;

- (n) any encumbrance or restriction (including, but not limited to, pursuant to put and call agreements or buy/sell arrangements) with respect to Capital Stock of any joint venture or similar arrangement pursuant to any joint venture or similar agreement;
- (o) Liens securing Indebtedness (including Liens securing any Obligations in respect thereof) consisting of Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in respect of any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness Incurred under Section 6.01(b)(i) and secured under clause (k)(1) of this definition) secured by, or securing any refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement (in whole or in part) of any other obligation secured by, any other Permitted Liens; provided that any such new Lien is limited to all or part of the same property or assets (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) that secured (or, under the written arrangements under which the original Lien arose, could secure) the obligations to which such Liens relate; provided, further that any Lien on any Collateral also securing Refinancing Indebtedness shall be permitted to be equal or senior in priority to the Liens on such Collateral securing the Obligations in respect of the Term Loans (including the Subsidiary Guarantees) on such Collateral only to the extent that the corresponding Lien securing the Indebtedness so refinanced was (or, under the written arrangements under which the original Lien arose, could have been) a Lien equal or senior in priority, as applicable, to the Liens securing the Obligations in respect of the Term Loans (including the Subsidiary Guarantees) and if the Indebtedness being refinanced was subject to an Intercreditor Agreement such Refinancing Indebtedness is also subject to an Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement;
- (p) Liens (1) arising by operation of law (or by agreement to the same effect) in the ordinary course of business, (2) on property or assets under construction (and related rights) in favor of a contractor or developer or arising from progress or partial payments by a third party relating to such property or assets, (3) on receivables (including related rights), (4) on cash set aside at the time of the Incurrence of any Indebtedness or government securities purchased with such cash, in either case to the extent that such cash or government securities prefund the payment of interest on such Indebtedness and are held in an escrow account or similar arrangement to be applied for such purpose, (5) securing or arising by reason of any netting or set-off arrangement entered into in the ordinary course of banking or other trading activities (including in connection with purchase orders and other agreements with customers), (6) in favor of the Company or any Subsidiary (other than Liens on property or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor in favor of any Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor), (7) arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for the sale of goods entered into in the ordinary course of business, (8) on inventory or other goods and proceeds securing obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances issued or created to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods, (9) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts to permit satisfaction of overdraft, cash pooling or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (10) attaching to commodity trading or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business, (11) arising in connection with repurchase agreements permitted under Section 6.01 on assets that are the subject of such repurchase agreements, or (12) in favor of any Receivables Subsidiary in connection with any Financing Disposition;



- (q) other Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations that in the aggregate at any time outstanding do not exceed an amount equal to the greater of \$100.0 million and 2.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets at the time of Incurrence of such Indebtedness or other obligations;
- (r) Liens securing Indebtedness (including Liens securing any Obligations in respect thereof) or other obligations of, or in favor of, any Receivables Subsidiary, or in connection with a Specified Receivables Facility or otherwise Incurred pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(ix); and
- (s) Liens on the Collateral, if such Liens rank junior to the Liens on such Collateral in relation to the Lien securing the Initial Term Loans and the Subsidiary Guarantees, as applicable (so long as any such Liens (and related Obligations) are subject to an Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement).

For purposes of determining compliance with this definition, (u) a Lien need not be incurred solely by reference to one category of Permitted Liens described in this definition but may be incurred under any combination of such categories (including in part under one such category and in part under any other such category), (v) in the event that a Lien (or any portion thereof) meets the criteria of one or more of such categories of Permitted Liens, the Company shall, in its sole discretion, classify or reclassify such Lien (or any portion thereof) in any manner that complies with this definition, (w) the principal amount of Indebtedness secured by a Lien outstanding under any category of Permitted Liens shall be determined after giving effect to the application of proceeds of any such Indebtedness to refinance any such other Indebtedness, (x) any Lien securing Indebtedness that was permitted to secure such Indebtedness at the time of the Incurrence of such Indebtedness shall also be permitted to secure any increase in the amount of such Indebtedness in connection with the accrual of interest, the accretion of accreted value, the payment of interest in the form of additional Indebtedness and the payment of dividends on Capital Stock constituting Indebtedness in the form of additional shares of the same class of Capital Stock, (y) if any Indebtedness or other obligation is secured by any Lien outstanding under any category of Permitted Liens measured by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets at the time of incurrence of such Indebtedness or other obligations, and is refinanced by any Indebtedness or other obligation secured by any Lien incurred by reference to such category of Permitted Liens, and such refinancing would cause the percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets to be exceeded if calculated based on the Consolidated Tangible Assets on the date of such refinancing, such percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets shall not be deemed to be exceeded (and such refinancing Lien shall be deemed permitted) so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness or other obligation does not exceed an amount equal to the principal amount of such Indebtedness or other obligation being refinanced, plus the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing and (z) if any Indebtedness or other obligation is secured by any Lien outstanding under any category of Permitted Liens measured by reference to a dollar amount, and is refinanced by any Indebtedness or other obligation secured by any Lien incurred by reference to such category of Permitted Liens, and such refinancing would cause such dollar amount to be exceeded, such dollar amount shall not be deemed to be exceeded (and such refinancing Lien shall be deemed permitted) so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness or other obligation does not exceed an amount equal to the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced, plus the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing.

**“Person”** means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, unlimited liability corporation, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

**“Plan”** means any “employee pension benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(2) of the ERISA (other than a Multiemployer Plan) subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, and in respect of which the Company or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such plan were terminated, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an “employer” as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

**“Platform”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.01(b).

**“Pre-Closing Reorganization Transactions”** means each of transactions that collectively constitute the Restructuring (as defined in the Separation Agreement).

**“Preferred Stock”** as applied to the Capital Stock of any corporation or company means Capital Stock of any class or classes (however designated) that by its terms is preferred as to the payment of dividends, or as to the distribution of assets upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation or dissolution of such corporation or company, over Capital Stock of any other class of such corporation or company.

**“Prepayment Asset Sale”** means any Disposition by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of assets constituting Collateral that is subject to Section 6.04(a)(iii).

**“Prime Rate”** means the rate of interest last quoted by The Wall Street Journal as the “Prime Rate” in the U.S. or, if The Wall Street Journal ceases to quote such rate, the highest per annum interest rate published by the Board in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) (Selected Interest Rates) as the “bank prime loan” rate or, if such rate is no longer quoted therein, any similar rate quoted therein (as determined by the Administrative Agent) or any similar release by the Board (as determined by the Administrative Agent). Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced or quoted as being effective.

**“Promissory Note”** means a promissory note of the Company payable to any Lender or its registered assigns, in substantially the form of Exhibit G hereto, evidencing the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Loans of the Company to such Lender resulting from the Loans made by such Lender.

**“PTE”** means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

**“Public Lender”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.01(c).

**“Purchase Money Obligations”** means any Indebtedness Incurred to finance or refinance the acquisition, leasing, construction or improvement of property (real or personal) or assets, and whether acquired through the direct acquisition of such property or assets or the acquisition of the Capital Stock of any Person owning such property or assets, or otherwise.

**“Qualifying Assets”** means any and all assets directly owned by the Restricted Subsidiaries that are Domestic Subsidiaries, other than (a) real property, including improvements thereto and fixtures, (b) aircraft and (c) investments in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. The amount or value of any Qualifying Assets at any time shall be the book value thereof at such time determined in accordance with GAAP.

**“Qualifying Bid”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Receivable”** means a right to receive payment pursuant to an arrangement with another Person pursuant to which such other Person is obligated to pay, as determined in accordance with GAAP.

**“Receivables Facility”** means any of one or more transactions pursuant to which the Company or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries sells or conveys Receivables Facility Assets to a Receivables Subsidiary that borrows or issues debt on a secured basis against Receivables Facility Assets.

**“Receivables Facility Asset”** means (a) Accounts and, in each case, any related assets and rights (including any collateral securing such Accounts, any contract rights in respect of such Accounts, proceeds collected on such Accounts, lockbox accounts into which such proceeds are collected and related records) customarily transferred in connection with similar receivables financing or securitization transactions and/or (b) Capital Stock issued by any Receivables Subsidiary;

**“Receivables Facility Guarantee”** means (i) any guarantee of performance and related indemnification entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of the obligations of a seller or servicer of Receivables Facility Assets in a Receivables Facility or (ii) any other guarantee of performance entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary which the Company has determined in good faith to be customary in a Receivables Facility.

**“Receivables Subsidiary”** means a Subsidiary (x) formed as a special purpose entity for the purpose of facilitating or entering into one or more Specified Receivables Facilities and (y) engaged only in activities reasonably related or incidental to Specified Receivables Facilities (it being understood and agreed that any entity formed solely for the purpose of holding any bank account into which collections or other proceeds of Receivables Facility Assets are paid shall satisfy the requirement in clause (y) above).

**“Recipient”** means (a) the Administrative Agent and (b) any Lender, as applicable.

**“Reference Time”** with respect to any setting of the then-current Benchmark means (1) if such Benchmark is LIBO Rate, 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the day that is two London banking days preceding the date of such setting, and (2) if such Benchmark is not LIBO Rate, the time determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

**“refinance”** means refinance, refund, replace, renew, repay, modify, restate, defer, substitute, exchange, supplement, reissue, resell or extend (including pursuant to any defeasance or discharge mechanism); and the terms “refinances,” “refinanced” and “refinancing” as used for any purpose in this Agreement shall have a correlative meaning.

**“Refinancing Amendment”** means an amendment to this Agreement that is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Company executed by (a) the Company, each other Borrower, (b) the Administrative Agent and (c) each Lender that agrees to provide all or any portion of the Replacement Term Loans being incurred pursuant thereto and in accordance with Section 9.02(b).

**“Refinancing Indebtedness”** means Indebtedness that is Incurred to refinance any Indebtedness (or unutilized commitment in respect of Indebtedness) existing on the date of this Agreement or Incurred (or established) in compliance with this Agreement (including Indebtedness of the Company that refinances Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary (to the extent permitted in this Agreement) and Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Indebtedness of the Company or of another Restricted Subsidiary) including Indebtedness that refinances Refinancing Indebtedness, and Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to a commitment that refinances any Indebtedness or unutilized commitment; provided, that (1) if the Indebtedness being refinanced is Subordinated Obligations or Guarantor Subordinated Obligations, the Refinancing Indebtedness has a final Stated Maturity at the time such Refinancing Indebtedness is Incurred that is equal to or greater than the final Stated Maturity of the Indebtedness being refinanced (or if shorter, of the Initial Term Loans), (2) such Refinancing Indebtedness is Incurred in an aggregate principal amount (or if issued with original issue discount, an aggregate issue price) that is equal to or less than the sum of (x) the aggregate principal amount then outstanding of the Indebtedness being refinanced, plus (y) an amount equal to any unutilized commitment relating to the Indebtedness being refinanced or otherwise then outstanding under a Credit Facility or other financing arrangement being refinanced to the extent the unutilized commitment being refinanced could be drawn in compliance with Section 6.01 immediately prior to such refinancing, plus (z) fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing, (3) Refinancing Indebtedness shall not include (x) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness of the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor that could not have been initially Incurred by such Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to Section 6.01 or (y) Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Indebtedness of an Unrestricted Subsidiary and (4) to the extent such Refinancing Indebtedness is secured by Collateral, the Liens on Collateral securing such Refinancing Indebtedness have a priority that is equal or junior to the priority of Liens on Collateral securing the Indebtedness being extended, replaced, refinanced, renewed, repaid or restructured and such Liens shall be subject to the applicable Acceptable Intercreditor Agreements.

**“Refunding Capital Stock”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.02(b)(i).

**“Register”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.05(b)(iv).

**“Registration Statement”** means the registration statement filed with the SEC on June 21, 2021, as amended from time to time prior to the date hereof.

**“Regulated Bank”** means an Approved Commercial Bank that is (i) a U.S. depository institution the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; (ii) a corporation organized under section 25A of the U.S. Federal Reserve Act of 1913; (iii) a branch, agency or commercial lending company of a foreign bank operating pursuant to approval by and under the supervision of the Board under 12 CFR part 211; (iv) a non-U.S. branch of a foreign bank managed and controlled by a U.S. branch referred to in clause (iii); or (v) any other U.S. or non-U.S. depository institution or any branch, agency or similar office thereof supervised by a bank regulatory authority in any jurisdiction.

**“Regulation U”** means Regulation U of the Board as from time to time in effect and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

**“Related Business”** means those businesses in which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is engaged on the Closing Date, or that are similar, related, complementary, incidental or ancillary thereto or extensions, developments or expansions thereof.

**“Related Funds”** means with respect to any Lender that is an Approved Fund, any other Approved Fund that is managed by the same investment advisor as such Lender or by an Affiliate of such investment advisor.

**“Related Parties”** means, with respect to any specified Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the respective directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and such Person’s Affiliates.

**“Relevant Governmental Body”** means the Board or the NYFRB, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Board or the NYFRB, or any successor thereto.

**“Replaced Term Loans”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.02(b)(iii).

**“Replacement Debt”** means any Refinancing Indebtedness (whether borrowed in the form of secured or unsecured loans, issued in a public offering, Rule 144A under the Securities Act or other private placement or bridge financing in lieu of the foregoing or otherwise) incurred in respect of Indebtedness permitted under Section 6.01(b)(i)(C) (and any subsequent refinancing of such Replacement Debt).

**“Replacement Term Loans”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.02(b)(iii).

**“Reply Amount”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Reply Price”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“Representative”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.13(a).

**“Repricing Transaction”** means each of (a) the optional prepayment, repayment, refinancing, substitution or replacement of all or a portion of the Initial Term Loans substantially concurrently with the incurrence by any Loan Party of any broadly syndicated Dollar denominated long-term term “B” credit facility secured on a *pari passu* basis with the Initial Term Loans (including any first-lien secured Replacement Term Loans) having an Effective Yield that is less than the Effective Yield applicable to the Initial Term Loans so prepaid, repaid, refinanced, substituted or replaced and (b) any amendment, waiver or other modification to this Agreement that would have the effect of reducing the Effective Yield applicable to the Initial Term Loans; provided that the primary purpose (as determined by the Company in good faith) of such prepayment, repayment, refinancing, substitution, replacement, amendment, waiver or other modification was to reduce the Effective Yield applicable to the Initial Term Loans; provided, further, that in no event shall any such prepayment, repayment, refinancing, substitution, replacement, amendment, waiver or other modification in connection with a Change of Control or Material Acquisition (or other Material Investment) constitute a Repricing Transaction. Any determination by the Administrative Agent of the Effective Yield for purposes of the definition shall be conclusive and binding on all Lenders, and the Administrative Agent shall have no liability to any Person with respect to such determination absent bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct.

**“Required Asset Sale/Casualty Event Percentage”** means (a) if the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio is greater than 1.00:1.00, 100%, (b) if the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 1.00:1.00 and greater than 0.75:1.00, 25% and (c) if the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 0.75:1.00, 0%; it being understood and agreed that, for purposes of this definition as it applies to the determination of the amount of Net Available Cash that is required to be applied to prepay Subject Loans under Section 2.11(b)(ii), the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio shall be determined after giving pro forma effect to such prepayment and to any other repayment or prepayment at or prior to the time such prepayment is due.

**“Required Excess Cash Flow Percentage”** means, as of the last day of any Excess Cash Flow Period, (a) if the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio is greater than 1.00:1.00, 50%, (b) if the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 1.00:1.00 and greater than 0.75:1.00, 25% and (c) if the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 0.75:1.00, 0%; it being understood and agreed that, for purposes of this definition as it applies to the determination of the amount of Excess Cash Flow that is required to be applied to prepay Subject Loans under Section 2.11(b)(i) for any Excess Cash Flow Period, the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio shall be determined after giving pro forma effect to such prepayment and to any other repayment or prepayment at or prior to the time such Excess Cash Flow prepayment is due.

**“Required Lenders”** means, at any time, Lenders having Loans or unused Commitments representing more than 50% of the sum of the total Loans and such unused Commitments at such time.

**“Required Secured Parties”** has the meaning set forth in the Collateral Agreement.

**“Requirements of Law”** means, with respect to any Person, collectively, the common law and all federal, state, local, foreign, multinational or international laws, statutes, codes, treaties, standards, rules and regulations, guidelines, ordinances, orders, judgments, writs, injunctions, decrees (including administrative or judicial precedents or authorities) and the interpretation or administration thereof by, and other determinations, directives, requirements or requests of any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law and that are applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.

**“Resolution Authority”** means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any U.K. Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

**“Responsible Officer”** of any Person means the chief executive officer, the president, the chief financial officer, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer, any executive vice president, any senior vice president, any vice president or the chief operating officer of such Person and any other individual or similar official thereof responsible for the administration of the obligations of such Person in respect of this Agreement, and, as to any document delivered on the Closing Date, shall include any secretary or assistant secretary or any other individual or similar official thereof with substantially equivalent responsibilities of a Loan Party and, solely for purposes of notices given pursuant to Article 2, any other officer of the applicable Loan Party so designated by any of the foregoing officers in a written notice to the Administrative Agent (including, for the avoidance of doubt, by electronic means). Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of any Loan Party shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Loan Party, and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Loan Party.

**“Restricted Amount”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.11(b)(iv).

**“Restricted Payment”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.02(a).

**“Restricted Payment Transaction”** means any Restricted Payment permitted pursuant to Section 6.02, any Permitted Payment, any Permitted Investment, or any transaction specifically excluded from the definition of the term “Restricted Payment” (including pursuant to the exception contained in clause (i) of such definition and the parenthetical exclusions contained in clauses (ii) and (iii) of such definition).

**“Restricted Subsidiary”** means any Subsidiary of the Company other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

**“Return Bid”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Dutch Auction”.

**“S&P”** means Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services.

**“Sanctioned Country”** means any country that is the subject of comprehensive territorial Sanctions (as of the date of this Agreement, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria).

**“Sanctioned Person”** means at any time (a) any Person named at such time on (i) the SDN List, (ii) the Sanctioned Entities List maintained by the U.S. Department of State, (iii) the consolidated list of persons, groups and entities subject to European Union financial sanctions maintained by the European Union External Action Committee, (iv) the Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets in the UK maintained by Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom, (v) the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists and (vi) any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Government of Canada pursuant to, or as described in, any applicable Canadian Economic Sanctions and Export Control Laws, (b) any Person located, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country, or (c) any Person 50% or more owned by any Person or Persons in (a)(i) of this definition.

**“Sanctions”** means any economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced by OFAC, the U.S. Department of State, the European Union, the United Nations Security Council, Her Majesty’s Treasury or the Government of Canada.

**“Sanctions Authority”** means the United States Government (including without limitation, OFAC, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Department of State), the European Union, the United Kingdom (including Her Majesty’s Treasury) and Canada.

**“Sanctions List”** means OFAC’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and Sectoral Sanctions Identifications List, the Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List, HMT’s Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets or any other Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by a Sanctions Authority, each as amended, supplemented or substituted from time to time.

**“Scheduled Consideration”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.11(b)(i)(B)(Z).

**“SEC”** means the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any or all of its functions.

**“Secured Obligations”** means all Obligations hereunder.

**“Secured Parties”** means (i) the Lenders, (ii) the Administrative Agent, (iii) the Arrangers and (iv) the beneficiaries of each indemnification obligation undertaken by any Loan Party under any Loan Document.

**“Securities Act”** means the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

**“Senior Notes”** has the meaning assigned to such term in the preamble.

**“Separation Agreement”** means the Separation and Distribution Agreement, dated as of [ ], 2021 between L Brands and the Company.

**“Shared Incremental Amount”** means, as of any date of determination, (a) the greater of (i) \$1,000.0 million and (ii) 100% of Consolidated EBITDA as of the last day of the most recently ended Test Period minus (b) the aggregate principal amount of all Incremental Facilities and/or Incremental Equivalent Debt originally incurred or issued in reliance on the Shared Incremental Amount outstanding on such date, in each case after giving effect to any reclassification of any such Indebtedness as having been incurred under clause (e) of the definition of “Incremental Cap” hereunder.

**“SOFR”** with respect to any day means the secured overnight financing rate published for such day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as the administrator of the benchmark, (or a successor administrator) on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Website.

**“SPC”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.05(e).

**“Special Purpose Financing Fees”** means distributions or payments made directly or by means of discounts with respect to any participation interest issued or sold in connection with, and other fees paid to a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with, any Specified Receivables Facility.

**“Specified Event of Default”** means an Event of Default pursuant to Section 7.01(a) or, with respect to the Company or any other Borrower, Section 7.01(f) or (g).

**“Specified Receivables Facility”** means any Receivables Facility that meets the following conditions: (a) the Company shall have determined in good faith that such Receivables Facility (including financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions) is in the aggregate economically fair, reasonable and beneficial to the Company; (b) all sales or other conveyances of Receivables Facility Assets by the Company or applicable Restricted Subsidiary to any Receivables Subsidiary are made for fair market value; (c) the financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions thereof shall be on market terms (as determined by the Company in good faith) and may include Standard Receivables Undertakings; and (d) the obligations under such Receivables Facility shall not be guaranteed by, or secured by assets of, the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, other than a Receivables Subsidiary (it being agreed that the foregoing shall not prohibit Standard Receivables Undertakings, or precautionary financing statements or similar filings, in respect of Receivables Facility Assets).

**“Standard Receivables Undertakings”** means any Receivables Facility Guarantee and/or any representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary which the Company has determined in good faith to be customary in a Receivables Facility, including, without limitation, those relating to the servicing of the assets of a Receivables Subsidiary.



**“Stated Maturity”** means, with respect to any Indebtedness, the date specified in such Indebtedness as the fixed date on which the payment of principal of such Indebtedness is due and payable, including pursuant to any mandatory redemption provision (but excluding any provision providing for the repurchase or repayment of such Indebtedness at the option of the holder thereof upon the happening of any contingency).

**“Statutory Reserve Rate”** means a fraction (expressed as a decimal), the numerator of which is the number one and the denominator of which is the number one minus the aggregate of the maximum reserve percentage (including any marginal, special, emergency or supplemental reserves) expressed as a decimal established by the Board to which the Administrative Agent is subject with respect to the Adjusted LIBO Rate, for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as “Eurocurrency liabilities” in Regulation D). Such reserve percentage shall include those imposed pursuant to Regulation D. LIBO Rate Loans shall be deemed to constitute eurocurrency funding and to be subject to such reserve requirements without benefit of or credit for proration, exemptions or offsets that may be available from time to time to any Lender under Regulation D or any comparable regulation. The Statutory Reserve Rate shall be adjusted automatically on and as of the effective date of any change in any reserve percentage.

**“Subordinated Obligations”** means any Indebtedness of the Company (whether outstanding on the date of this Agreement or thereafter Incurred) that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Loans pursuant to a written agreement (other than Indebtedness owing to a Restricted Subsidiary).

**“Subject Loans”** means, as of any date of determination, (a) Initial Term Loans and (b) any Additional Term Loans that are subject to ratable prepayment requirements in accordance with Section 2.11(b) on such date of determination.

**“Subject Proceeds”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.11(b)(ii).

**“Subject Transaction”** means, with respect to any Test Period, (a) the Transactions, (b) any Purchase, (c) any Sale, (d) the designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary or an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, (e) any incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness (other than revolving Indebtedness), (f) any Cost Saving Initiative and/or (g) any other event that by the terms of the Loan Documents requires pro forma compliance with a test or covenant hereunder or requires such test or covenant to be calculated on a pro forma basis.

**“Subsidiary”** of any Person means any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which more than 50.0% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock or other equity interests (including partnership interests) entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by (i) such Person or (ii) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

**“Subsidiary Guarantee”** means any guarantee of the Loans that may from time to time be entered into by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company on the Closing Date or after the Closing Date. As used in this Agreement, “Subsidiary Guarantee” refers to a Subsidiary Guarantee of the Loans.

**“Subsidiary Guarantor”** means (x) on the Closing Date, each subsidiary of the Company (other than any subsidiary that is an Excluded Subsidiary on the Closing Date) and (y) thereafter, each subsidiary of the Company that becomes a guarantor of the Secured Obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, in each case, until such time as the relevant subsidiary is released from its obligations under the Collateral Agreement in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may from time to time, upon notice to the Administrative Agent, elect to cause any subsidiary that would otherwise be an Excluded Subsidiary to become a Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder (but shall have no obligation to do so), subject to the satisfaction of guarantee and collateral requirements consistent with the Collateral and Guarantee Requirements or otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Company and the Administrative Agent (which shall include, in the case of a Foreign Subsidiary, guarantee and collateral requirements customary under local law, including customary local limitations).

**“Swap Obligations”** means, with respect to any Loan Party, any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract or transaction that constitutes a “swap” within the meaning of Section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**“Taxes”** means any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, charges or withholdings imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

**“Temporary Cash Investments”** means any of the following: (i) any investment in (x) direct obligations of the United States, Canada, a member state of the European Union or any country in whose currency funds are being held pending their application in the making of an investment or capital expenditure by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in that country or with such funds, or any agency or instrumentality of any thereof, or obligations Guaranteed by the United States or a member state of the European Union or any country in whose currency funds are being held pending their application in the making of an investment or capital expenditure by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in that country or with such funds, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, or obligations guaranteed by any of the foregoing or (y) direct obligations of any foreign country recognized by the United States rated at least “A” by S&P or “A-1” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization), (ii) overnight bank deposits, and investments in time deposit accounts, certificates of deposit, bankers’ acceptances and money market deposits (or, with respect to foreign banks, similar instruments) maturing not more than one year after the date of acquisition thereof issued by (x) any bank or other institutional lender under a Credit Facility or any affiliate thereof or (y) a bank or trust company that is organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or any foreign country recognized by the United States having capital and surplus aggregating in excess of \$250.0 million (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof) and whose long term debt is rated at least “A” by S&P or “A-1” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization) at the time such Investment is made, (iii) repurchase obligations for underlying securities or instruments of the types described in clause (i) or (ii) above entered into with a bank meeting the qualifications described in clause (ii) above, (iv) Investments in commercial paper, maturing not more than 24 months after the date of acquisition, issued by a Person (other than that of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries), with a rating at the time as of which any Investment therein is made of “P-2” (or higher) according to Moody’s or “A-2” (or higher) according to S&P (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization), (v) Investments in securities maturing not more than 24 months after the date of acquisition issued or fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, and rated at least “BBB-” by S&P or “Baa3” by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization), (vi) Indebtedness or Preferred Stock (other than of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) having a rating of “A” or higher by S&P or “A2” or higher by Moody’s (or, in either case, the equivalent of such rating by such organization or, if no rating of S&P or Moody’s then exists, the equivalent of such rating by any nationally recognized rating organization), (vii) investment funds investing 95.0% of their assets in securities of the type described in clauses (i) through (vi) above (which funds may also hold cash pending investment and/or distribution), (viii) any money market deposit accounts issued or offered by a domestic commercial bank or a commercial bank organized and located in a country recognized by the United States, in each case, having capital and surplus in excess of \$250.0 million (or the foreign currency equivalent thereof), or investments in money market funds subject to the risk limiting conditions of Rule 2a-7 (or any successor rule) of the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and (ix) similar investments approved by the Board of Directors in the ordinary course of business.

**“Trade Payables”** means, with respect to any Person, any accounts payable or any indebtedness or monetary obligation to trade creditors created, assumed or guaranteed by such Person arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with the acquisition of goods or services.

**“Term Facility”** means the Term Loans provided to or for the benefit of the Company pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**“Term Lender”** means a Lender with an Initial Term Loan Commitment or an Additional Term Loan Commitment or an outstanding Initial Term Loan or Additional Term Loan.

**“Term Loan”** means the Initial Term Loans and, if applicable, any Additional Term Loans.

**“Term Loan Borrower”** means (a) the Company and (b) any Subsidiary that enters into a Borrower Joinder pursuant to Section 9.02(d) of this Agreement as a Term Loan Borrower.

**“Term Loan Priority Collateral”** has the meaning assigned to the term “Term Priority Collateral” in the ABL Intercreditor Agreement.

**“Term SOFR”** means, for the applicable Corresponding Tenor as of the applicable Reference Time, the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

**“Term SOFR Notice”** means a notification by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders and the Company of the occurrence of a Term SOFR Transition Event.

**“Term SOFR Transition Event”** means the determination by the Administrative Agent that (a) Term SOFR has been recommended for use by the Relevant Governmental Body, (b) the administration of Term SOFR is administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent and (c) a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, has previously occurred resulting in a Benchmark Replacement in accordance with Section 2.14 that is not Term SOFR.

**“Test Period”** means, as of any date of determination under this Agreement, the then most recently ended period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company for which financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries are available.

**“Titled Person”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.01.

**“Threshold Amount”** means \$300 million.

**“Trademarks”** means the following: (a) all trademarks (including service marks), common law marks, trade names, trade dress, logos, slogans and other indicia of origin, and the registrations and applications for registration thereof and the goodwill of the business symbolized by the foregoing; (b) all renewals of the foregoing; (c) all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable under any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, damages or payments for past or future infringements thereof; (d) the right to sue for past, present and future infringements thereof; and (e) all domestic rights corresponding to any of the foregoing.

**“Transaction Costs”** means fees, premiums, expenses and other transaction costs (including original issue discount or upfront fees) payable or otherwise borne by the Company and/or its subsidiaries in connection with the Transactions and the transactions contemplated thereby.

**“Transactions”** means (a) the execution, delivery and performance by the Loan Parties of the Loan Documents to which they are a party, (b) the transactions contemplated by the Separation Agreement, (c) the borrowing of Loans and the use of the proceeds thereof, (d) the issuance of the Senior Notes and the use of the proceeds thereof, (e) the payment of the Closing Date Payment, (f) the distribution of the Closing Date Distribution and (g) the payment of Transaction Costs.

**“Treasury Capital Stock”** has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.02(b)(i).

**“Treasury Regulations”** means the U.S. federal income tax regulations promulgated under the Code.

**“Type”**, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether the rate of interest on such Loan, or on the Loans comprising such Borrowing, is determined by reference to the LIBO Rate, or the Alternate Base Rate.

**“UCC”** means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York or any other state the laws of which are required to be applied in connection with the creation or perfection of security interests.

**“UK Financial Institution”** means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulatory Authority) or any Person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain Affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

**“UK Resolution Authority”** means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

**“Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement”** means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

**“Unfunded Liabilities”** means, with respect to any Plan at any time, the amount (if any) by which (a) the present value of all benefits under such Plan exceeds (b) the fair market value of all assets of such Plan allocable to such benefits, all determined as of the then most recent valuation date for such Plan, but only to the extent that such excess represents a potential liability of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate to the PBGC or any other Person under Title IV of ERISA.

**“Unrestricted Subsidiary”** means (i) [reserved], (ii) any Subsidiary of the Company that at the time of determination is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, as designated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided below, and (iii) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The Board of Directors may designate any Subsidiary of the Company (including any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary of the Company) to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries owns any Capital Stock or Indebtedness of, or owns or holds any Lien on any property of, the Company or any other Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is not a Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated; provided, that (A) the Subsidiary to be so designated has total consolidated assets of \$1,000 or less or (B) if such Subsidiary has consolidated assets greater than \$1,000, then such designation would be permitted under Section 6.02. The Board of Directors may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; provided, that immediately after giving effect to such designation (x) the Company could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under Section 6.01(a) or (y) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be greater than it was immediately prior to giving effect to such designation or (z) such Subsidiary shall be a Receivables Subsidiary with no Indebtedness outstanding other than Indebtedness that can be Incurred (and upon such designation shall be deemed to be Incurred and outstanding) pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(ix). Any such designation by the Board of Directors shall be evidenced to the Administrative Agent by promptly providing to the Administrative Agent a copy of the resolution of the Company’s Board of Directors giving effect to such designation and an Officer’s Certificate of the Company certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing provisions.

**“U.S.”** or **“United States”** means the United States of America.

**“U.S. Person”** means any Person that is a “United States Person” as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

**“USA PATRIOT Act”** means The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (Title III of Pub. L. No. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)).

**“VS Transaction”** means (i) the Separation of the Spin Business (each as defined in the Registration Statement) from L Brands as described in the Registration Statement, (ii) the Distribution (as defined in the VS Separation Agreement), (iii) the payment of the Special Cash Payment (as defined in the Separation Agreement), (iv) the consummation of the other ancillary transactions described in the Separation Agreement and the Registration Statement (including the Pre-Closing Reorganization Transactions) and (v) the payment of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the foregoing.

**“Weighted Average Life to Maturity”** means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing: (a) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (i) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required scheduled payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (ii) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by (b) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness; provided that the effect of any prepayment made in respect of such Indebtedness shall be disregarded in making such calculation.

**“Wholly-Owned Subsidiary”** of any Person means a subsidiary of such Person 100% of the Capital Stock of which (other than directors’ qualifying shares or shares required by Requirements of Law to be owned by a resident of the relevant jurisdiction) is owned by such Person or by one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

**“Withdrawal Liability”** means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

**“Withholding Agent”** means a Loan Party or the Administrative Agent.

**“Write-Down and Conversion Powers”** means (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any U.K. Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of such Person or any other Person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

SECTION 1.02. Classification of Loans and Borrowings. For purposes of this Agreement, Loans may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “Term Loan”) or by Type (e.g., a “LIBO Rate Loan”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “LIBO Rate Term Loan”). Borrowings also may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “Term Loan Borrowing”) or by Type (e.g., a “LIBO Rate Borrowing”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “LIBO Rate Term Loan Borrowing”).

SECTION 1.03. Terms Generally. (a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include,” “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation.” The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall.” The words “ordinary course of business” or “ordinary course” shall, with respect to any Person, be deemed to refer to items or actions that are consistent with practice in or the norms of the industry in which such Person operates or such Person’s past practice. Unless the context requires otherwise (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein or in any Loan Document shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified or extended, replaced or refinanced (subject to any restrictions or qualifications on such amendments, restatements, amendment and restatements, supplements or modifications or extensions, replacements or refinancings set forth herein), (ii) any reference to any Requirement of Law in any Loan Document shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, superseding or interpreting such Requirement of Law, (iii) any reference herein or in any Loan Document to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and permitted assigns, (iv) the words “herein,” “hereof” and “hereunder,” and words of similar import, when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to refer to such Loan Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (v) all references herein or in any Loan Document to Articles, Sections, clauses, paragraphs, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles, Sections, clauses and paragraphs of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, such Loan Document, (vi) in the computation of periods of time in any Loan Document from a specified date to a later specified date, the word “from” means “from and including,” the words “to” and “until” mean “to but excluding” and the word “through” means “to and including,” (vii) the words “asset” and “property”, when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including Cash, securities, accounts and contract rights and (viii) the fair market value of any asset or property shall be determined by the Company in good faith.

(b) For purposes of determining compliance at any time with Sections 6.01, 6.02, 6.04, 6.05 and 6.06, in the event that any Indebtedness, Lien, Restricted Payment Transaction, Disposition or Affiliate Transaction, as applicable, or portion thereof, at any time meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of transactions or items permitted pursuant to any clause of such Sections 6.01 (other than Sections 6.01(b)(i)(A) or (iii) (in the case of Indebtedness Incurred on the Closing Date)), 6.02, 6.04, 6.05, and 6.06 (each of the foregoing, a “**Reclassifiable Item**”), the Company, in its sole discretion, may, from time to time, divide, classify or reclassify such Reclassifiable Item (or portion thereof) under one or more clauses of each such Section and will only be required to include such Reclassifiable Item (or portion thereof) in any one category; provided that, upon delivery of any financial statements pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(i) or (ii) following the initial incurrence or making of any such Reclassifiable Item, if such Reclassifiable Item could, based on such financial statements, have been incurred in reliance on Section 6.01(a) or Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(II) (in the case of Indebtedness and Liens) or any “ratio-based” basket or exception (in the case of all other Reclassifiable Items), such Reclassifiable Item shall automatically be reclassified as having been incurred or made under the applicable provisions of Section 6.01(a) or Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(II) or such “ratio-based” basket or exception, as applicable (in each case, subject to any other applicable provision of Section 6.01(a) or Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(II) or such “ratio-based” basket or exception, as applicable). It is understood and agreed that any Indebtedness, Lien, Restricted Payment Transaction, Disposition and/or Affiliate transaction need not be permitted solely by reference to one category of permitted Indebtedness, Lien, Restricted Payment Transaction, Disposition and/or Affiliate transaction under Sections 6.01, 6.02, 6.04, 6.05 and 6.06, respectively, but may instead be permitted in part under any combination thereof or under any other available exception.

(c) With respect to any Default or Event of Default, the words “exists”, “is continuing” or similar expressions with respect thereto shall mean that the Default or Event of Default has occurred and has not yet been cured or waived. If any Default or Event of Default occurs due to the failure by any Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary to take any action by a specified time, such Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have been cured at the time, if any, that the applicable Loan Party or Restricted Subsidiary takes such action but only if the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders shall not, prior to the taking of such action, have accelerated the Loans pursuant to Article 7 or otherwise commenced the exercise of secured creditor remedies. If any Default or Event of Default that occurs is subsequently cured as described in the preceding sentence (a “**Cured Default**”), any other Default or Event of Default resulting from the making or deemed making of any representation or warranty by any Loan Party or any Restricted Subsidiary or the taking of (or the failure to take) any action by any Loan Party or any Restricted Subsidiary, in each case which subsequent Default or Event of Default would not have arisen had the Cured Default not occurred, shall be deemed to be cured automatically upon, and simultaneously with, the cure of the Cured Default.

(a) (i) All financial statements to be delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP as in effect from time to time and, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature that are used in calculating the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio, the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio, the Consolidated Coverage Ratio, Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated Tangible Assets shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with GAAP, as in effect from time to time; provided that (A) if any change to GAAP or in the application thereof or any change as a result of the adoption or modification of accounting policies (including the conversion to IFRS as described below) and/or there is any change in the functional currency reflected in the financial statements or (B) if the Company elects or is required to report under IFRS, the Company or the Required Lenders may, in either case, request to amend the relevant affected provisions hereof (whether or not the request for such amendment is delivered before or after the relevant change or election) to eliminate the effect of such change or election, as the case may be, on the operation of such provisions and, upon any such request, (x) the Company and the Administrative Agent shall negotiate in good faith to enter into an amendment of the relevant affected provisions (it being understood that no amendment or similar fee shall be payable to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection therewith) to preserve the original intent thereof in light of the applicable change or election, as the case may be and (y) the relevant affected provisions shall be interpreted on the basis of GAAP and the currency, in each case, as in effect and applied immediately prior to the applicable change or election, as the case may be, until the request for amendment has been withdrawn by the Company or the Required Lenders, as applicable, or this Agreement has been amended as contemplated hereby. Any consent required from the Administrative Agent or any Required Lender with respect to the foregoing shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

(ii) All terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made, without giving effect to (i) any election under Accounting Standards Codification 825-10-25 (previously referred to as Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 159) (or any other Accounting Standards Codification, International Accounting Standard or Financial Accounting Standard having a similar result or effect) to value any Indebtedness or other liabilities of the Company or any subsidiary at "fair value," as defined therein, (ii) any treatment of Indebtedness in respect of convertible debt instruments under Accounting Standards Codification 470-20 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification, International Accounting Standard or Financial Accounting Standard having a similar result or effect) to value any such Indebtedness in a reduced or bifurcated manner as described therein, and such Indebtedness shall at all times be valued at the full stated principal amount thereof, (iii) the application of Accounting Standards Codification 480, 815, 805 and 718 (to the extent these pronouncements under Accounting Standards Codification 718 result in recording an equity award as a liability on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the circumstance where, but for the application of the pronouncements, such award would have been classified as equity) and (iv) unless the Company elects otherwise, the policies, rules and regulations of the SEC, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the International Accounting Standards Board or any other applicable regulatory or governing body applicable only to public companies. If the Company notifies the Administrative Agent that the Company is required to report under IFRS or has elected to do so through an early adoption policy, "GAAP" shall mean international financial reporting standards pursuant to IFRS (provided thereafter, the Company cannot elect to report under GAAP).



(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, but subject to Sections 1.04(d), (e) and (g), all financial ratios and tests (including the Consolidated Coverage Ratio, the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio, the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio and the amount of Consolidated Tangible Assets, Consolidated Net Income and Consolidated EBITDA) (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, or purposes of calculating Excess Cash Flow) contained in this Agreement that are calculated with respect to any Test Period during which any Subject Transaction occurs shall be calculated with respect to such Test Period and such Subject Transaction on a pro forma basis. Further, if since the beginning of any such Test Period and on or prior to the date of any required calculation of any financial ratio or test (x) any Subject Transaction has occurred or (y) any Person that subsequently became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged, amalgamated or consolidated with or into the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries since the beginning of such Test Period has consummated any Subject Transaction, then, in each case, any applicable financial ratio or test shall be calculated on a pro forma basis for such Test Period as if such Subject Transaction had occurred at the beginning of the applicable Test Period (or, in the case of Consolidated Tangible Assets (or with respect to any determination pertaining to the balance sheet, including the acquisition of Cash, Cash Equivalents, Investment Grade Securities and Temporary Cash Investments), as of the last day of such Test Period).

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in paragraph (a) above or in the definition of “Finance Lease Obligation”, unless the Company elects otherwise, all obligations of any Person that are or would have been treated as operating leases for purposes of GAAP prior to the issuance by the Financial Accounting Standards Board on February 25, 2016 of an Accounting Standards Update (the “ASU”) shall continue to be accounted for as operating leases (and not be treated as financing or capital lease obligations or Indebtedness) for purposes of all financial definitions, calculations and deliverables under this Agreement or any other Loan Document (including the calculation of Consolidated Net Income and Consolidated EBITDA) (whether or not such operating lease obligations were in effect on such date) notwithstanding the fact that such obligations are required in accordance with the ASU or any other change in accounting treatment or otherwise (on a prospective or retroactive basis or otherwise) to be treated as or to be recharacterized as financing or capital lease obligations or otherwise accounted for as liabilities in financial statements.

(d) For purposes of determining the permissibility of any action, change, transaction or event that by the terms of the Loan Documents requires a calculation of any financial ratio or financial test (including the Consolidated Coverage Ratio, the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio, the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio and the amount of Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated Tangible Assets), subject to the succeeding clause (e), such financial ratio or test shall be calculated at the time such action is taken, such change is made, such transaction is consummated or such event occurs, as the case may be, and no Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred solely as a result of a change in such financial ratio or financial test occurring after the time such action is taken, such change is made, such transaction is consummated or such event occurs, as the case may be.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein (including in connection with any calculation made on a pro forma basis), if the terms of this Agreement require (i) compliance with any financial ratio or financial test (including, without limitation, any Consolidated Coverage Ratio test, any Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio test and/or any Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio test) and/or any cap expressed as a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets, Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated EBITDA, (ii) accuracy of any representation or warranty and/or the absence of a Default or Event of Default (or any type of default or event of default) or (iii) compliance with any basket, as a condition to (A) the consummation of any transaction (including in connection with any acquisition or other Investment or the assumption or incurrence of Indebtedness), or (B) the making of any Restricted Payment Transaction, the determination of whether the relevant condition is satisfied may be made, at the election of the Company, (1) in the case of any acquisition or other Investment or any Disposition and any transaction related thereto, at the time of (or on the basis of the financial statements for the most recently ended Test Period at the time of) either (x) the execution of the definitive agreement with respect to such acquisition, Investment or Disposition (or, solely in connection with an acquisition, consolidation or business combination to which the United Kingdom City Code on Takeovers and Mergers applies, the date on which a “Rule 2.7 Announcement” of a firm intention to make an offer is made) or the establishment of a commitment with respect to such Indebtedness or (y) the consummation of such acquisition, Investment or Disposition, and (2) in the case of any Restricted Payment Transaction, at the time of (or on the basis of the financial statements for the most recently ended Test Period at the time of) (x) the declaration of such Restricted Payment Transaction or delivery of notice with respect to such Restricted Payment or (y) the making of such Restricted Payment Transaction, in each case, after giving effect to the relevant acquisition, Restricted Payment Transaction or other transaction on a pro forma basis (including, in each case, giving effect to the relevant transaction, any relevant Indebtedness (including the intended use of proceeds thereof) and, at the election of the Company, giving pro forma effect to other prospective “limited conditionality” acquisitions or other Investments for which definitive agreements have been executed, and no Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred solely as a result of an adverse change in such financial ratio or test occurring after the time such election is made (but any subsequent improvement in the applicable financial ratio or test may be utilized by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary). For the avoidance of doubt, if the Company shall have elected the option set forth in clause (x) of any of the preceding clauses (1), (2) or (3) in respect of any transaction, then the Company shall be permitted to consummate such transaction even if any applicable test or condition shall cease to be satisfied subsequent to the Company’s election of such option. The provisions of this paragraph (e) shall also apply in respect of the incurrence of any Incremental Facility.

(f) [Reserved].

(g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, unless the Company otherwise notifies the Administrative Agent, with respect to any amount incurred under any revolving facility or any amounts incurred or transactions entered into (or consummated) in reliance on a provision of this Agreement that does not require compliance with a financial ratio or financial test (including any Consolidated Coverage Ratio test, Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio test, and/or Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio test) (any such amounts, the “**Fixed Amounts**”) substantially concurrently with any amounts incurred or transactions entered into (or consummated) in reliance on a provision of this Agreement that requires compliance with a financial ratio or financial test (including any Consolidated Coverage Ratio test, Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio test and/or any Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio test) (any such amounts, the “**Incurrence-Based Amounts**”), it is understood and agreed that the incurrence of the Incurrence-Based Amount shall be calculated first without giving effect to any Fixed Amount but giving full pro forma effect to the use of proceeds of such Fixed Amount and the related transactions and (B) the Incurrence of the Fixed Amount shall be calculated thereafter. Unless the Company elects otherwise, the Company or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary shall be deemed to have used amounts under an Incurrence-Based Amount then available to the Company or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary prior to utilization of any amount under a Fixed Amount then available to the Company or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary.

(h) The principal amount of any non-interest bearing Indebtedness or other discount security constituting Indebtedness at any date shall be the principal amount thereof that would be shown on a balance sheet of the Company dated such date prepared in accordance with GAAP.

(i) The increase in any amount secured by any Lien by virtue of the accrual of interest, the accretion of accreted value, the payment of interest or a dividend in the form of additional Indebtedness, amortization of original issue discount and/or any increase in the amount of Indebtedness outstanding solely as a result of any fluctuation in the exchange rate of any applicable currency will not be deemed to be the granting of a Lien for purposes of Section 6.02.

(j) For purposes of determining compliance with Section 6.01 or Section 6.06, if any Indebtedness or Lien is Incurred in reliance on a basket measured by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets, and any refinancing or replacement thereof would cause the percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets to be exceeded if calculated based on the Consolidated Tangible Assets on the date of such refinancing or replacement, such percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets will be deemed not to be exceeded so long as the principal amount of such refinancing or replacement Indebtedness or other obligation does not exceed an amount sufficient to repay the principal amount of such Indebtedness or other obligation being refinanced or replaced, except by an amount equal to (x) unpaid accrued interest, penalties and premiums (including tender, prepayment or repayment premiums) thereon plus underwriting discounts and other customary fees, commissions and expenses (including upfront fees, original issue discount or initial yield payment) incurred in connection with such refinancing or replacement, (y) any existing commitments unutilized thereunder and (z) additional amounts permitted to be incurred under Section 6.01.

(k) Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to this Agreement (or required to be satisfied in order for a specific action to be permitted under this Agreement) shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).

SECTION 1.05. Effectuation of Transactions. Each of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement (and all corresponding definitions) is made after giving effect to the Transactions, unless the context otherwise requires.

SECTION 1.06. Timing of Payment and Performance. When payment of any obligation or the performance of any covenant, duty or obligation is stated to be due or required on a day which is not a Business Day, the date of such payment (other than as described in the definition of “Interest Period”) or performance shall extend to the immediately succeeding Business Day, and, in the case of any payment accruing interest, interest thereon shall be payable for the period of such extension.

SECTION 1.07. Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to New York City time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

SECTION 1.08. Currency Equivalents Generally.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in clause (b) below, for purposes of any determination under Article 5, Article 6 (other than the calculation of compliance with any financial ratio for purposes of taking any action hereunder) or Article 7 with respect to the amount of any Indebtedness, Lien, Restricted Payment Transaction, Investment, Disposition, Affiliate transaction or other transaction, event or circumstance, or any determination under any other provision of this Agreement (any of the foregoing, a “**relevant transaction**”), in a currency other than Dollars, (i) the Dollar equivalent amount of a relevant transaction in a currency other than Dollars shall be calculated based on the rate of exchange quoted by the Bloomberg Foreign Exchange Rates & World Currencies Page (or any successor page thereto, or in the event such rate does not appear on any Bloomberg Page, by reference to such other publicly available service for displaying exchange rates as may be agreed upon by the Administrative Agent and the Company) for such foreign currency, as in effect at 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the date of such relevant transaction (which, in the case of any Restricted Payment Transaction, Investment, Disposition or incurrence of Indebtedness, shall be determined as set forth in Section 1.04(e)); provided, that if any Indebtedness is incurred (and, if applicable, associated Lien granted) to refinance or replace other Indebtedness denominated in a currency other than Dollars, and the relevant refinancing or replacement would cause the applicable Dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing or replacement, such Dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such refinancing or replacement Indebtedness (and, if applicable, associated Lien granted) does not exceed an amount sufficient to repay the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced or replaced, except by an amount equal to (x) unpaid accrued interest, penalties and premiums (including tender premiums) thereon *plus* underwriting discounts and other customary fees, commissions and expenses (including upfront fees, original issue discount or initial yield payment) incurred in connection with such refinancing or replacement, (y) any existing commitments unutilized thereunder and (z) additional amounts permitted to be incurred under Section 6.01 and (ii) for the avoidance of doubt, no Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred solely as a result of a change in the rate of currency exchange occurring after the time of any relevant transaction so long as such relevant transaction was permitted at the time incurred, made, acquired, committed, entered or declared as set forth in clause (i). For purposes of the calculation of compliance with any financial ratio for purposes of taking any action hereunder (including for purposes of calculating compliance with the Incremental Cap) on any relevant date of determination, amounts denominated in currencies other than Dollars shall be translated into Dollars at the applicable currency exchange rate used in preparing the financial statements delivered pursuant to Sections 5.01(a)(i) or (ii) (or, prior to the first such delivery, the financial statements referred to in Section 3.04(a)), as applicable, for the relevant Test Period and, at the option of the Company, will reflect the currency translation effects, determined in accordance with GAAP, of Hedging Agreements permitted hereunder in respect of currency exchange risks with respect to the applicable currency in effect on the date of determination for the Dollar equivalent amount of such Indebtedness.

(b) Each provision of this Agreement shall be subject to such reasonable changes of construction as the Administrative Agent may from time to time specify with the Company's consent to appropriately reflect a change in currency of any country and any relevant market convention or practice relating to such change in currency.

SECTION 1.09. Cashless Rollovers. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document, to the extent that any Lender extends the maturity date of, or replaces, renews or refinances, any of its then-existing Loans with Incremental Loans, Replacement Term Loans, Extended Term Loans, or loans incurred under a new credit facility, in each case, to the extent such extension, replacement, renewal or refinancing is effected by means of a "cashless roll" by such Lender, such extension, replacement, renewal or refinancing shall be deemed to comply with any requirement hereunder or any other Loan Document that such payment be made "in Dollars", "in immediately available funds", "in Cash" or any other similar requirement.

SECTION 1.10. Divisions. For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized and acquired on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Capital Stock at such time.

SECTION 1.11. Guarantees and Collateral. Notwithstanding any provision of any Loan Document to the contrary:

(a) For purposes of any determination relating to the ABL Priority Collateral as to which the Administrative Agent is granted discretion hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including any determination with respect to any waiver or extension or any opportunity to request that is permitted or required under the definition of "Collateral and Guarantee Requirement," under this Agreement or under any other Loan Document), the Administrative Agent shall be deemed to have agreed and accepted any determination in respect thereof by the Applicable Administrative Agent; and

(b) For purposes of any determination relating to the Term Loan Priority Collateral as to which the Administrative Agent is granted discretion hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including any determination with respect to any waiver or extension or any opportunity to request that is permitted or required under the definition of "Collateral and Guarantee Requirement," under this Agreement or under any other Loan Document), the Administrative Agent shall be deemed to have agreed and accepted any determination in respect thereof by the Applicable Administrative Agent; it being understood and agreed that as of the Closing Date, the Administrative Agent is the Applicable Administrative Agent with respect to the Term Loan Priority Collateral.

SECTION 2.01. Commitments.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Initial Term Lender severally, and not jointly, agrees to make Initial Term Loans to the Company on the Closing Date in Dollars in a principal amount not to exceed its Initial Term Loan Commitment. Amounts paid or prepaid in respect of the Initial Term Loans may not be re-borrowed. The Initial Term Loans will be funded with original issue discount of 1.00% (it being agreed that the Borrower shall be obligated to repay 100% of the principal amount of the Initial Term Loans and interest shall accrue on 100% of the principal amount of the Initial Term Loans, in each case as provided herein).

(b) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any applicable Refinancing Amendment, Extension Amendment or Incremental Facility Amendment, each Lender with an Additional Commitment of a given Class, severally and not jointly, agrees to make Additional Loans of such Class to the Company, which Loans shall not exceed for any such Lender at the time of any incurrence thereof the Additional Commitment of such Class of such Lender as set forth in the applicable Refinancing Amendment, Extension Amendment or Incremental Facility Amendment.

SECTION 2.02. Loans and Borrowings.

(a) Each Loan shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Loans of the same Class and Type made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments of the applicable Class.

(b) Subject to Section 2.01 and Section 2.14, each Borrowing shall be comprised entirely of ABR Loans or LIBO Rate Loans as the Company may request in accordance herewith. Each Lender at its option may make any LIBO Rate Loan by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender to make such Loan; provided that (i) any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the Company to repay such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, (ii) such LIBO Rate Loan shall be deemed to have been made and held by such Lender, and the obligation of the Company to repay such LIBO Rate Loan shall nevertheless be to such Lender for the account of such domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender and (iii) in exercising such option, such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to minimize increased costs to the Company resulting therefrom (which obligation of such Lender shall not require it to take, or refrain from taking, actions that it determines would result in increased costs for which it will not be compensated hereunder or that it otherwise determines would be disadvantageous to it and in the event of such request for costs for which compensation is provided under this Agreement, the provisions of Section 2.15 shall apply); provided, further, that no such domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender shall be entitled to any greater indemnification under Section 2.17 with respect to such LIBO Rate Loan than that to which the applicable Lender was entitled on the date on which such Loan was made (except in connection with any indemnification entitlement arising as a result of a Change in Law after the date on which such Loan was made).

(c) At the commencement of each Interest Period for any LIBO Rate Borrowing, such Borrowing shall comprise an aggregate principal amount that is an integral multiple of \$100,000 and not less than \$500,000. Each ABR Borrowing when made shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$100,000. Borrowings of more than one Type and Class may be outstanding at the same time; provided that there shall not at any time be more than a total of two different Interest Periods in effect for LIBO Rate Borrowings at any time outstanding (or such greater number of different Interest Periods as the Administrative Agent may agree from time to time).

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Company shall not, nor shall it be entitled to, request, or to elect to convert or continue, any Borrowing if the Interest Period requested with respect thereto would end after the Maturity Date applicable to such Loans.

SECTION 2.03. Requests for Borrowings. Each Borrowing, each conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, and each continuation of LIBO Rate Loans shall be made upon irrevocable notice by the Company to the Administrative Agent (provided that, subject to Section 2.16, notices in respect of borrowings to be made on the Closing Date may be conditioned on the closing of the Transactions and any borrowing in connection with any acquisition, Investment or repayment, redemption or refinancing of Indebtedness may be conditioned on the closing of such acquisition, Investment or repayment, redemption or refinancing of Indebtedness). Each such notice must be in writing or by telephone (and promptly confirmed in writing) and must be received by the Administrative Agent (by hand delivery, fax or other electronic transmission (including “.pdf” or “.tif”)) not later than (i) 1:00 p.m. three Business Days prior to the requested day of any Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of LIBO Rate Loans or conversion to ABR Loans (or 11:00 a.m. one Business Day prior in the case of any Borrowing of LIBO Rate Loans to be made on the Closing Date) and (ii) 12:00 p.m. on the requested date of any Borrowing of or conversion to ABR Loans (or, in each case, such later time as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent); provided, however, that if the Company wishes to request LIBO Rate Loans having an Interest Period of other than one, three or six months in duration as provided in the definition of “Interest Period,” (A) the applicable notice must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. four Business Days prior to the requested date of such Borrowing, conversion or continuation (or such later time as is reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent), whereupon the Administrative Agent shall give prompt notice to the appropriate Lenders of such request and determine whether the requested Interest Period is acceptable to them and (B) not later than 11:00 a.m. three Business Days before the requested date of such Borrowing, conversion or continuation, the Administrative Agent shall notify the Company whether or not the requested Interest Period has been consented to by all the appropriate Lenders. Each written notice (or confirmation of telephonic notice) with respect to a Borrowing by the Company pursuant to this Section 2.03 shall be delivered to the Administrative Agent in the form of a written Borrowing Request, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Company. Each such written Borrowing Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

- (a) the Class of such Borrowing;
- (b) the aggregate amount of the requested Borrowing;
- (c) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;
- (d) whether such Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing or a LIBO Rate Borrowing;

(e) in the case of a LIBO Rate Borrowing, the initial Interest Period to be applicable thereto, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term “Interest Period”; and

(f) the location and number of the Company’s account or any other designated account(s) to which funds are to be disbursed (the “**Funding Account**”).

If no election as to the Type of Borrowing is specified, then the requested Borrowing shall be an ABR Borrowing. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested LIBO Rate Borrowing, then the Company shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. The Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of the amount of the Loan to be made as part of the requested Borrowing (x) in the case of any ABR Borrowing, on the same Business Day of receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section 2.03 or (y) in the case of any LIBO Rate Borrowing, no later than one Business Day following receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section 2.03.

SECTION 2.04. [Reserved].

SECTION 2.05. [Reserved].

SECTION 2.06. [Reserved].

SECTION 2.07. Funding of Borrowings.

(a) Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the proposed date thereof by wire transfer of immediately available funds by 2:00 p.m. to the account of the Administrative Agent most recently designated by it for such purpose by notice to the Lenders in an amount equal to such Lender's respective Applicable Percentage. The Administrative Agent will make such Loans available to the Company by promptly crediting the amounts so received, in like funds, to the Funding Account or as otherwise directed by the Company.

(b) Unless the Administrative Agent has received notice from any Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section 2.07 and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available a corresponding amount. In such event, if any Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Company severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand (without duplication) such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Company to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation or (ii) in the case of the Company, the interest rate applicable to the Loans comprising such Borrowing at such time. If such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing and the Company's obligation to repay the Administrative Agent such corresponding amount pursuant to this Section 2.07(b) shall cease. If the Company pays such amount to the Administrative Agent, the amount so paid shall constitute a repayment of such Borrowing by such amount. Nothing herein shall be deemed to relieve any Lender from its obligation to fulfill its Commitment or to prejudice any rights which the Administrative Agent or the Company or any other Loan Party may have against any Lender as a result of any default by such Lender hereunder.



SECTION 2.08.      Type; Interest Elections.

(a) Each Borrowing initially shall be of the Type specified in the applicable Borrowing Request and, in the case of a LIBO Rate Borrowing, shall have an initial Interest Period as specified in such Borrowing Request. Thereafter, the Company may elect to convert any Borrowing to a Borrowing of a different Type or to continue such Borrowing and, in the case of a LIBO Rate Borrowing, may elect Interest Periods therefor, all as provided in this Section 2.08. The Company may elect different options with respect to different portions of the affected Borrowing, in which case each such portion shall be allocated ratably among the Lenders based upon their Applicable Percentages and the Loans comprising each such portion shall be considered a separate Borrowing.

(b) To make an election pursuant to this Section, the Company shall notify the Administrative Agent of such election in writing (by hand delivery, fax or other electronic transmission (including “.pdf” or “.tif”)) by the time that a Borrowing Request would be required under Section 2.03 if the Company were requesting a Borrowing of the Type resulting from such election to be made on the effective date of such election.

(c) Each written Interest Election Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

(i) the Borrowing to which such Interest Election Request applies and, if different options are being elected with respect to different portions thereof, the portions thereof to be allocated to each resulting Borrowing (in which case the information to be specified pursuant to clauses (iii) and (iv) below shall be specified for each resulting Borrowing);

(ii) the effective date of the election made pursuant to such Interest Election Request, which shall be a Business Day;

(iii) whether the resulting Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing or a LIBO Rate Borrowing; and

(iv) if the resulting Borrowing is a LIBO Rate Borrowing, the Interest Period to be applicable thereto after giving effect to such election, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term “Interest Period”.

If any such Interest Election Request requests a LIBO Rate Borrowing but does not specify an Interest Period, then the Company shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month’s duration.

(d) Promptly following receipt of an Interest Election Request, the Administrative Agent shall advise each applicable Lender of the details thereof and of such Lender’s portion of each resulting Borrowing.

(e) If the Company fails to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a LIBO Rate Borrowing prior to the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto, then, unless such Borrowing is repaid as provided herein, such Borrowing shall be converted at the end of such Interest Period to a LIBO Rate Borrowing with an Interest Period of one month. Notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, if an Event of Default exists and the Administrative Agent, at the request of the Required Lenders, so notifies the Company, then, so long as such Event of Default exists (i) no outstanding Borrowing may be converted to or continued as a LIBO Rate Borrowing and (ii) unless repaid, each LIBO Rate Borrowing shall be converted to an ABR Borrowing at the end of the then-current Interest Period applicable thereto.

SECTION 2.09. Termination and Reduction of Commitments. Unless previously terminated, (i) the Initial Term Loan Commitments on the Closing Date shall automatically terminate upon the making of the Initial Term Loans on the Closing Date, and (ii) the Additional Term Loan Commitments of any Class shall automatically terminate upon the making of the Additional Term Loans of such Class and, if any such Additional Term Loan Commitment is not drawn on the date that such Additional Term Loan Commitment is required to be drawn pursuant to the applicable Refinancing Amendment, Extension Amendment or Incremental Facility Amendment, the undrawn amount thereof shall terminate unless otherwise provided in the applicable Refinancing Amendment, Extension Amendment or Incremental Facility Amendment.

SECTION 2.10. Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Debt.

(a) The Term Loan Borrowers jointly and severally hereby unconditionally promise to repay the outstanding principal amount of the Initial Term Loans to the Administrative Agent for the account of each applicable Term Lender (i) on the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December prior to the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date (each such date being referred to as a “**Loan Installment Date**”), commencing on the last Business Day of December 2021, in each case in an amount equal to 0.25% of the original principal amount of the Initial Term Loans (as such payments may be reduced from time to time as a result of the application of prepayments in accordance with Section 2.11 and purchases or assignments in accordance with Section 9.05(g) or increased as a result of any increase in the amount of such Initial Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.22(a)) and (ii) on the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, in an amount equal to the remainder of the principal amount of the Initial Term Loans outstanding on such date, together in each case with accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount to be paid to but excluding the date of such payment. The Term Loan Borrowers shall repay the Additional Term Loans of any Class in such scheduled amortization installments and on such date or dates as shall be specified therefor in the applicable Refinancing Amendment, Extension Amendment or Incremental Facility Amendment (as such payments may be reduced from time to time as a result of the application of prepayments in accordance with Section 2.11 and purchases or assignments in accordance with Section 9.05(g) or increased as a result of any increase in the amount of such Additional Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.22(a)).

(b) [Reserved].

(c) [Reserved].

(d) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the Company to such Lender resulting from each Loan made by such Lender, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such Lender from time to time hereunder.

(e) The Administrative Agent shall maintain accounts in which it shall record (i) the amount of each Loan made hereunder, the Class and Type thereof and the Interest Period (if any) applicable thereto, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Company to each Lender hereunder and (iii) the amount of any sum received by the Administrative Agent hereunder for the account of the Lenders and each Lender’s share thereof.

(f) The entries made in the accounts maintained pursuant to paragraphs (d) or (e) of this Section shall be prima facie evidence of the existence and amounts of the obligations recorded therein (absent manifest error); provided that the failure of any Lender or the Administrative Agent to maintain such accounts or any manifest error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Company to repay the Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; provided, further, that in the event of any inconsistency between the accounts maintained by the Administrative Agent pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section 2.10 and any Lender's records, the accounts of the Administrative Agent shall govern.

(g) Any Lender may request that Loans made by it be evidenced by a Promissory Note. In such event, the Company shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender a Promissory Note payable to such Lender and its registered permitted assigns; it being understood and agreed that such Lender (and/or its applicable permitted assign) shall be required to return such Promissory Note to the Company in accordance with Section 9.05(b)(iii) and upon the occurrence of the Termination Date (or as promptly thereafter as practicable). If any Lender loses the original copy of its Promissory Note, it shall execute an affidavit of loss containing indemnification provisions reasonably satisfactory to the Company. The obligation of each Lender to execute an affidavit of loss containing a customary indemnification provision that is reasonably satisfactory to the Company shall survive the Termination Date

#### SECTION 2.11. Prepayment of Loans.

##### (a) Optional Prepayments.

(i) Upon prior notice in accordance with paragraph (a)(iii) of this Section, the Term Loan Borrowers shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay any Borrowing of Term Loans of one or more Classes (such Class or Classes to be selected by the applicable Term Loan Borrower in its sole discretion) in whole or in part without premium or penalty (but subject to (A) in the case of Initial Term Loans only, Section 2.12(f) and (B) to the extent otherwise applicable, Section 2.16). Each such prepayment shall be paid to the Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages of the relevant Class.

(ii) [Reserved].

(iii) Any Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent by telephone (confirmed in writing) of any prepayment under this Section 2.11(a) (A) in the case of a prepayment of a LIBO Rate Borrowing, not later than 1:00 p.m. three Business Days before the date of prepayment or (B) in the case of a prepayment of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 1:00 p.m. on the date of prepayment. Each such notice shall be irrevocable (except as set forth in the proviso to this sentence) and shall specify the prepayment date and the principal amount of each Borrowing or portion thereof to be prepaid; provided that a notice of prepayment may state that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other transactions or other conditional events, in which case such notice may be revoked or its effectiveness deferred by the applicable Borrower (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied until such condition is satisfied. Promptly following receipt of any such notice relating to any Borrowing, the Administrative Agent shall advise the relevant Lenders of the contents thereof. Each partial prepayment of any Borrowing shall be in an amount at least equal to the amount that would be permitted in the case of a Borrowing of the same Type and Class as provided in Section 2.02(c) or such lesser amount that is then outstanding with respect to such Borrowing being repaid. Each prepayment of Term Loans shall be applied to the Class or Classes of Term Loans specified by the applicable Borrower in the applicable prepayment notice, and each prepayment of Term Loans of such Class or Classes made pursuant to this Section 2.11(a) shall be applied against the remaining scheduled installments of principal due in respect of the Term Loans of such Class or Classes in the manner specified by such Borrower or, if not so specified on or prior to the date of such optional prepayment, in direct order of maturity.

(b) Mandatory Prepayments.

(i) No later than the tenth Business Day after the date on which the financial statements with respect to each fiscal year of the Company are delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(i), commencing with the fiscal year of the Company ending January 28, 2023 the Company shall prepay Subject Loans in accordance with clause (vi) below in an aggregate principal amount (the “**ECF Prepayment Amount**”) equal to (A) the Required Excess Cash Flow Percentage of Excess Cash Flow of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries for the Excess Cash Flow Period then most recently ended (this clause (A)), the “**Base ECF Prepayment Amount**”), minus (B) at the option of the Company, to the extent occurring during such Excess Cash Flow Period (or occurring after such Excess Cash Flow Period and prior to the date of the applicable Excess Cash Flow payment), and without duplication (including duplication of any amounts deducted in any prior Excess Cash Flow Period), the following (collectively, the “**ECF Deductions**”):

(1) the aggregate principal amount of any (I) Term Loans prepaid pursuant to Section 2.11(a) and (II) loans under any ABL Facility or any ABL Incremental Debt voluntarily prepaid (or contractually committed to be prepaid, with an increase in the applicable future period to the extent so deducted but not actually prepaid);

(2) the aggregate principal amount of any Incremental Equivalent Debt, Replacement Debt and/or any other Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to Section 6.01 to the extent secured by Liens on the Collateral that are pari passu with the Liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations hereunder (without regard to the control of remedies), voluntarily prepaid, repurchased, redeemed or otherwise retired (or contractually committed to be prepaid, repurchased, redeemed or otherwise retired);

(3) the amount of any reduction in the outstanding amount of any Term Loans, Incremental Equivalent Debt, Replacement Debt and/or any other Indebtedness permitted to be Incurred pursuant to Section 6.01 to the extent secured by Liens on the Collateral that are pari passu with the Liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations hereunder (without regard to the control of remedies), resulting from any purchase or assignment made in accordance with Section 9.05(g) of this Agreement (including in connection with any Dutch Auction) (with respect to Term Loans) and any equivalent provisions with respect to any Incremental Equivalent Debt, Replacement Debt and/or such other Indebtedness, but only to the extent of the actual price paid in connection with such purchase or assignment;

(4) all Cash payments in respect of Capital Expenditures and all Cash payments made to acquire IP Rights;

(5) Cash payments by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries made (or committed or budgeted) in respect of long-term liabilities (including for purposes of clarity, the current portion of such long-term liabilities) of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries other than Indebtedness, except to the extent such Cash payments were deducted in the calculation of Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated EBITDA for such period;

(6) Cash payments in respect of any Investment (including acquisitions) permitted by Section 6.02 or otherwise consented to by the Required Lenders (other than Investments (x) in Cash or Cash Equivalents or (y) in the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary) and/or any Restricted Payment Transaction permitted by Section 6.02.

(7) the aggregate consideration (i) required to be paid in Cash by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to binding contracts entered into prior to or during such period relating to Capital Expenditures, acquisitions or other Investments permitted by Section 6.02 and/or Restricted Payment Transactions described in clause (6) above and/or (ii) otherwise committed or budgeted to be made in connection with Capital Expenditures, acquisitions or other Investments and/or Restricted Payment Transactions described in clause (6) above (clauses (i) and (ii) of this clause (7), the “**Scheduled Consideration**”) (other than Investments in (x) Cash and Cash Equivalents or (y) the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary) to be consummated or made during the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company following the end of such period; provided that to the extent the aggregate amount actually utilized to finance such Capital Expenditures, acquisitions, Investments or Restricted Payment Transactions during such subsequent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters is less than the Scheduled Consideration, the amount of the resulting shortfall shall be added to the calculation of Excess Cash Flow at the end of such subsequent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters;

(8) Cash expenditures in respect of any Hedging Agreement to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of Consolidated Net Income or Consolidated EBITDA; and

(9) the aggregate amount of expenditures actually made by the Company and/or any Restricted Subsidiary in Cash (including any expenditure for the payment of fees or other Charges (or any amortization thereof for such period) in connection with any Disposition, incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness, issuance of Capital Stock, refinancing transaction, amendment or modification of any debt instrument, including this Agreement, and including, in each case, any such transaction consummated prior to, on or after the Closing Date, and Charges incurred in connection therewith, whether or not such transaction was successful), to the extent that such expenditures were not expensed; in the case of each of clauses (1)-(9), (I) excluding any such payments, prepayments and expenditures made during such fiscal year of the Company that reduced the amount required to be prepaid pursuant to this Section 2.11(b)(i) in the prior fiscal year of the Company, (II) in the case of any prepayment of revolving Indebtedness, to the extent accompanied by a permanent reduction in the relevant commitment and (III) to the extent that such payments, prepayments and expenditures were not financed with the proceeds of other long-term funded Indebtedness (other than revolving Indebtedness) of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that (x) no prepayment under this Section 2.11(b)(i) shall be required unless the principal amount of Subject Loans required to be prepaid exceeds \$10,000,000 (and, in such case, only such amount in excess of \$10,000,000 shall be required to be prepaid) and (y) to the extent the aggregate ECF Deductions for any Excess Cash Flow Period exceeds the Base ECF Prepayment Amount for such period, the Company may carry forward such excess as additional ECF Deductions to any subsequent Excess Cash Flow Period; provided, further, that if at the time that any such prepayment would be required, the Company (or any Restricted Subsidiary) is also required to prepay, repurchase or offer to prepay or repurchase any Indebtedness that is secured on a *pari passu* basis (without regard to the control of remedies) with any Secured Obligation pursuant to the terms of the documentation governing such Indebtedness (such Indebtedness required to be so prepaid or repurchased or offered to be so prepaid or repurchased, “**Other Applicable Indebtedness**”) with any portion of the ECF Prepayment Amount, then the Company may apply such portion of the ECF Prepayment Amount on a pro rata basis (determined on the basis of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Subject Loans and the relevant Other Applicable Indebtedness (or accreted amount if such Other Applicable Indebtedness is issued with original issue discount) at such time) to the prepayment of the Subject Loans and to the prepayment of the relevant Other Applicable Indebtedness, and the amount of prepayment of the Subject Loans that would have otherwise been required pursuant to this Section 2.11(b)(i) shall be reduced accordingly; it being understood that (1) the portion of such ECF Prepayment Amount allocated to the Other Applicable Indebtedness shall not exceed the portion of such ECF Prepayment Amount required to be allocated to the Other Applicable Indebtedness pursuant to the terms thereof, and the remaining amount, if any, of such ECF Prepayment Amount shall be allocated to the Subject Loans in accordance with the terms hereof and (2) to the extent the holders of the Other Applicable Indebtedness decline to have such Indebtedness prepaid or repurchased, the declined amount shall promptly (and in any event within ten Business Days after the date of such rejection) be applied to prepay the Subject Loans in accordance with the terms hereof.

(ii) No later than (x) the fifth Business Day following the receipt of Net Available Cash in respect of any Prepayment Asset Sale or Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds, in each case, in respect of assets constituting Collateral, or (y) in the event that at the time of such Prepayment Asset Sale or event giving rise to Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds any Other Subject Indebtedness is outstanding, the earlier of (A) the 90th day following the receipt of Net Available Cash in respect of any such Prepayment Asset Sale or Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds, as applicable, and (B) the date on which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries uses any of such Net Available Cash to prepay or repurchase Other Subject Indebtedness pursuant to an asset sale offer made in accordance with the provisions of the indenture or other agreement governing the terms thereof, in each case, in excess of \$30,000,000 in any fiscal year of the Company, the Company shall apply an amount equal to the Required Asset Sale/Casualty Event Percentage of the Net Available Cash or Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds received with respect thereto in excess of such thresholds (collectively, the “**Subject Proceeds**”; and any such Net Available Cash or Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds that do not constitute Subject Proceeds, the “**Excluded Proceeds**”) to prepay the outstanding principal amount of Subject Loans in accordance with clause (vi) below; provided that the Company shall not be required to make a mandatory prepayment under this clause (ii) in respect of the Subject Proceeds to the extent (x) the Subject Proceeds are reinvested in assets used or useful in the business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (including acquisitions and other Investments not prohibited by this Agreement (other than a direct Investment in Cash or Cash Equivalents) within 18 months following receipt thereof or (y) the Company or any of its subsidiaries has contractually committed to so reinvest the Subject Proceeds during such 18-month period and the Subject Proceeds are so reinvested within six months after the expiration of such 18-month period; provided, however, that if the Subject Proceeds have not been so reinvested prior to the expiration of the applicable period, the Company shall promptly prepay the outstanding principal amount of Subject Loans with the Subject Proceeds not so reinvested as set forth above (without regard to the immediately preceding proviso) (provided that the Company may elect to deem certain expenditures that would otherwise be permissible reinvestments but that occurred prior to the receipt of the applicable Net Available Cash or Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds (as applicable) as having been reinvested in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2.11(b)(ii), but only to the extent such deemed expenditure shall have been made no earlier than (x) in the case of Net Available Cash, the earlier of the execution of a definitive agreement with respect to such Prepayment Asset Sale or the consummation of the applicable Disposition and (y) in the case of Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds, the occurrence of the event in respect of which such Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds were received) and (1) if, at the time that any such prepayment would be required hereunder, the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is required to prepay, repay or repurchase (or offer to prepay, repay or repurchase) any Other Applicable Indebtedness, then the relevant Person shall reduce the amount of the Subject Proceeds to be applied pursuant to this Section 2.11(b)(ii) in respect of the Subject Loans by an amount equal to the product of (I) the amount of such Net Available Cash or Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds and (II) a fraction, the numerator of which is the outstanding principal amount of such Other Applicable Indebtedness and the denominator of which is the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Other Applicable Indebtedness and the outstanding principal amount of the Subject Loans; it being understood that the portion of the Subject Proceeds allocated to the Other Applicable Indebtedness shall not exceed the amount of the Subject Proceeds required to be allocated to the Other Applicable Indebtedness pursuant to the terms thereof, and the amount of the prepayment of the Subject Loans that would have otherwise been required pursuant to this Section 2.11(b)(ii) shall be reduced accordingly.

(iii) In the event that the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries receives Net Cash Proceeds from the issuance or incurrence of Indebtedness by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than with respect to Indebtedness permitted under Section 6.01, except to the extent the relevant Indebtedness constitutes Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Initial Term Loans pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(i)(C) or Replacement Term Loans incurred to refinance Initial Term Loans in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.02(b)), the Company shall, substantially simultaneously with (and in any event not later than two Business Days thereafter) the receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds by the Company or its applicable Restricted Subsidiary, apply an amount equal to 100% of such Net Cash Proceeds to prepay the outstanding principal amount of the relevant Initial Term Loans in accordance with clause (vi) below.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 2.11(b) to the contrary, (A) the Company shall not be required to prepay any amount that would otherwise be required to be paid pursuant to Sections 2.11(b)(i), (ii) or (iii) above to the extent that the relevant Excess Cash Flow is generated by any Foreign Subsidiary, the relevant Prepayment Asset Sale is consummated by any Foreign Subsidiary, the relevant Net Insurance/Condemnation Proceeds are received by any Foreign Subsidiary or the relevant Indebtedness is incurred by any Foreign Subsidiary (except to the extent the relevant Indebtedness constitutes Refinancing Indebtedness incurred by any Foreign Subsidiary to refinance all or a portion of the Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(i)(C) or Replacement Term Loans incurred to refinance Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.02(b)), as the case may be, for so long as the Company determines in good faith that the repatriation to the Company of any such amount would be prohibited or delayed (beyond the time period during which such prepayment is otherwise required to be made pursuant to Section 2.11(b)(i), (ii) or (iii) above) under any Requirement of Law or conflict with the fiduciary duties of such Foreign Subsidiary's directors, or result in, or could reasonably be expected to result in, a material risk of personal or criminal liability for any officer, director, employee, manager, member of management or consultant of such Foreign Subsidiary (including on account of financial assistance, corporate benefit, thin capitalization, capital maintenance or similar considerations); it being understood and agreed that (i) solely within 365 days following the end of the applicable Excess Cash Flow Period, the event giving rise to the relevant Subject Proceeds or the receipt of proceeds from the respective Incurrence of Indebtedness, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts required by applicable Requirements of Law to permit such repatriation and (ii) if the repatriation of the relevant affected Excess Cash Flow, Subject Proceeds or Indebtedness proceeds, as the case may be, is permitted under the applicable Requirement of Law and, to the extent applicable, would no longer conflict with the fiduciary duties of such director, or result in, or be reasonably expected to result in, a material risk of personal or criminal liability for the Persons described above, in either case, within 365 days following the end of the applicable Excess Cash Flow Period, the event giving rise to the relevant Subject Proceeds or the receipt of Net Cash Proceeds in respect of any such Indebtedness, the relevant Foreign Subsidiary will promptly repatriate the relevant Excess Cash Flow, Subject Proceeds or Net Cash Proceeds in respect of Indebtedness, as the case may be, and the repatriated Excess Cash Flow, Subject Proceeds or Net Cash Proceeds in respect of Indebtedness, as the case may be, will be promptly (and in any event not later than two Business Days after such repatriation) applied (net of additional Taxes payable or reserved against such Excess Cash Flow, such Subject Proceeds or such Net Cash Proceeds in respect of Indebtedness, as a result thereof, in each case by any Loan Party, such Loan Party's subsidiaries, and any Affiliates or indirect or direct equity owners of the foregoing) to the repayment of Subject Loans pursuant to this Section 2.11(b) to the extent required herein (without regard to this clause (iv)), (B) the Company shall not be required to prepay any amount that would otherwise be required to be paid pursuant to Sections 2.11(b)(i), (ii) or (iii) to the extent that the relevant Excess Cash Flow is generated by any joint venture or the relevant Subject Proceeds or Net Cash Proceeds in respect of Indebtedness are received by any joint venture for so long as the Company determines in good faith that the distribution to the Company of such Excess Cash Flow, Subject Proceeds or Net Cash Proceeds in respect of Indebtedness would be prohibited under the Organizational Documents (or any relevant shareholders' or similar agreement) governing such joint venture; it being understood that if the relevant prohibition ceases to exist within the 365-day period following the end of the applicable Excess Cash Flow Period, the event giving rise to the relevant Subject Proceeds or the receipt of Net Cash Proceeds in respect of any such Indebtedness, the relevant joint venture will promptly distribute the relevant Excess Cash Flow, the relevant Subject Proceeds or the relevant Net Cash Proceeds in respect of Indebtedness, as the case may be, and the distributed Excess Cash Flow, Subject Proceeds or Net Cash Proceeds in respect of Indebtedness, as the case may be, will be promptly (and in any event not later than ten Business Days after such distribution) applied (net of additional Taxes payable or reserved against as a result thereof) to the repayment of Subject Loans pursuant to this Section 2.11(b) to the extent required herein (without regard to this clause (iv)) and (C) if the Company determines in good faith that the repatriation to the Company of any amounts required to mandatorily prepay Subject Loans pursuant to Sections 2.11(b)(i), (ii) or (iii) above would result in material and adverse tax consequences for any Loan Party or any of such Loan Party's subsidiaries, taking into account any foreign tax credit or benefit actually realized in connection with such repatriation (such amount, a "**Restricted Amount**"), as determined by the Company in good faith, the amount the Company shall be required to mandatorily prepay pursuant to Sections 2.11(b)(i), (ii) or (iii) above, as applicable, shall be reduced by the Restricted Amount; provided that to the extent that the repatriation of any Subject Proceeds, Excess Cash Flow or the Net Cash Proceeds in respect of any such Indebtedness from the relevant Foreign Subsidiary would no longer have a material and adverse tax consequence within the 365-day period following the event giving rise to the relevant Subject Proceeds, the receipt of Net Cash Proceeds in respect of any such Indebtedness or the end of the applicable Excess Cash Flow Period, as the case may be, an amount equal to the Subject Proceeds, Excess Cash Flow or the Net Cash Proceeds in respect of any such Indebtedness, as applicable, not previously applied pursuant to this clause (C), shall be promptly applied to the repayment of Subject Loans pursuant to Section 2.11(b) as otherwise required above (without regard to this clause (iv));



(v) Each Lender may elect, by notice to the Administrative Agent at or prior to the time and in the manner specified by the Administrative Agent, prior to any prepayment of Initial Term Loans and Additional Term Loans required to be made by the Company pursuant to this Section 2.11(b), to decline all (but not a portion) of its Applicable Percentage of such prepayment (such declined amounts, the “**Declined Proceeds**”), which Declined Proceeds may be retained by the Company and used for any legal purpose permitted (or not prohibited) hereunder; provided, further, that, for the avoidance of doubt, no Lender may reject any prepayment made under Section 2.11(b)(iii) above to the extent that such prepayment is made with the Net Cash Proceeds of (w) Refinancing Indebtedness (including Replacement Debt) incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(i)(C), (x) Incremental Term Loans incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.22, (y) Replacement Term Loans incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Term Loans in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.02(b), and/or (z) Incremental Equivalent Debt incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Term Loans in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.01(b)(i)(B). If any Lender fails to deliver a notice to the Administrative Agent of its election to decline receipt of its Applicable Percentage of any mandatory prepayment within the time frame specified by the Administrative Agent, such failure will be deemed to constitute an acceptance of such Lender’s Applicable Percentage of the total amount of such mandatory prepayment of Initial Term Loans and Additional Term Loans.

(vi) Except as may otherwise be set forth in any amendment to this Agreement in connection with any Additional Term Loan, (A) each prepayment of Initial Term Loans and Additional Term Loans pursuant to this Section 2.11(b) shall be applied ratably to each Class of Term Loans (based upon the then outstanding principal amounts of the respective Classes of Term Loans) (provided that any prepayment constituting (w) Refinancing Indebtedness (including Replacement Debt) incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(i)(C), (x) Incremental Loans incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.22, (y) Replacement Term Loans incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Term Loans in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.02(c) and/or (z) Incremental Equivalent Debt incurred to refinance all or a portion of the Term Loans in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.01(b)(i)(B) shall, in each case be applied solely to each applicable Class of refinanced or replaced Term Loans), (B) with respect to each Class of Initial Term Loans and Additional Term Loans, all accepted prepayments under Section 2.11(b)(i), (ii) or (iii) shall be applied against the remaining scheduled installments of principal due in respect of the Initial Term Loans and Additional Term Loans as directed by the Company (or, in the absence of direction from the Company, to the remaining scheduled amortization payments in respect of the Initial Term Loans and Additional Term Loans in direct order of maturity), and (C) each such prepayment shall be paid to the Term Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages. The amount of such mandatory prepayments shall be applied on a pro rata basis to the then outstanding Initial Term Loans and Additional Term Loans being prepaid irrespective of whether such outstanding Loans are ABR Loans or LIBO Rate Loans; provided that the amount thereof shall be applied first to ABR Loans to the full extent thereof before application to the LIBO Rate Loans in a manner that minimizes the amount of any payments required to be made by the Company pursuant to Section 2.16. Any prepayment of Initial Term Loans made on or prior to the date that is six months after the Closing Date pursuant to Section 2.11(b)(iii) as part of a Repricing Transaction shall be accompanied by the fee set forth in Section 2.12(f).

(vii) [Reserved].

(viii) Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this Section 2.11, so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, if any prepayment of LIBO Rate Loans is required to be made under this Section 2.11(b) prior to the last day of the Interest Period therefor, Borrower may, in its sole discretion, deposit the amount of any such prepayment otherwise required to be made hereunder with the Administrative Agent until the last day of such Interest Period, at which time the Administrative Agent shall be authorized (without any further action by or notice to or from the Company or any other Loan Party) to apply such amount to the prepayment of such Loans in accordance with this Section 2.11(b). Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall also be authorized (without any further action by or notice to or from the Company or any other Loan Party) to apply such amount to the prepayment of the outstanding Loans in accordance with this Section 2.11(b).

(ix) At the time of each prepayment required under Section 2.11(b)(i), (ii) or (iii), the Company shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Company setting forth in reasonable detail the calculation of the amount of such prepayment; provided, however, that in the case of any prepayment that may be declined at the option of any Lender, the Company shall notify the Administrative Agent in writing of such prepayment not later than 1:00 p.m. three Business Days prior to the date of the prepayment. Each such certificate shall specify the Borrowings being prepaid and the principal amount of each Borrowing (or portion thereof) to be prepaid. Prepayments shall be accompanied by accrued interest as required by Section 2.13. All prepayments of Borrowings under this Section 2.11(b) shall be subject to Section 2.16 and, except as set forth in the last sentence of clause (vi) above, shall otherwise be without premium or penalty.

SECTION 2.12.

Fees.

(a) The Company agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for its own account, the fees in the amounts and at the times separately agreed upon by the Company and the Administrative Agent in writing.

(b) All fees payable hereunder shall be paid on the dates due, in Dollars and in immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent and, if applicable, for distribution to the Lenders. Fees paid shall not be refundable under any circumstances except as otherwise provided in the Fee Letter. Fees payable hereunder shall accrue through and including the last day of the month immediately preceding the applicable fee payment date.

(c) In the event that, on or prior to the date that is six months after the Closing Date, the Company (x) prepays, repays, refinances, substitutes or replaces any Initial Term Loans as part of a Repricing Transaction (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any prepayment made pursuant to Section 2.11(b)(iii) that constitutes a Repricing Transaction) or (y) effects any amendment, modification or waiver of, or consent under, this Agreement resulting in a Repricing Transaction, the Company shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable account of each of the applicable Initial Term Lenders, (I) in the case of clause (x), a premium of 1.00% of the aggregate principal amount of the Initial Term Loans so prepaid, repaid, refinanced, substituted or replaced and (II) in the case of clause (y), a fee equal to 1.00% of the aggregate principal amount of the Initial Term Loans that are the subject of such Repricing Transaction outstanding immediately prior to such amendment. If, on or prior to the date that is six months after the Closing Date, all or any portion of the Initial Term Loans held by any Term Lender are prepaid, repaid, refinanced, substituted or replaced pursuant to Section 2.19(b)(iv) as a result of, or in connection with, such Term Lender not agreeing or otherwise consenting to any waiver, consent, modification or amendment referred to in clause (y) above (or otherwise in connection with a Repricing Transaction), such prepayment, repayment, refinancing, substitution or replacement will be made at 101% of the principal amount so prepaid, repaid, refinanced, substituted or replaced. All such amounts shall be due and payable on the date of effectiveness of such Repricing Transaction.

(d) Unless otherwise indicated herein, all computations of fees shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and shall be payable for the actual days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). Each determination by the Administrative Agent of the amount of any fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

SECTION 2.13. Interest.

(a) The Loans comprising each ABR Borrowing shall bear interest at the Alternate Base Rate *plus* the Applicable Rate.

(b) The Loans comprising each LIBO Rate Borrowing shall bear interest at the LIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing *plus* the Applicable Rate.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the existence and continuance of any Event of Default under Section 7.01(a), if any principal of or interest on any Loan or any fee payable by the Company hereunder is not, in each case, paid or reimbursed when due, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration or otherwise, the relevant overdue amount shall bear interest, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Requirements of Law, after as well as before judgment, at a rate per annum equal to (i) in the case of overdue principal or interest of any Loan, 2.00% plus the rate otherwise applicable to such Loan as provided in the preceding paragraphs of this Section 2.13 or (ii) in the case of any other amount, 2.00%, plus the rate applicable to ABR Loans as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section 2.13; provided that no amount shall be payable pursuant to this Section 2.13(d) to any Defaulting Lender so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender; provided further that no amounts shall accrue pursuant to this Section 2.13(d) on any overdue amount or other amount payable to a Defaulting Lender so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender.

(e) Accrued interest on each Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Loan and on the Maturity Date applicable to such Loan, as applicable; provided that (i) interest accrued pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section shall be payable on demand, (ii) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan, accrued interest on the principal amount repaid or prepaid shall be payable on the date of such repayment or prepayment and (iii) in the event of any conversion of any LIBO Rate Loan prior to the end of the current Interest Period therefor, accrued interest on such Initial Term Loan shall be payable on the effective date of such conversion. Accrued interest for any Class of Additional Loans shall be payable as set forth in the applicable Refinancing Amendment, Incremental Facility Amendment or Extension Amendment.

(f) All interest hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that interest computed for ABR Loans shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year), and in each case shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). The applicable Alternate Base Rate or LIBO Rate shall be determined by the Administrative Agent, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Interest shall accrue on each Loan from the day on which the Loan is made, and shall not accrue on a Loan, or any portion thereof, for the day on which the Loan or such portion is paid; provided that any Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall bear interest for one day.

SECTION 2.14. Alternate Rate of Interest. (a) Subject to clauses (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of this Section 2.14, if prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a LIBO Rate Borrowing:

- (i) the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the LIBO Rate, as applicable (including because the LIBO Screen Rate is not available or published on a current basis), for such Interest Period; provided that no Benchmark Transition Event shall have occurred at such time; or
- (ii) the Administrative Agent is advised by the Required Lenders that the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the LIBO Rate, as applicable, for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing for such Interest Period;

then the Administrative Agent shall give notice thereof to the Company and the Lenders by telephone, telecopy or electronic mail as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until the Administrative Agent notifies the Company and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist, (A) any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Borrowing to, or continuation of any Borrowing as, a LIBO Rate Borrowing shall be ineffective and (B) if any Borrowing Request requests a LIBO Rate Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be made as an ABR Borrowing; provided that if the circumstances giving rise to such notice affect only one Type of Borrowings, then the other Type of Borrowings shall be permitted.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, if a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then (x) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (1) or (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement” for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document and (y) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement” for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of any Benchmark setting at or after 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date notice of such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such Benchmark Replacement from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document and subject to the proviso below in this paragraph, if a Term SOFR Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then the applicable Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder or under any Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings, without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document; provided that, this clause (c) shall not be effective unless the Administrative Agent has delivered to the Lenders and the Company a Term SOFR Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to deliver a Term SOFR Notice after the occurrence of a Term SOFR Transition Event and may do so in its sole discretion.

(d) In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(e) The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Company and the Lenders of (i) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, a Term SOFR Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (iii) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, (iv) the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to clause (f) below and (v) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this Section 2.14, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 2.14.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (i) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including Term SOFR or the Adjusted LIBO Rate) and either (A) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (B) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is or will be no longer representative, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (ii) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (i) above either (A) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (B) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is or will no longer be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

(g) Upon the Company's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, any Borrower may revoke any request for a LIBO Rate Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of LIBO Rate Loans to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, such Borrower will be deemed to have converted any such request into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to ABR Loans. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of ABR based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of ABR.

#### SECTION 2.15. Increased Costs.

(a) If any Change in Law:

(i) imposes, modifies or deems applicable any reserve, special deposit or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended by, any Lender (except any such reserve requirement reflected in the LIBO Rate);

(ii) imposes on any Lender or the London interbank market any other condition affecting this Agreement or LIBO Rate Loans made by any Lender; or

(iii) subjects any recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes and (B) Excluded Taxes) on its loans, loan principal or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto;

and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the cost to the relevant Lender or such other Recipient of making or maintaining any LIBO Rate Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan) or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender hereunder (whether of principal, interest or otherwise) in respect of any LIBO Rate Loan in an amount deemed by such Lender to be material, then, within 30 days after the Company's receipt of the certificate contemplated by paragraph (c) of this Section, the Company will pay to such Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered; provided that the Company shall not be liable for such compensation if (x) the relevant Change in Law is publicly announced or occurs on a date prior to the date such Lender becomes a party hereto, (y) such Lender invokes Section 2.20 or (z) in the case of any request for reimbursement under clause (ii) above resulting from a market disruption, (A) the relevant circumstances do not generally affect the banking market or (B) the applicable request has not been made by Lenders constituting Required Lenders.

(b) If any Lender determines that any Change in Law regarding liquidity or capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's capital or on the capital of such Lender's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement or the Loans made by such Lender to a level below that which such Lender or such Lender's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's policies and the policies of such Lender's holding company with respect to capital adequacy), then within 30 days of receipt by the Company of the certificate contemplated by paragraph (c) of this Section the Company will pay to such Lender, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such Lender's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) Any Lender requesting compensation under this Section 2.15 shall be required to deliver a certificate to the Company that (i) sets forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or its holding company, as applicable, as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, (ii) sets forth in reasonable detail the manner in which such amount or amounts were determined and (iii) certifies that such Lender is generally charging such amounts to similarly situated borrowers, which certificate shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Company shall not be required to compensate a Lender pursuant to this Section for any increased costs or reductions incurred more than 180 days prior to the date that such Lender notifies the Company of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor; provided, further, that if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the 180-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof.

**SECTION 2.16.** Break Funding Payments. In the event of (a) the conversion or prepayment of any principal of any LIBO Rate Loan other than on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration or otherwise), (b) the failure to borrow, convert, continue or prepay any LIBO Rate Loan on the date or in the amount specified in any notice delivered pursuant hereto or (c) the assignment of any LIBO Rate Loan of any Lender other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto as a result of a request by the Company pursuant to Section 2.19, then, in any such event, the Company shall compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and expense incurred by such Lender that is attributable to such event (other than loss of profit). In the case of a LIBO Rate Loan, the loss, cost or expense of any Lender shall be the amount reasonably determined by such Lender to be the excess, if any, of (i) the amount of interest which would have accrued on the principal amount of such Loan had such event not occurred, at the LIBO Rate that would have been applicable to such Loan, for the period from the date of such event to the last day of the then current Interest Period therefor (or, in the case of a failure to borrow, convert or continue, for the period that would have been the Interest Period for such Loan) over (ii) the amount of interest which would accrue on such principal amount for such period at the interest rate which such Lender would bid were it to bid, at the commencement of such period, for deposits in the applicable currency of a comparable amount and period from other banks in the Eurodollar market; it being understood that such loss, cost or expense shall in any case exclude any interest rate floor and all administrative, processing or similar fees. Any Lender requesting compensation under this Section 2.16 shall be required to deliver a certificate to the Company (i) setting forth any amount or amounts that such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this Section, the basis therefor and, in reasonable detail, the manner in which such amount or amounts were determined and (ii) certifying that such Lender is generally charging the relevant amounts to similarly situated borrowers, which certificate shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Company shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 30 days after receipt thereof.

SECTION 2.17. Taxes.

(a) Each payment by any Loan Party under any Loan Document shall be made without withholding for any Taxes, unless such withholding is required by any law. If any Withholding Agent determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it is so required to withhold Taxes, then such Withholding Agent may so withhold and shall timely pay the full amount of withheld Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law. If such Taxes are Indemnified Taxes, then the amount payable by such Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that, net of such withholding (including such withholding applicable to additional amounts payable under this Section), the applicable Recipient receives the amount it would have received had no such withholding been made.

(b) In addition, the Loan Parties shall pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of, and upon written request by, the Administrative Agent, timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(c) Each Loan Party shall jointly and severally indemnify each Recipient within 15 days after written demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes paid by such Recipient on or with respect to any payment by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party hereunder (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority; provided, that the Loan Parties shall not be obligated to make payment to such Recipient for penalties, interest or expenses attributable to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Recipient. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the applicable Loan Party by a Recipient, or by the Administrative Agent on behalf of another Recipient, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after written demand therefor, for the full amount of any Taxes (but, in the case of any Indemnified Taxes, only to the extent that the Loan Parties have not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so) attributable to such Lender that are paid or payable by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Loan Document and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Excluded Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate setting forth and explaining in reasonable detail the amount of such payment or liability delivered to a Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error.



(e) As soon as practicable after any payment of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes by a Loan Party to a Governmental Authority, the Company shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(f) (i) Any Foreign Lender that is entitled to an exemption from, or reduction of withholding Tax under the law of the United States, or any treaty to which the United States is a party, with respect to payments under this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), on or prior to the date of this Agreement (or, in the case of any Lender that becomes a party to this Agreement pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption, on or about the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement) either (a) two properly executed originals of Form W-8ECI or Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or any successor forms) prescribed by the IRS or other documents satisfactory to the Company and the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, certifying (i) that all payments to be made to such Foreign Lender under the Loan Documents are exempt from United States withholding Taxes because such payments are effectively connected with the conduct by such Lender of a trade or business within the United States and are included in such Lender's gross income or (ii) that all payments to be made to such Foreign Lender under the Loan Documents are completely exempt from Taxes or are subject to such Taxes at a reduced rate by an applicable Tax treaty, (b)(i) a certificate executed by such Lender certifying that such Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code and that such Lender qualifies for the portfolio interest exemption under Section 881(c) of the Code, and (ii) two properly executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or any successor form) or (c) in the case of a Foreign Lender that is not the beneficial owner of payments made under this Agreement (including a partnership or a participating Lender) (i) an IRS Form W-8IMY on behalf of itself and (ii) the relevant forms prescribed in this paragraph (f)(A) that would be required of each such beneficial owner or partner of such partnership if such beneficial owner or partner were a Lender; provided, however, that if the Lender is a partnership and one or more of its partners are claiming the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, such Lender may provide a certificate described in clause (b)(i) on behalf of such partners, in each case, certifying such Lender's entitlement to an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax with respect to payments of interest to be made hereunder or under this Agreement or any other Loan Document. In the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party, the IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, shall (x) with respect to payments of interest under the Loan Documents, establish an exemption from U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under the Loan Documents, establish an exemption from U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty. Each Lender that is not a Foreign Lender shall deliver to the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) two properly executed originals IRS Form W-9 (or any successor form). Each Lender agrees (but only to the extent it is legally entitled to do so) to provide the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) with new forms prescribed by the IRS upon the expiration or obsolescence of any previously delivered form, after the occurrence of any event requiring a change in the most recent forms delivered by it to the Company and the Administrative Agent, or at any other time reasonably requested by the Company or promptly notify the Company or the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(ii) If a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Withholding Agent, at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Withholding Agent, such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C) (i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Withholding Agent as may be necessary for the Withholding Agent to comply with its obligations under FATCA, to determine that such Lender has or has not complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA and, as necessary, to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this Section 2.17(f)(ii), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

(iii) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from, or reduction of withholding Tax under the laws of a country other than the United States, or any treaty to which such country is a party, with respect to payments under this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at the time or times reasonably requested by the Company or the Administrative Agent, (A) such properly completed and duly executed documentation prescribed by applicable laws as will permit the Company or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to establish such Lender's entitlement to any available exemption from, or reduction of, applicable Taxes (other than United States Taxes), and (B) such other documentation and reasonably requested information as will permit the Company or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to determine, if applicable, the required rate of withholding or deduction for any applicable Taxes and any required information reporting requirements, in each case, in respect of any payments to be made to such Lender pursuant to any Loan Document. The completion, execution and submission of any documentation contemplated by this Section 2.17(f)(iii) shall not be required if in the Lender's judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender. Each Lender shall deliver to the Company and the Administrative Agent two further original copies of any previously delivered form or certification (or any applicable successor form) on or before the date that any such form or certification expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate and promptly after the occurrence of any event requiring a change in the most recent form previously delivered by it to the Company or the Administrative Agent, or promptly notify the Company and the Administrative Agent that it is unable to do so. Each Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent at any time it determines that it is no longer in a position to provide any previously delivered form or certification under this Section 2.17(f)(iii) to the Company or the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2.17(f)(iii), a Lender or Agent shall not be required to deliver any form pursuant to this Section 2.17(f)(iii) that it is not legally able to deliver.

(g) If the Administrative Agent or a Lender determines, in its sole discretion, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by a Loan Party or with respect to which a Loan Party has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall pay over such refund to the Loan Party (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Loan Party under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of the Administrative Agent or such Lender and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided, that the Loan Party, upon the request of the Administrative Agent or such Lender, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Loan Party (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Administrative Agent or such Lender in the event the Administrative Agent or such Lender is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. This Section shall not be construed to require the Administrative Agent or any Lender to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes which it deems confidential) to the Loan Party or any other Person.

(h) Each party's obligations under this Section 2.17 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under this Agreement and any other Loan Document.

**SECTION 2.18. Payments Generally; Allocation of Proceeds; Sharing of Payments.**

(a) Unless otherwise specified, the Company shall make each payment required to be made by it hereunder (whether of principal, interest or fees or of amounts payable under Section 2.15, 2.16 or 2.17 or otherwise) prior to the time expressed hereunder or under such Loan Document (or, if no time is expressly required, by 2:00 p.m.) on the date when due, in immediately available funds, without set-off (except as otherwise provided in Section 2.17) or counterclaim. Any amounts received after such time on any date may, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, be deemed to have been received on the next succeeding Business Day for purposes of calculating interest thereon. All such payments shall be made to the Administrative Agent to the applicable account designated to the Company by the Administrative Agent, except that payments pursuant to Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 shall be made directly to the Persons entitled thereto. The Administrative Agent shall distribute any such payments received by it for the account of any other Person to the appropriate recipient promptly following receipt thereof. Each Lender agrees that in computing such Lender's portion of any Borrowing to be made hereunder, the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion, round such Lender's percentage of such Borrowing to the next higher or lower whole dollar amount. All payments (including accrued interest) hereunder shall be made in Dollars. Any payment required to be made by the Administrative Agent hereunder shall be deemed to have been made by the time required if the Administrative Agent shall, at or before such time, have taken the necessary steps to make such payment in accordance with the regulations or operating procedures of the clearing or settlement system used by the Administrative Agent to make such payment.

(b) Subject in all respects to the provisions of the ABL Intercreditor Agreement or any other applicable Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement, all proceeds of Collateral received by the Administrative Agent at any time when an Event of Default exists and all or any portion of the Loans have been accelerated hereunder pursuant to Section 7.01, shall, upon election by the Administrative Agent or at the direction of the Required Lenders, be applied, first, on a pro rata basis, to pay any fees, indemnities or expense reimbursements then due to the Administrative Agent from the Company constituting Obligations hereunder, second, on a pro rata basis, to pay any fees or expense reimbursements then due to the Lenders from the Company constituting Obligations hereunder, third, to pay interest due and payable in respect of any Loans, on a pro rata basis, fourth, to prepay principal on the Loans on a pro rata basis among the Secured Parties, fifth, to the payment of any other Secured Obligation due to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any other Secured Party by the Company on a pro rata basis, sixth, as provided for under the ABL Intercreditor Agreement or any other applicable Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement and seventh, to the Company or as the Company shall direct.

(c) If any Lender obtains payment (whether voluntary, involuntary, through the exercise of any right of set-off or otherwise) in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its Loans of any Class held by it resulting in such Lender receiving payment of a greater proportion of the aggregate amount of its Loans of such Class and accrued interest thereon than the proportion received by any other Lender with Loans of such Class, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall purchase (for Cash at face value) participations in the Loans of other Lenders of such Class at such time outstanding to the extent necessary so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders of such Class ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Loans of such Class; provided that (i) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest and (ii) the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to (x) any payment made by the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (y) any payment obtained by any Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans to any permitted assignee or participant, including any payment made or deemed made in connection with Sections 2.22, 2.23, 9.02(b) and/or Section 9.05. The Company consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable Requirements of Law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against the Company rights of set-off and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Company in the amount of such participation. The Administrative Agent will keep records (which shall be conclusive and binding in the absence of manifest error) of participations purchased under this Section 2.18(c) and will, in each case, notify the Lenders following any such purchases or repayments. Each Lender that purchases a participation pursuant to this Section 2.18(c) shall from and after such purchase have the right to give all notices, requests, demands, directions and other communications under this Agreement with respect to the portion of the Obligations purchased to the same extent as though the purchasing Lender were the original owner of the Obligations purchased.

(d) Unless the Administrative Agent has received notice from the Company or any other applicable Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of any Lender hereunder that the Company will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Company has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the applicable Lender the amount due. In such event, if the Company has not in fact made such payment, then each Lender severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

(e) If any Lender fails to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to Section 2.07(a) or Section 2.18(d), then the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion (notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof), apply any amounts thereafter received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender to satisfy such Lender's obligations under such Sections until all such unsatisfied obligations are fully paid.

#### SECTION 2.19. Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

(a) If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15 or such Lender determines it can no longer make or maintain LIBO Rate Loans pursuant to Section 2.20, or the Company is required to pay any additional amount to or indemnify any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.17, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder, or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the reasonable judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.15 or 2.17, as applicable, in the future or mitigate the impact of Section 2.20, as the case may be, and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed out-of-pocket cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender in any material respect. The Company hereby agrees to pay all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(b) If (i) any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15 or such Lender determines it can no longer make or maintain LIBO Rate Loans pursuant to Section 2.20, (ii) the Company is required to pay any additional amount to or indemnify any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.17, (iii) any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or (iv) in connection with any proposed amendment, waiver or consent requiring the consent of “each Lender” or “each Lender directly affected thereby” (or any other Class or group of Lenders other than the Required Lenders) with respect to which Required Lender consent (or the consent of Lenders holding loans or commitments of such Class or lesser group representing more than 50% of the sum of the total loans and unused commitments of such Class or lesser group at such time) has been obtained, as applicable, any Lender is a non-consenting Lender (each such Lender, a “**Non-Consenting Lender**”), then the Company may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, (x) terminate the applicable Commitments and/or Additional Commitments of such Lender, and repay all Obligations of the Company owing to such Lender relating to the applicable Loans and participations held by such Lender as of such termination date under one or more credit facilities or Additional Credit Facilities hereunder as the Company may elect or (y) replace such Lender by requiring such Lender to assign and delegate (and such Lender shall be obligated to assign and delegate), without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 9.05), all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which Eligible Assignee may be another Lender, if any Lender accepts such assignment); provided that (A) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal amount of its Loans of such Class, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder with respect to such Class of Loans, Commitments and/or Additional Commitments, (B) in the case of any assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 2.15 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 2.17, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments and (C) such assignment does not conflict with applicable law. No action by or consent of a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender shall be necessary in connection with such assignment, which shall be immediately and automatically effective upon payment of the amounts described in clause (A) of the immediately preceding sentence. No Lender (other than a Defaulting Lender) shall be required to make any such assignment and delegation, and the Company may not repay the Obligations of such Lender or terminate its Commitments or Additional Commitments, if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Company to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply. Each Lender agrees that if it is replaced pursuant to this Section 2.19, it shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption to evidence such sale and purchase and shall deliver to the Administrative Agent any Promissory Note (if the assigning Lender’s Loans are evidenced by one or more Promissory Notes) subject to such Assignment and Assumption (provided that the failure of any Lender replaced pursuant to this Section 2.19 to execute an Assignment and Assumption or deliver any such Promissory Note shall not render such sale and purchase (and the corresponding assignment) invalid), such assignment shall be recorded in the Register and any such Promissory Note shall be deemed cancelled. Each Lender hereby irrevocably appoints the Administrative Agent (such appointment being coupled with an interest) as such Lender’s attorney-in-fact, with full authority in the place and stead of such Lender and in the name of such Lender, from time to time in the Administrative Agent’s discretion, with prior written notice to such Lender, to take any action and to execute any such Assignment and Assumption or other instrument that the Administrative Agent may deem reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this clause (b). To the extent that any Lender is replaced pursuant to Section 2.19(b)(iv) in connection with a Repricing Transaction requiring payment of a fee pursuant to Section 2.12(f), the Company shall pay to each Lender being replaced as a result of such Repricing Transaction the fee set forth in Section 2.12(f).

SECTION 2.20. Illegality. If any Lender reasonably determines that any Change in Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted after the Closing Date that it is unlawful, for such Lender or its applicable lending office to make, maintain or fund Loans whose interest is determined by reference to the LIBO Rate, or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the LIBO Rate, or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the applicable interbank market, then, on notice thereof by such Lender to the Company through the Administrative Agent, (a) any obligation of such Lender to make or continue LIBO Rate Loans in Dollars or to convert ABR Loans to LIBO Rate Loans shall be suspended and (b) if such notice asserts the illegality of such Lender making or maintaining ABR Loans the interest rate on which is determined by reference to the LIBO Rate component of the Alternate Base Rate, the interest rate on which ABR Loans of such Lender, shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, be determined by the Administrative Agent without reference to the LIBO Rate component of the Alternate Base Rate, in each case until such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Company that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist (which notice such Lender agrees to give promptly). Upon receipt of such notice, (x) the Company shall, upon demand from such Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), prepay or convert all of such Lender's LIBO Rate Loans to ABR Loans (the interest rate on which ABR Loans of such Lender shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, be determined by the Administrative Agent without reference to the LIBO Rate component of the Alternate Base Rate) either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such LIBO Rate Loans to such day, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such LIBO Rate Loans (in which case the Company shall not be required to make payments pursuant to Section 2.16 in connection with such payment) and (y) if such notice asserts the illegality of such Lender determining or charging interest rates based upon the LIBO Rate, the Administrative Agent shall during the period of such suspension compute the Alternate Base Rate applicable to such Lender without reference to the LIBO Rate component thereof until the Administrative Agent is advised in writing by such Lender that it is no longer illegal for such Lender to determine or charge interest rates based upon the LIBO Rate. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, the Company shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted. Each Lender agrees to designate a different lending office if such designation will avoid the need for such notice and will not, in the determination of such Lender, otherwise be materially disadvantageous to such Lender.

SECTION 2.21. Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the following provisions shall apply for so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender:

- (a) [Reserved].

(b) The Commitments and Loans of such Defaulting Lender shall not be included in determining whether all Lenders, each affected Lender, the Required Lenders, or such other number of Lenders as may be required hereby or under any other Loan Document have taken or may take any action hereunder (including any consent to any waiver, amendment or modification pursuant to Section 9.02); provided that any waiver, amendment or modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender which affects such Defaulting Lender disproportionately and adversely relative to other affected Lenders shall require the consent of such Defaulting Lender.

(c) Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of any Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Section 2.11, Section 2.15, Section 2.16, Section 2.17, Section 2.18, Article 7, Section 9.05 or otherwise, and including any amounts made available to the Administrative Agent by such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 9.09), shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent and, where relevant, the Company as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; second, so long as no Default or Event of Default exists, as the Company may request, to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement; third, if so determined by the Administrative Agent or the Company, to be held in a deposit account and released in order to satisfy obligations of such Defaulting Lender to fund Loans under this Agreement; fourth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the non-Defaulting Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any non-Defaulting Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; fifth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Company as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Company against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and sixth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share and (y) such Loan was made or created, as applicable, at a time when the conditions applicable thereto were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of all non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of such Defaulting Lender. Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to any Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by any Defaulting Lender or to post Cash collateral pursuant to this Section 2.21(c) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

#### SECTION 2.22. Incremental Facilities.

(a) The Company or any Loan Party may, at any time, on one or more occasions pursuant to an Incremental Facility Amendment add one or more new Classes of term facilities and/or increase the principal amount of the Term Loans of any existing Class by requesting new term loan commitments to be added to such Loans (any such new Class or increase, an **"Incremental Term Facility"** or **"Incremental Facility"** and any loans made pursuant to an Incremental Term Facility or Incremental Facility, **"Incremental Term Loans"** or **"Incremental Loans"**) in an aggregate outstanding principal amount not to exceed the Incremental Cap; provided that:

(i) no Incremental Commitment may be in an amount that is less than \$5,000,000 (or such lesser amount to which the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree),

(ii) except as separately agreed from time to time between any Loan Party and any Lender, no Lender shall be obligated to provide any Incremental Commitment, and the determination to provide such commitments shall be within the sole and absolute discretion of such Lender (it being agreed that no Loan Party shall be obligated to offer the opportunity to any Lender to participate in any Incremental Facility),

(iii) no Incremental Facility or Incremental Loan (nor the creation, provision or implementation thereof) shall require the approval of any existing Lender other than in its capacity, if any, as a lender providing all or part of any Incremental Commitment or Incremental Loan,

(iv) [Reserved],

(v) the Effective Yield (and the components thereof) applicable to any Incremental Facility may be determined by the Company and the lender or lenders providing such Incremental Facility; provided that, in the case of any broadly syndicated Dollar-denominated term loan “B” Incremental Term Facility that is scheduled to mature prior to the date that is one year after the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, the Effective Yield applicable thereto may not be more than 0.50% higher than the Effective Yield applicable to the Initial Term Loans unless the Applicable Rate (and/or, as provided in the proviso below, the Alternate Base Rate floor or LIBO Rate floor) with respect to the Initial Term Loans is adjusted such that the Effective Yield on the Initial Term Loans is not more than 0.50% per annum less than the Effective Yield with respect to such Incremental Facility; provided further that any increase in Effective Yield applicable to any Initial Term Loan due to the application or imposition of an Alternate Base Rate floor or LIBO Rate floor on any Incremental Term Loan may, at the election of the Company, be effected through an increase in the Alternate Base Rate floor or LIBO Rate floor applicable to such Initial Term Loans or an increase in the interest rate margin applicable to such Incremental Loans; provided further that the MFN Provision (1) shall not apply to any Incremental Term Facility having an aggregate principal amount not exceeding the greater of \$500.0 million and 50% of Consolidated EBITDA as of the last day of the most recently ended Test Period and (2) shall not apply to any Incremental Term Facility incurred more than twelve months after the Closing Date (this clause (v), the “**MFN Provision**”),

(vi) the final maturity date with respect to any Incremental Term Loans shall be no earlier than the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date at the time of the incurrence thereof; provided, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply to (A) customary bridge loans with a maturity date of not longer than one year; provided, that any loans, notes, securities or other Indebtedness which are exchanged for or otherwise replace such bridge loans shall be subject to the requirements of this clause (vi), (B) [reserved] or (C) Incremental Term Facilities having an aggregate principal amount outstanding not exceeding the greater of \$500.0 million and 50% of Consolidated EBITDA as of the last day of the most recently ended Test Period (as selected by the Company),

(vii) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of any Incremental Term Facility shall be no shorter than the remaining Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Initial Term Loans; provided, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply to (A) customary bridge loans with a maturity date of not longer than one year; provided, that any loans, notes, securities or other Indebtedness which are exchanged for or otherwise replace such bridge loans shall be subject to the requirements of this clause (vii), (B) [reserved] or (C) Incremental Term Facilities having an aggregate principal amount outstanding not exceeding the greater of \$500.0 million and 50% of Consolidated EBITDA as of the last day of the most recently ended Test Period (as selected by the Company),



(viii) subject to clauses (vi) and (vii) above, any Incremental Term Facility may otherwise have an amortization schedule as determined by the Company and the lenders providing such Incremental Term Facility,

(ix) subject to clause (v) above, to the extent applicable, any fees payable in connection with any Incremental Facility shall be determined by the Company and the arrangers and/or lenders providing such Incremental Facility,

(x) (A) each Incremental Facility shall rank *pari passu* with the Initial Term Loans in right of payment and security and (B) no Incremental Facility may be (x) guaranteed by any Person which is not a Loan Party or (y) secured by Liens on any assets other than the Collateral,

(xi) any Incremental Term Facility may provide for the ability to participate (A) on a pro rata basis or non-pro rata basis in any voluntary prepayment of Term Loans made pursuant to Section 2.11(a) and (B) on a pro rata or less than pro rata basis (but not on a greater than pro rata basis, other than in the case of prepayment with proceeds of Indebtedness refinancing such Incremental Term Loans) in any mandatory prepayment of Term Loans required pursuant to Section 2.11(b),

(xii) no Specified Event of Default shall exist immediately prior to or after giving effect to the effectiveness of such Incremental Facility (except in connection with any acquisition or other Investment or irrevocable repayment or redemption of Indebtedness, where no such Specified Event of Default shall exist at the time as elected by the Company pursuant to Section 1.04(e)),

(xiii) except as otherwise set forth above or below, all other terms of any such Incremental Term Facility, shall (x) be substantially identical to the terms of any then-existing Term Facility, (y) reflect market terms and conditions (as determined by the Company in good faith) at the time of incurrence or issuance or (z) be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent,

(xiv) the proceeds of any Incremental Facility may be used for working capital, Capital Expenditures and other general corporate purposes of the Company and its subsidiaries (including permitted Restricted Payment Transactions and any other purpose not prohibited by the terms of the Loan Documents), and

(xv) on the date of the making of any Incremental Term Loans that will be added to any Class of Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in Sections 2.08 or 2.13, such Incremental Term Loans shall be added to (and constitute a part of) each borrowing of outstanding Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans, as applicable, of the same type with the same Interest Period of the respective Class on a *pro rata* basis (based on the relative sizes of the various outstanding Borrowings), so that each Term Lender will participate proportionately in each then outstanding borrowing of Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans, as applicable, of the same type with the same Interest Period of the respective Class.

(b) Incremental Commitments may be provided by any existing Lender or by any other Eligible Assignee (any such other Eligible Assignee being called an “**Additional Lender**”); provided that the Administrative Agent shall have consented (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) to the relevant Additional Lender’s provision of Incremental Commitments if such consent would be required under Section 9.05(b) for an assignment of Loans to such Additional Lender.

(c) Each Lender or Additional Lender providing a portion of any Incremental Commitment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent and the Company all such documentation (including the relevant Incremental Facility Amendment) as may be reasonably required by the Administrative Agent to evidence and effectuate such Incremental Commitment. On the effective date of such Incremental Commitment, each Additional Lender shall become a Lender for all purposes in connection with this Agreement.

(d) As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of any Incremental Facility or the making of any Incremental Loans, (i) upon its request, the Administrative Agent shall have received customary written opinions of counsel, as well as such reaffirmation agreements, supplements and/or amendments as it shall reasonably require, (ii) the Administrative Agent shall have received, from each Additional Lender, an administrative questionnaire, in the form provided to such Additional Lender by the Administrative Agent (the “**Administrative Questionnaire**”) and such other documents as it shall reasonably require from such Additional Lender, (iii) the Administrative Agent and applicable Additional Lenders shall have received all fees required to be paid in respect of such Incremental Facility or Incremental Loans and (iv) upon its request, the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate of the applicable Borrower, signed by a Responsible Officer thereof:

(A) certifying and attaching a copy of the resolutions adopted by the governing body of the applicable Borrower approving or consenting to such Incremental Facility or Incremental Loans, and

(B) to the extent applicable, certifying that the condition set forth in clause (a)(xii) above has been satisfied.

(e) The Lenders hereby irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent to enter into any Incremental Facility Amendment and/or any amendment to any other Loan Documents as may be necessary in order to establish any new or any increase in any Classes or sub-Classes in respect of Loans or commitments pursuant to this Section 2.22 and such technical amendments as may be necessary or appropriate in the reasonable opinion of the Administrative Agent and the Company in connection with the establishment or increase, as applicable, of such Classes or sub-Classes, in each case on terms consistent with this Section 2.22.

(f) To the extent the provisions of clause (a)(xv) above require that Term Lenders making new Incremental Term Loans add such Incremental Term Loans to the then outstanding borrowings of LIBO Rate Loans of the respective Class of Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans, as applicable, it is acknowledged that the effect thereof may result in such new Incremental Term Loans having short Interest Periods (i.e., an Interest Period that began during an Interest Period then applicable to outstanding LIBO Rate Loans of the respective Class and which will end on the last day of such Interest Period).

(g) This Section 2.22 shall supersede any provision in Section 2.18 or 9.02 to the contrary.

SECTION 2.23. Extensions of Loans.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, pursuant to one or more offers (each, an “**Extension Offer**”) made from time to time by the Company to all Lenders holding Loans of any Class or Commitments of any Class, in each case on a pro rata basis (based on the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the respective Loans or Commitments of such Class) and on the same terms to each such Lender, the Company is hereby permitted from time to time to consummate transactions with any individual Lender who accepts the terms contained in the relevant Extension Offer to extend the Maturity Date of all or a portion of such Lender’s Loans and/or Commitments of such Class and otherwise modify the terms of all or a portion of such Loans and/or Commitments pursuant to the terms of the relevant Extension Offer (including by increasing the interest rate or fees payable in respect of such Loans and/or Commitments (and related outstandings) and/or modifying the amortization schedule, if any, in respect of such Loans) (each, an “**Extension**”); it being understood that any Extended Term Loans shall constitute a separate Class of Loans from the Class of Loans from which they were converted:

(i) [Reserved];

(ii) except as to (x) interest rates, fees, amortization, final maturity date, premiums, required prepayment dates and participation in prepayments (which shall, subject to immediately succeeding clauses (iii), (iv) and (v), be determined by the Company and set forth in the relevant Extension Offer), (y) terms applicable to such Extended Term Loans that are more favorable to the lenders or the agent of such Extended Term Loans than those contained in the Loan Documents and are then conformed (or added) to the Loan Documents on or prior to the effectiveness of such Extension for the benefit of the Term Lenders or, as applicable, the Administrative Agent pursuant to the applicable Extension Amendment and (z) any covenants or other provisions applicable only to periods after the Latest Maturity Date (in each case, as of the date of such Extension), the Term Loans of any Lender extended pursuant to any Extension (any such extended Term Loans, the “**Extended Term Loans**”) shall have substantially consistent terms (or terms not less favorable to existing Lenders) as the tranche of Term Loans subject to the relevant Extension Offer;

(iii) the final maturity date of any Extended Term Loans shall be no earlier than the then applicable Latest Maturity Date at the time of extension;

(iv) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of any Extended Term Loans shall be no shorter than the remaining Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Term Loans or any other Extended Term Loans extended thereby;

(v) subject to clauses (iii) and (iv) above, any Extended Term Loans may otherwise have an amortization schedule as determined by the Company and the Lenders providing such Extended Term Loans;

(vi) any Extended Term Loans may provide for the ability to participate (A) on a pro rata basis or non-pro rata basis in any voluntary prepayment of Term Loans made pursuant to Section 2.11(a) and (B) on a pro rata or less than pro rata basis (but not on a greater than pro rata basis other than in the case of prepayment with proceeds of Indebtedness refinancing such Extended Term Loans) in any mandatory prepayment of Term Loans required pursuant to Section 2.11(b);

(vii) if the aggregate principal amount of Loans or commitments, as the case may be, in respect of which Lenders shall have accepted the relevant Extension Offer exceeds the maximum aggregate principal amount of Loans or commitments, as the case may be, offered to be extended by the Company pursuant to such Extension Offer, then the Loans or commitments, as the case may be, of such Lenders shall be extended ratably up to such maximum amount based on the respective principal amounts (but not to exceed actual holdings of record) held by Lenders that have accepted such Extension Offer;

(viii) unless the Administrative Agent otherwise agrees, each Extension shall be in a minimum amount of \$5,000,000;

(ix) any applicable Minimum Extension Condition shall be satisfied or waived by the Company; and

(x) all documentation in respect of such Extension shall be consistent with the foregoing.

(b) With respect to any Extension consummated pursuant to this Section 2.23, (i) no such Extension shall constitute a voluntary or mandatory prepayment for purposes of Section 2.11, (ii) the scheduled amortization payments (in so far as such schedule affects payments due to Lenders participating in the relevant Class) set forth in Section 2.10 shall be adjusted to give effect to such Extension of the relevant Class and (iii) except as set forth in clause (a)(viii) above, no Extension Offer is required to be in any minimum amount or any minimum increment; provided that the Company may, at its election, specify as a condition (a “**Minimum Extension Condition**”) to consummating such Extension that a minimum amount (to be determined and specified in the relevant Extension Offer in the Company’s sole discretion and which may be waived by the Company in its sole discretion) of Loans or commitments (as applicable) of any or all applicable Classes be tendered. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders hereby consent to the transactions contemplated by this Section 2.23 (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any payment of any interest, fees or premium in respect of any tranche of Extended Term Loans on such terms as may be set forth in the relevant Extension Offer) and hereby waive the requirements of any provision of this Agreement (including Sections 2.10, 2.11 or 2.18) or any other Loan Document that may otherwise prohibit any Extension or any other transaction contemplated by this Section.

(c) No consent of any Lender or the Administrative Agent shall be required to effectuate any Extension, other than the consent of each Lender agreeing to such Extension with respect to one or more of its Loans and/or commitments under any Class (or a portion thereof). All Extended Term Loans and all obligations in respect thereof shall constitute Secured Obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents that are secured by the Collateral and guaranteed on a *pari passu* basis with all other Secured Obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. The Lenders hereby irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent to enter into any Extension Amendment and such other amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary in order to establish new Classes or sub-Classes in respect of Loans or commitments so extended and such technical amendments as may be necessary or appropriate in the reasonable opinion of the Administrative Agent and the Company in connection with the establishment of such new Classes or sub-Classes, in each case on terms consistent with this Section 2.23.

(d) In connection with any Extension, the Company shall provide the Administrative Agent at least five Business Days' (or such shorter period as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent) prior written notice thereof, and shall agree to such procedures (including regarding timing, rounding and other adjustments and to ensure reasonable administrative management of the credit facilities hereunder after such Extension), if any, as may be established by, or acceptable to, the Administrative Agent, in each case acting reasonably to accomplish the purposes of this Section 2.23.

### ARTICLE 3 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Company represents and warrants to the Lenders that:

SECTION 3.01. Corporate Existence and Power. Each Loan Party is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and has all corporate or other organizational power and authority required to carry on its business as now conducted.

SECTION 3.02. Corporate and Governmental Authorization; No Contravention. The Transactions to be entered into by each Loan Party are within such Loan Party's corporate or other organizational power, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any governmental body, agency or official (other than the filing of reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission and filings necessary to satisfy the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement) and do not contravene, or constitute a default under, any provision of applicable law or regulation or of the certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational documents of such Loan Party or of any agreement, judgment, injunction, order, decree or other instrument binding upon such Loan Party, in each case where the failure to take such action, make such filing or such contravention or default would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.03. Binding Effect. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes, and each Collateral Agreement (at such times as the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement is required to be satisfied) has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and each Material Subsidiary party thereto and constitutes, a valid and binding obligation of the Company (or such Material Subsidiary, if applicable), enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, concepts of reasonableness and general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

SECTION 3.04. Financial Information.

(a) The consolidated balance sheet of the Company and the Subsidiaries and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows as of and for (i) the fiscal year of the Company ended January 30, 2021, reported on by Ernst & Young LLP and set forth in the Registration Statement and (ii) the fiscal quarter of the Company ended May 1, 2021, certified by a Responsible Officer of the Company, in each case fairly present, in conformity with GAAP, the consolidated financial position of the Company and the Subsidiaries as of such date and their consolidated results of operations and cash flows for such fiscal year of the Company or portion of such fiscal year, as applicable (in the case of clause (ii), subject to changes resulting from audit and normal year-end adjustments and the absence of footnotes).

(b) From January 30, 2021 to the date hereof, there has been no material adverse change in the business, financial position or results of operations of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries, considered as a whole.

SECTION 3.05. Litigation and Environmental Matters.

(a) Except for the Disclosed Matters, there is no action, suit or proceeding pending against, or to the knowledge of the Company threatened against or affecting, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary before any court or arbitrator or any governmental body, agency or official in which there is, in the good faith judgment of the Company (which shall be conclusive), a reasonable possibility of an adverse decision and, which would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Except with respect to any matters that, individually or in the aggregate, are not reasonably expected in the good faith judgment of the Company (which shall be conclusive) to have a Material Adverse Effect, neither the Company nor any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (i) has failed to comply with any Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law, (ii) has become subject to any Environmental Liability, (iii) has received notice of any claim with respect to any Environmental Liability or (iv) knows of any basis for any Environmental Liability.

(c) Since January 30, 2021, there has been no change in the status of the Disclosed Matters that, individually or in the aggregate in the good faith judgment of the Company (which shall be conclusive), has resulted in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.06. Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions. The Company has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to promote compliance by the Company, its Restricted Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents (acting in their capacity as such) with the FCPA, the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 and applicable Sanctions, and the Company and each of its Restricted Subsidiaries, to the knowledge of the Company, is in compliance with all Anti-Corruption Laws, applicable Sanctions, and, to the extent applicable, the USA Patriot Act, in all material respects. None of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, employee or agent with respect to the facility of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, is a Sanctioned Person. This Section applies, other than to the extent that such representation and warranty would result in a violation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96, as amended (or any implementing law or regulation in any member state of the European Union or the United Kingdom).

SECTION 3.07. Subsidiaries.

(a) Each of the Restricted Subsidiaries is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership duly organized, validly existing and, to the extent applicable, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, and has all requisite power and authority required to carry on its business as now conducted except to the extent that the failure of any such Restricted Subsidiary to be so organized, existing or in good standing or to have such power and authority is not reasonably expected by the Company to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Schedule 3.07 hereto completely and accurately sets forth the names and jurisdictions of organization of each Restricted Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary as of the Closing Date, indicating for each such Subsidiary whether it is a Material Subsidiary as of the Closing Date.

SECTION 3.08. Not an Investment Company. None of the Company or the Subsidiary Loan Parties is required to register as an “investment company” under (and within the meaning of) the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

SECTION 3.09. ERISA. The Company and its ERISA Affiliates (i) have fulfilled their material obligations, whether or not waived, under the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code with respect to each Plan, (ii) are in compliance in all material respects with the presently applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code and (iii) have not incurred any liability in excess of \$300,000,000 to the PBGC or a Plan under Title IV of ERISA other than a liability to the PBGC for premiums under Section 4007 of ERISA; provided, that this sentence shall not apply to (x) any ERISA Affiliate as described in Section 414(m) of the Code (other than the Company or a Subsidiary) or any Plan maintained by such an ERISA Affiliate or (y) any Multiemployer Plan. The Company and its Subsidiaries have made all material payments to Multiemployer Plans which they have been required to make under the related collective bargaining agreement or applicable law. As of the Closing Date, the Company and its Subsidiaries do not contribute to or have an obligation to contribute to a Multiemployer Plan, nor have they contributed or had an obligation to contribute to a Multiemployer Plan in the preceding six years.

SECTION 3.10. Taxes. The Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries have filed all United States federal income tax returns and all other material tax returns which, in the opinion of the Company, are required to be filed by them and have paid all taxes due pursuant to such returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, except for assessments which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or where the failure to do any of the foregoing would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of taxes or other governmental charges are, in the opinion of the Company, adequate.

#### ARTICLE 4      CONDITIONS

SECTION 4.01. Closing Date. The obligations of each Lender to make Loans shall not become effective until the date on which each of the following conditions is satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02):

(a) Credit Agreement and Loan Documents. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received from each Loan Party party thereto (i) a counterpart signed by each such Loan Party (or written evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which may include a copy transmitted by facsimile or other electronic method) that such party has signed a counterpart) of (A) this Agreement, (B) the Collateral Agreement and the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, (C) [reserved] and (D) any Promissory Note requested by a Lender at least three Business Days prior to the Closing Date and (ii) a Borrowing Request as required by Section 2.03.

(b) Legal Opinions. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received, on behalf of itself and the Lenders on the Closing Date, a customary written opinion of (i) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, in its capacity as special New York counsel to the Loan Parties, (ii) Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, in its capacity as special Delaware counsel to the Loan Parties and (iii) [●], in its capacity as special [●] counsel to the Loan Parties, in each case, dated the Closing Date and addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders.

(c) [Reserved].

(d) Closing Certificates; Certified Charters; Good Standing Certificates. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received (i) a certificate of each Loan Party, dated the Closing Date and executed by a secretary, assistant secretary or other senior officer (as the case may be) thereof, which shall (A) certify that attached thereto is a true and complete copy of the resolutions or written consents of its shareholders, board of directors, board of managers, members or other governing body authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and, in the case of the Company, the borrowings and issuance of Promissory Notes (if any) hereunder, and that such resolutions or written consents have not been modified, rescinded or amended and are in full force and effect, (B) identify by name and title and bear the signatures of the officers, managers, directors or authorized signatories of such Loan Party authorized to sign the Loan Documents to which it is a party on the Closing Date and (C) certify (x) that attached thereto is a true and complete copy of the certificate or articles of incorporation or organization (or memorandum of association or other equivalent thereof) of such Loan Party certified by the relevant authority of the jurisdiction of organization of such Loan Party and a true and correct copy of its by-laws or operating, management, partnership or similar agreement and (y) that such documents or agreements have not been amended (except as otherwise attached to such certificate and certified therein as being the only amendments thereto as of such date) and (ii) a good standing (or equivalent) certificate (if applicable) as of a recent date for such Loan Party from the relevant authority of its jurisdiction of organization.

(e) [Reserved].

(f) Fees. Prior to or substantially concurrently with the funding of the Initial Term Loans hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall have received (i) all fees required to be paid by the Company on the Closing Date pursuant to the Fee Letter and any separate letter agreement with respect to fees payable to the Administrative Agent and (ii) all expenses required to be paid by the Company for which invoices have been presented at least three Business Days prior to the Closing Date (including the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of a single legal counsel for the Administrative Agent), in each case on or before the Closing Date, which amounts, in the Company's sole discretion, may be offset against the proceeds of the Loans or may be paid from the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans.

(g) [Reserved].

(h) [Reserved].

(i) [Reserved].

(j) Solvency. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate dated as of the Closing Date in substantially the form of Exhibit K from the chief financial officer (or other officer with reasonably equivalent responsibilities) of the Company certifying as to the matters set forth therein (or, at the option of the Company, a third party opinion as to the solvency of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis issued by a nationally recognized firm).



(k) Perfection Certificate. The Administrative Agent shall have received a completed Perfection Certificate dated the Closing Date and signed by a Responsible Officer of each Loan Party (or by the Company on behalf of each Loan Party), together with all attachments contemplated thereby.

(l) Pledged Stock; Stock Powers; Pledged Notes. The Administrative Agent (or its bailee) shall have received (i) the certificates representing the Capital Stock required to be pledged pursuant to the Collateral Agreement, together with an undated stock or similar power for each such certificate executed in blank by a duly authorized officer of the pledgor thereof and (ii) each Material Debt Instrument (if any) required to be pledged pursuant to the Collateral Agreement endorsed (without recourse) in blank (or accompanied by an executed transfer form in blank) by the pledgor thereof.

(m) Filings Registrations and Recordings. Each document (including any UCC financing statement) required by any Collateral Document or under law, to be filed, registered or recorded in order to create in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a perfected lien on the Collateral described therein, prior and superior in right to any other person (other than as permitted or contemplated by this Agreement and any Collateral Document), shall have been so filed, registered or recorded (or shall be provided for to the reasonable satisfaction of the Administrative Agent).

(n) Separation. (x) The Pre-Closing Reorganization Transactions shall have occurred or shall occur substantially simultaneously with the initial funding of the Initial Term Loans and (y) the Form 10 shall have been declared effective by the Securities Exchange Commission.

(o) [Reserved].

(p) USA PATRIOT Act. No later than three Business Days in advance of the Closing Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received all documentation and other information reasonably requested in writing by the Administrative Agent with respect to any Loan Party at least ten Business Days in advance of the Closing Date, which documentation or other information is required by U.S. regulatory authorities under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT Act (including if the Company qualifies as a “legal entity customer” under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to the Company).

For purposes of determining whether the conditions specified in this Section 4.01 have been satisfied on the Closing Date, by funding the Loans hereunder, the Administrative Agent and each Lender that has executed this Agreement (or an Assignment and Assumption on the Closing Date) shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted, or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required hereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 5 AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

From the Closing Date until the date on which all Commitments have expired or terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees, expenses and other amounts payable under any Loan Document (other than contingent indemnification and expense reimbursement obligations for which no claim or demand has been made) have been paid in full in Cash (such date, the “**Termination Date**”), the Company hereby covenants and agrees that:

SECTION 5.01. Information.

(a) The Company will deliver to the Administrative Agent (for delivery by the Administrative Agent to each of the Lenders):

(i) as soon as available and in any event within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, the Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K for such fiscal year, containing financial statements reported on in a manner acceptable to the Securities and Exchange Commission by Ernst & Young LLP or other independent public accountants of nationally recognized standing selected by the Company (without a “going concern” or like qualification, exception or statement and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit (except for any such qualification, exception or statement pertaining to, or disclosure of an exception, statement or qualification resulting from, (x) the maturity (or impending maturity) of any Indebtedness, (y) any breach or anticipated breach of any financial covenant or (z) the activities, operations, financial results, assets or liabilities of any Unrestricted Subsidiary) and except that such report may include a “going concern” or “emphasis of matter” explanatory paragraph or other statement);

(ii) as soon as available and in any event within 45 days after the end of each of the first three quarters of each fiscal year of the Company, a copy of the Company’s report on Form 10-Q for such quarter with the financial statements therein contained to be certified (subject to normal year-end adjustments) as to fairness of presentation, generally accepted accounting principles (except footnotes) and consistency, by a Financial Officer;

(iii) within five Business Days after the delivery of financial statements pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(i), (A) if such adjustments are material, a summary (which may be in footnote form) of any pro forma adjustments necessary to eliminate the accounts of Unrestricted Subsidiaries (if any) from such financial statements and (B) a list identifying each subsidiary of the Company as a Restricted Subsidiary or an Unrestricted Subsidiary as of the date of delivery of such financial statements or confirming that there is no change in such information since the later of the Closing Date and the most recent prior delivery of such information;

(iv) simultaneously with the delivery of each set of financial statements referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) above, a certificate of a Financial Officer (A) [reserved], (B) stating whether, to the best knowledge of such Financial Officer, any Default exists on the date of such certificate and, if any Default then exists, setting forth the details thereof and the action which the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto and (C) stating that, to the best knowledge of such Financial Officer, the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement is satisfied;

(v) [reserved];

(vi) promptly upon the mailing thereof to the stockholders of the Company generally, copies of all financial statements and material reports and proxy statements so mailed;

(vii) promptly upon the filing thereof, copies of all registration statements (other than the exhibits thereto and any registration statements on Form S-8 or its equivalent) and reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K (or their equivalents) which the Company shall have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

(viii) promptly following a request therefor, any documentation or other information that a Lender reasonably requests (such request to be made through the Administrative Agent) in order to comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation;

(ix) within four Business Days of any executive officer of the Company or any Financial Officer obtaining knowledge of any condition or event recognized by such officer to be a Default, a certificate of a Financial Officer setting forth the details thereof and the action which the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto;

(x) if and when any executive officer of the Company or any Financial Officer obtains knowledge that any ERISA Affiliate (x) has given or is required to give notice to the PBGC of any “reportable event” (as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA) with respect to any Plan which would reasonably be expected to constitute grounds for a termination of such Plan under Title IV of ERISA, or knows that the plan administrator of any Plan has given or is required to give notice of any such reportable event, a copy of the notice of such reportable event given or required to be given to the PBGC, (y) has received notice of complete or partial Withdrawal Liability, a copy of such notice or (z) has received notice from the PBGC under Title IV of ERISA of an intent to terminate or appoint a trustee to administer any Plan, a copy of such notice; and

(xi) from time to time such additional information regarding the financial position or business of the Company and Subsidiaries as the Administrative Agent, at the request of any Lender, may reasonably request.

(b) Certificates delivered pursuant to this Section shall be signed manually or shall be copies of a manually signed certificate.

(c) The Company may provide for electronic delivery of the financial statements, certificates, reports and registration statements described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii) of paragraph (a) of this Section by posting such financial statements, certificates, reports and registration statements on Intralinks or any similar service approved by the Administrative Agent, or delivering such financial statements, certificates, reports and registration statements to the Administrative Agent for posting on Intralinks (or any such similar service). Furthermore, any items required to be furnished pursuant to Sections 5.01(a)(i), (ii), (vi) or (vii) shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which the Administrative Agent receives notice that the Company has filed such item with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is available on the EDGAR website on the Internet at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or any successor government website that is freely and readily available to the Administrative Agent without charge; provided that the Company shall give notice of any such filing to the Administrative Agent (who shall then give notice of any such filing to the Lenders). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall deliver paper or electronic copies of any such financial statement to the Administrative Agent if the Administrative Agent requests the Company to furnish such paper or electronic copies until written notice to cease delivering such paper or electronic copies is given by the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 5.02. Maintenance of Properties. The Company will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, maintain and keep in good condition, repair and working order all properties used or useful in the conduct of its business and supply such properties with all necessary equipment and make all necessary repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements thereof, all as in the judgment of the Company may be necessary so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly and advantageously conducted at all times, in each case where the failure to do so would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; provided that nothing in this Section shall prevent the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from discontinuing the operation and maintenance of any of such properties if such discontinuance is, in the judgment of the Company, desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, and not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Lenders.

SECTION 5.03. Maintenance of Insurance. The Company will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, insure and keep insured, with reputable insurance companies, so much of its properties and such of its liabilities for bodily injury or property damage, to such an extent and against such risks (including fire), as companies engaged in similar businesses customarily insure properties and liabilities of a similar character; or, in lieu thereof, the Company will maintain, or cause each Restricted Subsidiary to maintain, a system or systems of self-insurance which will be in accord with the customary practices of companies engaged in similar businesses in maintaining such systems, in each case where the failure to do so would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each such policy of insurance shall (i) name the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders as a loss payee or an additional insured, as applicable, thereunder as its interests may appear and (ii) to the extent available from the relevant insurance carrier, in the case of each casualty insurance policy (excluding any business interruption insurance policy), contain a loss payable clause or endorsement that names the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Lenders, as the loss payee thereunder and, to the extent available, provide for at least 30 days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent of any modification or cancellation of such policy (or 10 days' prior written notice in the case of the failure to pay any premiums thereunder); provided that the Company shall have until the date that is 60 days after the Closing Date (or such later date as agreed by the Administrative Agent) to comply with the requirements of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) with respect to policies in effect on the Closing Date.

SECTION 5.04. Preservation of Corporate Existence. Except pursuant to a transaction not prohibited by Section 6.04 or 6.08, each Loan Party shall preserve and maintain its corporate existence, rights, franchises and privileges in any State of the United States which it shall select as its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, and qualify and remain qualified as a foreign corporation or foreign organization in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is necessary, except such jurisdictions, if any, where the failure to preserve and maintain its corporate or other organizational existence, rights, franchises and privileges, or qualify or remain qualified will not have a Material Adverse Effect on the business or property of such Loan Party.

SECTION 5.05. Inspections. The Company will, and will cause each of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, permit any authorized representative designated by the Administrative Agent to visit and inspect any of the properties of the Company and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries at which the principal financial records and executive officers of the applicable Person are located, to inspect, copy and take extracts from its and their respective financial and accounting records, and to discuss its and their respective affairs, finances and accounts with its and their Responsible Officers and independent public accountants (subject to such accountants' customary policies and procedures) (provided that the Company (or any of its subsidiaries) may, if it so chooses, have one or more employees or representatives be present at or participate in any such discussion), all upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times during normal business hours; provided that (x) only the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders may exercise the rights of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders under this Section 5.05, (y) the Administrative Agent shall not exercise such rights more often than one time during any calendar year and (z) only one such time per calendar year shall be at the expense of the Company; provided, further, that when an Event of Default exists, the Administrative Agent (or any of its representatives or independent contractors) may do any of the foregoing at the expense of the Company at any time during normal business hours and upon reasonable advance notice; provided, further that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary shall be required to disclose, permit the inspection, examination or making of copies of or taking abstracts from, or discuss any document, information or other matter (i) that constitutes non-financial trade secrets or non-financial proprietary information of the Company and its subsidiaries and/or any of its customers and/or suppliers, (ii) in respect of which disclosure to the Administrative Agent or any Lender (or any of their respective representatives or contractors) is prohibited by applicable law, (iii) that is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product or (iv) in respect of which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary owes confidentiality obligations to any third party (provided such confidentiality obligations were not entered into solely in contemplation of the requirements of this Section 5.05); provided, further, that in the event any of the circumstances described in the preceding proviso exist, the Company shall provide notice to the Administrative Agent thereof and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to describe, to the extent both feasible and permitted under applicable Requirements of Law or confidentiality obligations, or without waiving such privilege, as applicable, the applicable document, information or other matter.

SECTION 5.06. [Reserved]

SECTION 5.07. Compliance with Laws. The Company will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, comply in all material respects with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and requirements of governmental authorities (including ERISA and the rules and regulations thereunder), except to the extent that (a) the necessity of compliance therewith is contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or (b) the failure to so comply would not result in any Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.08. Use of Proceeds. The Company will use the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans to make the Closing Date Payment, to pay Transaction Costs and for other general corporate purposes (including, without limitation, repurchases of, and dividends on, its equity securities). None of the Company, any Subsidiary or director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary will directly or knowingly indirectly use the proceeds of the Loans or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person for the purpose of (a) financing any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official governmental capacity in material violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws or (b) financing the activities of or any transactions with any Sanctioned Person or in any Sanctioned Country, except to the extent licensed or otherwise authorized under U.S. law. This Section applies, other than to the extent that such covenant would result in a violation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96, as amended (or any implementing law or regulation in any member state of the European Union or the United Kingdom).

SECTION 5.09. Information Regarding Collateral. The Company will furnish to the Collateral Agent prompt written notice of any change in (i) the legal name of any Loan Party, as set forth in its organizational documents, (ii) the jurisdiction of organization or the form of organization of any Loan Party (including as a result of any merger, amalgamation or consolidation), (iii) the location of the chief executive office of any Loan Party or (iv) the organizational identification number, if any, or, with respect to any Loan Party organized under the laws of a jurisdiction that requires such information to be set forth on the face of a UCC financing statement, the Federal Taxpayer Identification Number of such Loan Party. The Company agrees not to effect or permit any change referred to in the preceding sentence unless all filings have been made under the UCC or otherwise that are required in order for the Collateral Agent to continue at all times following such change to have a valid, legal and perfected security interest in all the Collateral.

SECTION 5.10. Collateral and Guarantee Requirement.

(a) If (i) any Restricted Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) is formed or acquired after the Closing Date or (ii) any Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) shall become a Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date, then the Company will promptly, but in no event later than 15 days after such formation or acquisition (in the case of clause (i)) or 15 days after any executive officer or Financial Officer of the Company obtains knowledge thereof (in the case of clause (ii)) (or in each case such later date as is acceptable to the Administrative Agent), notify the Administrative Agent thereof and cause the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement to be satisfied with respect to such Restricted Subsidiary.

(b) The Company will, and the Company will cause each of the Material Subsidiaries to, execute any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements), that may be required under any applicable law, or that the Collateral Agent or the Required Lenders may reasonably request, to cause the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement to be and remain satisfied, all at the expense of the Company.

SECTION 5.11. Credit Ratings. The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain Credit Ratings from each of S&P and Moody's at all times (but not any specific ratings).

ARTICLE 6      NEGATIVE COVENANTS

From the Closing Date and until the Termination Date has occurred, the Company and each other Borrower covenant and agree with the Lenders that:

SECTION 6.01. Limitation on Indebtedness.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, Incur any Indebtedness; provided, however, that the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may Incur Indebtedness if on the date of the Incurrence of such Indebtedness, after giving effect to the Incurrence thereof, the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be equal to or greater than 2.00:1.00.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing Section 6.01(a), the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may Incur the following Indebtedness:

(i) (A) Indebtedness (I) Incurred (including but not limited to in respect of letters of credit or bankers' acceptances issued or created thereunder) and (without limiting the foregoing), in each case, any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof, in a maximum principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding in the aggregate the amount equal to the greater of (x) \$750.0 million and (y) an amount equal to the Borrowing Base (plus, in the event of any refinancing of any such Indebtedness, the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing) plus (II) in an unlimited amount, if on the date of the Incurrence of such Indebtedness (other than any such Refinancing Indebtedness), after giving effect to such Incurrence (or, at the Company's option, on the date of the initial borrowing of such Indebtedness or entry into the definitive agreement providing the commitment to fund such Indebtedness after giving pro forma effect to the Incurrence of the entire committed amount of such Indebtedness (such committed amount, a "Ratio Tested Committed Amount"), in which case such Ratio Tested Committed Amount may thereafter be borrowed and reborrowed, in whole or in part, from time to time, without further compliance with this clause) the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio would be equal to or less than 1.50:1.00; and (in the case of this subclause (II)) any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect to any such Indebtedness (or Ratio Tested Committed Amount), (B) Incremental Equivalent Debt and any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof and (C) the Obligations hereunder (including any Additional Term Loans) and any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof;

(ii) Indebtedness (A) of any Restricted Subsidiary to the Company, or (B) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to any Restricted Subsidiary; provided that, in the case of this Section 6.01(b)(ii), any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary to which such Indebtedness is owed, or other event, that results in such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of such Indebtedness (except to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) will be deemed, in each case, an Incurrence of such Indebtedness by the issuer thereof not permitted by this Section 6.01(b)(ii);

(iii) Indebtedness represented by the Senior Notes, any Indebtedness (other than the Indebtedness under any ABL Facility described in Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(I) above) outstanding (or Incurred pursuant to any commitment outstanding) on the Closing Date and any Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in respect of any Indebtedness (or unutilized commitments) described in this Section 6.01(b)(iii) or Section 6.01(a) above;

(iv) Purchase Money Obligations and Finance Lease Obligations, and in each case any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto, (A) outstanding on the Closing Date and (B) in an additional aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$140.0 million and 3.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(v) Indebtedness (A) supported by a letter of credit issued pursuant to any Credit Facility in a principal amount not exceeding the face amount of such letter of credit or (B) consisting of accommodation guarantees for the benefit of trade creditors of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(vi) (A) Guarantees by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness or any other obligation or liability of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Indebtedness Incurred by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, in violation of this Section 6.01), or (B) without limiting Section 6.06, Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary arising by reason of any Lien granted by or applicable to such Person securing Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Indebtedness Incurred by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, in violation of this Section 6.01);

(vii) Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (A) arising from the honoring of a check, draft or similar instrument of such Person drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business, or (B) consisting of guarantees, indemnities, obligations in respect of earnouts or other purchase price adjustments, or similar obligations, Incurred in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business, assets or Person;

(viii) Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of (A) letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or other similar instruments or obligations issued, or relating to liabilities or obligations incurred, in the ordinary course of business (including those issued to governmental entities in connection with self-insurance under applicable workers' compensation statutes), (B) completion guarantees, surety, judgment, appeal or performance bonds, or other similar bonds, instruments or obligations, provided, or relating to liabilities or obligations incurred, in the ordinary course of business, including in respect of liabilities or obligations of franchisees, (C) Hedging Obligations, (D) Management Guarantees or Management Indebtedness, (E) the financing of insurance premiums in the ordinary course of business, (F) take-or-pay obligations under supply arrangements incurred in the ordinary course of business, (G) netting, overdraft protection and other arrangements arising under standard business terms of any bank at which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary maintains an overdraft, cash pooling or other similar facility or arrangement, (H) Junior Capital, (I) Bank Products Obligations or (J) Open Account Obligations;

(ix) Indebtedness (A) of a Receivables Subsidiary secured by a Lien on all or part of the assets disposed of in, or otherwise Incurred in connection with, a Financing Disposition or (B) otherwise Incurred in connection with a Specified Receivables Facility in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding under this Section 6.01(b)(ix) not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$120.0 million and 60.0% of the aggregate accounts excluded from the definition of "Eligible Accounts" under the ABL Facility as such definition is in effect on the Closing Date; provided that (1) such Indebtedness is not recourse to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Receivables Subsidiary (other than with respect to Standard Receivables Undertakings); (2) in the event such Indebtedness shall become recourse to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Receivables Subsidiary (other than with respect to Standard Receivables Undertakings), such Indebtedness will be deemed to be, and must be classified by the Company as, Incurred at such time (or at the time initially Incurred) under one or more of the other provisions of this Section 6.01 for so long as such Indebtedness shall be so recourse; and (3) in the event that at any time thereafter such Indebtedness shall comply with the provisions of the preceding subclause (1), the Company may classify such Indebtedness in whole or in part as Incurred under this Section 6.01(b)(ix);

(x) Contribution Indebtedness and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto;



(xi) Indebtedness of (A) the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary Incurred to finance or refinance, or otherwise Incurred in connection with, any acquisition of assets (including Capital Stock), business or Person, or any merger or consolidation of any Person with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or (B) any Person that is acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (including Indebtedness thereof Incurred in connection with any such acquisition, merger or consolidation); provided that on the date of such acquisition, merger or consolidation, after giving effect thereto, (x) in the case of any such Indebtedness that is secured by Parity Priority Liens on the Collateral, either (1) the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio would be equal to or less than 1.50:1.00 or (2) the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio would be equal to or be less than the Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio immediately prior to giving effect thereto, or (y) in the case of any other such Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to this Section 6.01(b)(xi), either (1) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be equal to or greater than 2.00:1.00 or (2) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be equal to or be greater than the Consolidated Coverage Ratio immediately prior to giving effect thereto; and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect to any such Indebtedness;

(xii) Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$240.0 million and 6.0% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xiii) Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary Incurred as consideration in connection with any acquisition of assets (including Capital Stock), business or Person, or any merger or consolidation of any Person with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto, in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$100.0 million and 2.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xiv) Indebtedness issuable upon the conversion or exchange of shares of Disqualified Stock issued in accordance with Section 6.01(a), and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto;

(xv) Indebtedness of any Foreign Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$200.0 million and 5.0% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;

(xvi) Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$200.0 million and 5.0% of Consolidated Tangible Assets; and

(xvii) Indebtedness existing on the Closing Date.

(c) For purposes of determining compliance with, and the outstanding principal amount of any particular Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to and in compliance with, this Section 6.01, (i) any other obligation of the obligor on such Indebtedness (or of any other Person who could have Incurred such Indebtedness under this Section 6.01) arising under any Guarantee, Lien or letter of credit, bankers' acceptance or other similar instrument or obligation supporting such Indebtedness shall be disregarded to the extent that such Guarantee, Lien or letter of credit, bankers' acceptance or other similar instrument or obligation secures the principal amount of such Indebtedness; (ii) in the event that Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the types of Indebtedness described in Section 6.01(a) or (b) above, the Company, in its sole discretion, shall classify or reclassify such item of Indebtedness and may include the amount and type of such Indebtedness in Section 6.01(a) or one or more of the clauses or subclauses of Section 6.01(b) above (including in part under one such clause or subclause and in part under another such clause or subclause); provided that (if the Company shall so determine) any Indebtedness Incurred pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(iv), (b)(ix), (b)(xii), (b)(xiii), (b)(xv), (b)(xvi) or (b)(xvii) shall cease to be deemed Incurred or outstanding for purposes of such clause but shall be deemed Incurred for the purposes of Section 6.01(a) or Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(II) from and after the first date on which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary could have Incurred such Indebtedness under Section 6.01(a) or Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(II), as applicable, without reliance on such clause; (iii) the amount of Indebtedness issued at a price that is less than the principal amount thereof shall be equal to the amount of the liability in respect thereof determined in accordance with GAAP; (iv) the principal amount of Indebtedness outstanding under any clause of Section 6.01(b) above shall be determined after giving effect to the application of proceeds of any such Indebtedness to refinance any such other Indebtedness; (v) if any Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance Indebtedness initially Incurred (or, Indebtedness Incurred to refinance Indebtedness initially Incurred) in reliance on any provision of Section 6.01(b) above measured by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets at the time of Incurrence, and such refinancing would cause such percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets to be exceeded if calculated based on the Consolidated Tangible Assets on the date of such refinancing, such percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets shall not be deemed to be exceeded (and such refinancing Indebtedness shall be deemed permitted) so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed an amount equal to the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced, plus the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing; and (vi) if any Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance Indebtedness initially Incurred (or, Indebtedness Incurred to refinance Indebtedness initially Incurred) in reliance on any provision of Section 6.01(b) above measured by a dollar amount, such dollar amount shall not be deemed to be exceeded (and such refinancing Indebtedness shall be deemed permitted) to the extent the principal amount of such newly Incurred Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced, plus the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Date under the ABL Facility shall be classified as Incurred under Section 6.01(b)(i)(A) (I), and may not later be reclassified.

(d) For purposes of determining compliance with any provision of Section 6.01(b) (or any category of Permitted Liens described in the definition thereof) measured by a dollar amount or by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets, in each case, for the Incurrence of Indebtedness or Liens securing Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency, the dollar equivalent principal amount of such Indebtedness Incurred pursuant thereto shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date that such Indebtedness was Incurred, in the case of term Indebtedness, or first committed, in the case of revolving or deferred draw Indebtedness; provided that (x) the dollar equivalent principal amount of any such Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Date shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the Closing Date, (y) if such Indebtedness is Incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency (or in a different currency from such Indebtedness so being Incurred), and such refinancing would cause the applicable provision of Section 6.01(b) (or category of Permitted Liens) measured by a dollar amount or by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets, as applicable, to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such provision of Section 6.01(b) (or category of Permitted Liens) measured by a dollar amount or by reference to a percentage of Consolidated Tangible Assets, as applicable, shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed (i) the outstanding or committed principal amount (whichever is higher) of such Indebtedness being refinanced plus (ii) the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums and other costs and expenses (including accrued and unpaid interest) Incurred or payable in connection with such refinancing and (z) the dollar equivalent principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency and Incurred pursuant to the ABL Facility shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on, at the Company's option, (A) the Closing Date, (B) any date on which any of the respective commitments under the ABL Facility shall be reallocated between or among facilities or subfacilities thereunder, or on which such rate is otherwise calculated for any purpose thereunder, or (C) the date of such Incurrence. The principal amount of any Indebtedness Incurred to refinance other Indebtedness, if Incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such respective Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.

#### SECTION 6.02. Limitation on Restricted Payments.

(a) The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, (i) declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution on or in respect of its Capital Stock (including any such payment in connection with any merger or consolidation to which the Company is a party) except (x) dividends or distributions payable solely in its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) and (y) dividends or distributions payable to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (and, in the case of any such Restricted Subsidiary making such dividend or distribution, to holders of its Capital Stock on no more than a pro rata basis, measured by the number of shares owned of the applicable class), (ii) purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire for value any Capital Stock of the Company held by Persons other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (other than any acquisition of Capital Stock deemed to occur upon the exercise of options if such Capital Stock represents a portion of the exercise price thereof), (iii) voluntarily purchase, repurchase, redeem, defease or otherwise voluntarily acquire or retire for value, prior to scheduled maturity, scheduled repayment or scheduled sinking fund payment, any Subordinated Obligations (other than a purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement for value in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment or final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of such purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement) or (iv) make any Investment (other than a Permitted Investment) in any Person (any such dividend, distribution, purchase, repurchase, redemption, defeasance, other acquisition or retirement or Investment being herein referred to as a “**Restricted Payment**”), if at the time the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary makes such Restricted Payment after giving effect thereto:

- (1) an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing (or would result therefrom);
- (2) the Company could not Incur at least an additional \$1.00 of Indebtedness pursuant to Section 6.01(a); or
- (3) the aggregate amount of such Restricted Payment and all other Restricted Payments (the amount so expended, if other than in cash, to be as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors, whose determination shall be conclusive and evidenced by a resolution of the Board of Directors) declared or made subsequent to the Closing Date and then outstanding would exceed, without duplication, the sum of:

(A) 50.0% of the Consolidated Net Income accrued during the period (treated as one accounting period) beginning on August 2, 2021 to the end of the most recent fiscal quarter ending prior to the date of such Restricted Payment for which consolidated financial statements of the Company are available (or, in case such Consolidated Net Income shall be a negative number, zero);

(B) the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds and the fair value (as determined in good faith by the Company) of property or assets received (x) by the Company as capital contributions to the Company after the Closing Date or from the issuance or sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of its Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) after the Closing Date (other than Excluded Contributions and Contribution Amounts) or (y) by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from the Incurrence by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date of Indebtedness that shall have been converted into or exchanged for Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock) or Capital Stock of any Parent Entity, plus the amount of any cash and the fair value (as determined in good faith by the Company) of any property or assets, received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary upon such conversion or exchange;

(C) (1) the aggregate amount of cash and the fair value (as determined in good faith by the Company) of any property or assets received from dividends, distributions, interest payments, return of capital, repayments of Investments or other transfers of assets to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from any Unrestricted Subsidiary, including dividends or other distributions related to dividends or other distributions made pursuant to Section 6.02(b)(x), plus (2) the aggregate amount resulting from the redesignation of any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary (valued in each case as provided in the definition of “Investment”); and

(D) in the case of any disposition or repayment of any Investment constituting a Restricted Payment (without duplication of any amount deducted in calculating the amount of Investments at any time outstanding included in the amount of Restricted Payments), the aggregate amount of cash and the fair value (as determined in good faith by the Company) of any property or assets received by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary with respect to all such dispositions and repayments.

(b) The provisions of Section 6.02(a) do not prohibit any of the following (each, a “**Permitted Payment**”):

(i) (x) any purchase, redemption, repurchase, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Capital Stock of the Company (“**Treasury Capital Stock**”) or Subordinated Obligations made by exchange (including any such exchange pursuant to the exercise of a conversion right or privilege in connection with which cash is paid in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares) for, or out of the proceeds of the issuance or sale of, Capital Stock of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock and other than Capital Stock issued or sold to a Subsidiary) (“**Refunding Capital Stock**”) or a capital contribution to the Company, in each case other than Excluded Contributions and Contribution Amounts; provided that the Net Cash Proceeds from such issuance, sale or capital contribution shall be excluded in subsequent calculations under Section 6.02(a)(3)(B) and (y) if immediately prior to such acquisition or retirement of such Treasury Capital Stock, dividends thereon were permitted pursuant to Section 6.02(b)(xi), dividends on such Refunding Capital Stock in an aggregate amount per annum not exceeding the aggregate amount per annum of dividends so permitted on such Treasury Capital Stock;

(ii) any purchase, redemption, repurchase, defeasance or other acquisition or retirement of Subordinated Obligations (w) made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the Incurrence of, Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or Refinancing Indebtedness Incurred in compliance with Section 6.01, (x) from Net Available Cash or an equivalent amount to the extent permitted by Section 6.04, (y) [reserved] or (z) constituting Acquired Indebtedness;

(iii) any dividend paid or redemption made within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof or of the giving of notice thereof, as applicable, if at such date of declaration or the giving of such notice, such dividend or redemption would have complied with this Section 6.02;

(iv) Investments or other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed the amount of Excluded Contributions;

(v) loans, advances, dividends or distributions by the Company to any Parent Entity to permit any Parent Entity to repurchase or otherwise acquire its Capital Stock (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), or payments by the Company to repurchase or otherwise acquire Capital Stock of the Company (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), in each case from current or former Management Investors or repurchases of equity from others to offset dilution from issuances of equity to such persons (including any repurchase or acquisition by reason of the Company retaining any Capital Stock, option, warrant or other right in respect of tax withholding obligations, and any related payment in respect of any such obligation), such payments, loans, advances, dividends or distributions not to exceed an amount (net of repayments of any such loans or advances) equal to (w) (1) \$50.0 million, plus (2) \$25.0 million multiplied by the number of calendar years that have commenced since the Closing Date, plus (x) the Net Cash Proceeds received by the Company since the Closing Date from, or as a capital contribution from, the issuance or sale to Management Investors of Capital Stock (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof), to the extent such Net Cash Proceeds are not included in any calculation under Section 6.02(a)(3)(B)(x), plus (y) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary since the Closing Date to the extent such cash proceeds are not included in any calculation under Section 6.02(a)(3)(A); provided that any cancellation of Indebtedness owing to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary by any current or former Management Investor in connection with any repurchase or other acquisition of Capital Stock (including any options, warrants or other rights in respect thereof) from any Management Investor shall not constitute a Restricted Payment for purposes of this covenant or any other provision of this Agreement;

(vi) any Restricted Payments in an amount not to exceed in any fiscal year of the Company the greater of (x) \$280.0 million and (y) 6.0% of Market Capitalization;

- (vii) Restricted Payments (including loans or advances) in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed an amount (net of repayments of any such loans or advances) equal to the greater of \$120.0 million and 3.0% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;
- (viii) loans, advances, dividends or distributions to any Parent Entity or other payments by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (A) to satisfy or permit any Parent Entity to satisfy obligations under any management agreements, (B) pursuant to any tax sharing agreement or (C) to pay or permit any Parent Entity to pay (but without duplication) any Parent Entity Expenses or any related taxes;
- (ix) payments by the Company, or loans, advances, dividends or distributions by the Company to any Parent Entity to make payments, to holders of Capital Stock of the Company in lieu of issuance of fractional shares of such Capital Stock;
- (x) dividends or other distributions of, or Investments paid for or made with, Capital Stock, Indebtedness or other securities of Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (xi) (A) dividends on any Designated Preferred Stock of the Company issued after the Closing Date; provided that at the time of such issuance and after giving effect thereto on a pro forma basis, the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be equal to or greater than 2.00:1.00, (B) loans, advances, dividends or distributions to any Parent Entity to permit dividends on any Designated Preferred Stock of any Parent Entity issued on or after the Closing Date if the net proceeds of the issuance of such Designated Preferred Stock have been contributed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that the aggregate amount of all loans, advances, dividends or distributions paid pursuant to this subclause (B) shall not exceed the net proceeds of such issuance of Designated Preferred Stock received by or contributed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or (C) any dividend on Refunding Capital Stock that is Preferred Stock; provided that at the time of the declaration of such dividend and after giving effect thereto on a pro forma basis, the Consolidated Coverage Ratio would be at least 2.00:1.00;
- (xii) Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries or joint ventures in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not exceeding an amount equal to the greater of \$100.0 million and 2.5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets;
- (xiii) distributions or payments of Special Purpose Financing Fees;
- (xiv) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Disqualified Stock, or of any Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, Incurred in accordance with the terms of Section 6.01;
- (xv) Investments or other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed an amount equal to Declined Proceeds, plus the amount of Excluded Proceeds;
- (xvi) any Restricted Payment; provided that on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such Restricted Payment the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio would be equal to or less than 4.00:1.00;

(xvii) [reserved];

(xviii) the Closing Date Payment, the Closing Date Distribution and any distribution, as a dividend, cash payment or otherwise, of all or any portion of the equity interests of the Spin Business (as defined in the Separation Agreement) or any of the assets thereof;

(xix) the distribution, as a dividend or otherwise, of shares of Capital Stock of, or Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary by, Unrestricted Subsidiaries; and

(xx) payments or distributions to dissenting stockholders pursuant to applicable law, pursuant to or in connection with a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, that complies with the covenant described under Section 6.08;

provided that (A) in the case of clause (iii) of this Section 6.02(b), the net amount of any such Permitted Payment shall be included in subsequent calculations of the amount of Restricted Payments, (B) in all cases other than pursuant to clause (A) immediately above, the net amount of any such Permitted Payment shall be excluded in subsequent calculations of the amount of Restricted Payments, and (C) solely with respect to clauses (vi) and (xvi) of this Section 6.02(b), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of any such Permitted Payment after giving effect thereto. The Company, in its sole discretion, may classify any Investment or other Restricted Payment as being made in part under one of the clauses or subclauses of this Section 6.02, (or, in the case of any Investment, the clauses or subclauses of Permitted Investments) and in part under one or more other such clauses or subclauses (or, as applicable, clauses or subclauses).

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement does not restrict any redemption or other payment by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary made as a mandatory principal redemption or other payment in respect of Subordinated Obligations pursuant to an “AHYDO saver” provision of any agreement or instrument in respect of Subordinated Obligations, and the Company’s determination in good faith of the amount of any such “AHYDO saver” mandatory principal redemption or other payment shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes under this Agreement.

**SECTION 6.03. Limitation on Restrictions on Distributions from Restricted Subsidiaries.** The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create or otherwise cause to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to (a) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock or pay any Indebtedness or other obligations owed to the Company, (b) make any loans or advances to the Company or (c) transfer any of its property or assets to the Company (provided that dividend or liquidation priority between classes of Capital Stock, or subordination of any obligation (including the application of any remedy bars thereto) to any other obligation, will not be deemed to constitute such an encumbrance or restriction), except any encumbrance or restriction:

(i) pursuant to an agreement or instrument in effect at or entered into on the Closing Date, any Credit Facility, this Agreement, any Incremental Equivalent Debt, any Additional Non-ABL Secured Debt Obligations, the Senior Notes or the indenture with respect thereto;

(ii) pursuant to any agreement or instrument of a Person, or relating to Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person, which Person is acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, or which agreement or instrument is assumed by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with an acquisition of assets from such Person, or any other transaction entered into in connection with any such acquisition, merger or consolidation, as in effect at the time of such acquisition, merger, consolidation or transaction (except to the extent that such Indebtedness was incurred to finance, or otherwise in connection with, such acquisition, merger, consolidation or transaction); provided that for purposes of this clause (ii), if a Person other than the Company is the Successor Company with respect thereto, any Subsidiary thereof or agreement or instrument of such Person or any such Subsidiary shall be deemed acquired or assumed, as the case may be, by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, when such Person becomes such Successor Company;

(iii) pursuant to an agreement or instrument (a “**Refinancing Agreement**”) effecting a refinancing of Indebtedness Incurred or outstanding pursuant or relating to, or that otherwise extends, renews, refunds, refinances or replaces, any agreement or instrument referred to in clause (i) or (ii) of this Section 6.03 or this clause (iii) (an “**Initial Agreement**”) or that is, or is contained in, any amendment, supplement or other modification to an Initial Agreement or Refinancing Agreement (an “**Amendment**”); provided, however, that the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any such Refinancing Agreement or Amendment taken as a whole are not materially less favorable to the Lenders than encumbrances and restrictions contained in the Initial Agreement or Initial Agreements to which such Refinancing Agreement or Amendment relates (as determined in good faith by the Company);

(iv) pursuant to customary provisions in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(v) (A) pursuant to any agreement or instrument that restricts in a customary manner the assignment or transfer thereof, or the subletting, assignment or transfer of any property or asset subject thereto, (B) by virtue of any transfer of, agreement to transfer, option or right with respect to, or Lien on, any property or assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (including IP Rights) not otherwise prohibited by this Agreement, (C) contained in mortgages, pledges or other security agreements securing Indebtedness or other obligations of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to the extent restricting the transfer of the property or assets subject thereto, (D) pursuant to customary provisions restricting dispositions of real property interests set forth in any reciprocal easement agreements of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, (E) pursuant to Purchase Money Obligations that impose encumbrances or restrictions on the property or assets so acquired, (F) on cash or other deposits, net worth or inventory imposed by customers or suppliers under agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business, (G) pursuant to customary provisions contained in agreements and instruments entered into in the ordinary course of business (including but not limited to leases, licenses and sublicenses) or in joint venture and other similar agreements or in shareholder, partnership, limited liability company and other similar agreements in respect of non-wholly owned Restricted Subsidiaries, (H) that arises or is agreed to in the ordinary course of business and does not detract from the value of property or assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in any manner material to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, or (I) pursuant to Hedging Obligations, Bank Products Obligations or Open Account Obligations;



(vi) with respect to any agreement for the direct or indirect disposition of Capital Stock, property or assets of any Person, property or assets, imposing restrictions with respect to such Person, Capital Stock, property or assets pending the closing of such sale or disposition;

(vii) by reason of any applicable law, rule, regulation or order, or required by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or any of their businesses, including any such law, rule, regulation, order or requirement applicable in connection with such Restricted Subsidiary's status (or the status of any Subsidiary of such Restricted Subsidiary) as a Captive Insurance Subsidiary; or

(viii) pursuant to an agreement or instrument (A) relating to any Indebtedness permitted to be Incurred subsequent to the Closing Date pursuant to Section 6.01 (1) if the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any such agreement or instrument taken as a whole are not materially less favorable to the Lenders than the encumbrances and restrictions contained in the Initial Agreements (as determined in good faith by the Company) or (2) if such encumbrance or restriction is not materially more disadvantageous to the Lenders than is customary in comparable financings (as determined in good faith by the Company) and either (x) the Company determines in good faith that such encumbrance or restriction will not materially affect the Company's ability to make principal or interest payments on the Loans or (y) such encumbrance or restriction applies only if a default occurs in respect of a payment or financial covenant relating to such Indebtedness, (B) relating to any sale of receivables by or Indebtedness of a Foreign Subsidiary or (C) relating to Indebtedness of or a Financing Disposition by or to or in favor of any Receivables Subsidiary.

#### SECTION 6.04. Limitation on Sales of Assets and Subsidiary Stock.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, make any Asset Disposition unless:

(i) the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary receives consideration (including by way of relief from, or by any other Person assuming responsibility for, any liabilities, contingent or otherwise) at the time of such Asset Disposition at least equal to the Fair Market Value of the shares and assets subject to such Asset Disposition, as such Fair Market Value (on the date a legally binding commitment for such Asset Disposition was entered into) may be determined in good faith by the Company, whose determination shall be conclusive (including as to the value of all noncash consideration);

(ii) in the case of any Asset Disposition (or series of related Asset Dispositions) having a Fair Market Value (on the date a legally binding commitment for such Asset Disposition was entered into) of \$50.0 million or more, at least 75.0% of the consideration therefor (excluding, in the case of an Asset Disposition (or series of related Asset Dispositions), any consideration by way of relief from, or by any other Person assuming responsibility for, any liabilities, contingent or otherwise, that are not Indebtedness) for such Asset Disposition, together with all other Asset Dispositions since the Closing Date (on a cumulative basis) received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash; and

(iii) if such Asset Disposition involves the Disposition of Collateral, the Company shall apply the Net Available Cash of such Asset Disposition (or the applicable portion thereof) in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.11(b)(ii).

Notwithstanding the foregoing provision in Section 6.04(a)(iii), to the extent that repatriating any or all of the Net Available Cash from any Asset Disposition by a Foreign Subsidiary (x) would result in material adverse tax consequences to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (y) is prohibited or delayed by applicable local law from being repatriated to the United States (in the case of the foregoing clauses (x) and (y), as reasonably determined by the Company in good faith which determination shall be conclusive), the portion of such Net Available Cash so affected will not be required to be applied in compliance with clause (iii) of the first paragraph of this covenant, and such amounts may be retained by the applicable Foreign Subsidiary; provided that, in the case of this clause (y), the Company shall take commercially reasonable efforts to cause the applicable Foreign Subsidiary to take all actions reasonably required by the applicable local law, applicable organizational impediments or other impediment to permit such repatriation, and if such repatriation of any of such affected Net Available Cash can be achieved such repatriation will be promptly effected and such repatriated Net Available Cash will be applied (whether or not repatriation actually occurs) in compliance with clause (iii) of the first paragraph of this covenant. The time periods set forth in this covenant shall not start until such time as the Net Available Cash may be repatriated whether or not such repatriation actually occurs.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.04, the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries shall not be required to apply any Net Available Cash or equivalent amount in accordance with this Section 6.04 except to the extent that the aggregate Net Available Cash from all Asset Dispositions of Collateral or equivalent amount that is not applied in accordance with this Section 6.04 exceeds \$30.0 million

For the purposes of Section 6.04(a)(ii), the following are deemed to be cash: (1) Temporary Cash Investments and Cash Equivalents; (2) the assumption of Indebtedness of the Company (other than Disqualified Stock of the Company) or any Restricted Subsidiary and the release of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from all liability on payment of the principal amount of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Disposition; (3) Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Disposition, to the extent that the Company and each other Restricted Subsidiary are released from any Guarantee of payment of the principal amount of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Disposition; (4) securities received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from the transferee that are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash within 180 days; (5) consideration consisting of Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; (6) Additional Assets; and (7) any Designated Noncash Consideration received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in an Asset Disposition having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Designated Noncash Consideration received pursuant to this clause, not to exceed an aggregate amount at any time outstanding equal to the greater of \$50.0 million and 1.25% of Consolidated Tangible Assets (with the Fair Market Value of each item of Designated Noncash Consideration being measured on the date a legally binding commitment for such disposition (or, if later, for the payment of such item) was entered into and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value).

## SECTION 6.05. Limitation on Transaction with Affiliates

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into or conduct any transaction or series of related transactions (including the purchase, sale, lease or exchange of any property or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate of the Company (an “Affiliate Transaction”) involving aggregate consideration in excess of the greater of \$20.0 million and 0.50% of Consolidated Tangible Assets unless (i) the terms of such Affiliate Transaction are not materially less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, than those that could be obtained at the time in a transaction with a Person who is not such an Affiliate and (ii) if such Affiliate Transaction involves aggregate consideration in excess of the greater of \$50.0 million and 1.25% of Consolidated Tangible Assets, the terms of such Affiliate Transaction have been approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. For purposes of this Section 6.05(a), any Affiliate Transaction shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements set forth in this Section 6.05(a) if (x) such Affiliate Transaction is approved by a majority of the Disinterested Directors or (y) in the event there are no Disinterested Directors, a fairness opinion is provided by a nationally recognized appraisal or investment banking firm with respect to such Affiliate Transaction.

(b) The provisions of Section 6.05(a) will not apply to:

(i) any Restricted Payment Transaction;

(ii) (A) the entering into, maintaining or performance of any employment or consulting contract, collective bargaining agreement, benefit plan, program or arrangement, related trust agreement or any other similar arrangement for or with any current or former management member, employee, officer or director or consultant of or to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary heretofore or hereafter entered into in the ordinary course of business, including vacation, health, insurance, deferred compensation, severance, retirement, savings or other similar plans, programs or arrangements, (B) payments, compensation, performance of indemnification or contribution obligations, the making or cancellation of loans in the ordinary course of business to any such management members, employees, officers, directors or consultants, (C) any issuance, grant or award of stock, options, other equity related interests or other securities, to any such management members, employees, officers, directors or consultants, (D) the payment of reasonable fees to directors of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (as determined in good faith by the Company or such Subsidiary), or (E) any transaction with an officer or director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business, or (F) Management Advances and payments in respect thereof (or in reimbursement of any expenses referred to in the definition of such term);

(iii) any transaction between or among any of the Company, one or more Restricted Subsidiaries, or one or more Receivables Subsidiaries,

(iv) any transaction arising out of agreements or instruments in existence on the Closing Date, and any payments made pursuant thereto;

(v) any transaction in the ordinary course of business on terms that are fair to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the reasonable determination of the Board of Directors or senior management of the Company, or are not materially less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that could be obtained at the time in a transaction with a Person who is not an Affiliate of the Company;

(vi) any transaction in the ordinary course of business, or approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, between the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and any Affiliate of the Company controlled by the Company that is a joint venture or similar entity;

(vii) the Transactions, all transactions in connection therewith (including but not limited to the financing thereof), and all fees and expenses paid or payable in connection with the Transactions;

(viii) any issuance or sale of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or Junior Capital or any capital contribution to the Company;

(ix) any investment by any Affiliate of the Company in securities or term loans of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (and payment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any such Affiliate in connection therewith) so long as such securities or term loans are being offered generally to investors (other than Affiliates of the Company) on the same or more favorable terms; and

(x) any transactions undertaken in connection with the VS Transaction, the Separation (as defined in the Registration Statement), the Closing Date Payment or the Closing Date Distribution.

SECTION 6.06. Limitation on Liens. The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist any Lien (the “**Initial Lien**”) on any of its property or assets (including Capital Stock of any other Person), whether owned on the date of this Agreement or thereafter acquired, securing any Indebtedness, other than:

(i) in the case of any Initial Lien on any Collateral, such Initial Lien if it is a Permitted Lien; and

(ii) in the case of any Initial Lien on any asset or property not constituting Collateral, such Initial Lien if (A) the Initial Term Loans and the Subsidiary Guarantees are equally and ratably secured with (or on a senior basis to, in the case such Initial Lien secures any Subordinated Obligations) the Obligations secured by such Initial Lien, or (B) such Initial Lien is a Permitted Lien.

Any such Lien thereby created in favor of the Term Loans or any such Subsidiary Guarantee pursuant to clause (ii) of the immediately preceding paragraph will be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon (i) the release and discharge of the Initial Lien to which it relates, (ii) in the case of any such Lien in favor of any such Subsidiary Guarantee, upon the termination and discharge of such Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the terms of Section 9.22 or (iii) any sale, exchange or transfer (other than a transfer constituting a transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company that is governed by Section 6.08) to any Person not an Affiliate of the Company of the property or assets secured by such Initial Lien, or of all of the Capital Stock held by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in, or all or substantially all the assets of, any Restricted Subsidiary creating such Initial Lien.

If, at any time after the Closing Date, the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor creates any Lien upon any asset or property that is not at such time Collateral in order to secure any other Non-ABL Secured Debt Obligations (any such Lien, a “**New Lien**”), it must within 30 days grant a Lien upon such property or assets as security for the Initial Term Loans or the applicable Subsidiary Guarantee, such that such asset or property subject to such New Lien also becomes subject to a Lien securing the Initial Term Loans or the applicable Subsidiary Guarantee under the Loan Documents with a priority that is equal to the priority of such New Lien (without regard to the exercise of remedies).

**SECTION 6.07. Additional Limitations on Intellectual Property Transfers.** Neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary will transfer the ownership of any IP Rights that the Company determines in good faith are material to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole (“**Material Intellectual Property**”) to an Unrestricted Subsidiary, except to the extent such Material Intellectual Property is related to the anticipated business activities to be conducted by such Unrestricted Subsidiary (as determined by the Company in good faith).

**SECTION 6.08. Mergers, Consolidations, Etc..**

(a) The Company will not consolidate with or merge with or into, or convey, lease or otherwise transfer all or substantially all its assets to, any Person, unless:

(i) the resulting, surviving or transferee Person (the “**Successor Company**”) will be a Person organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia and the Successor Company (if not the Company) will expressly assume all the obligations of the Company under this Agreement and the Collateral Documents by executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent a joinder or one or more other documents or instruments in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent (and the Successor Company (if not the Company) shall cause such amendments, supplements and other instruments to be executed, filed and recorded in such jurisdictions as may be required by applicable law to preserve and protect the Liens on the Collateral owned by or transferred to such Successor Company, together with such financing statement or a similar document under the UCC or other similar statute or regulation of the relevant states or jurisdictions);

(ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction (and treating any Indebtedness that becomes an obligation of the Successor Company or any Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Successor Company or such Restricted Subsidiary at the time of such transaction), no Event of Default will have occurred and be continuing;

(iii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, either (A) the Company (or, if applicable, the Successor Company with respect thereto) could Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to Section 6.01(a) or (B) the Consolidated Coverage Ratio of the Company (or, if applicable, the Successor Company with respect thereto) would equal or exceed the Consolidated Coverage Ratio of the Company immediately prior to giving effect to such transaction;

(iv) each Subsidiary Guarantor (other than (x) any Subsidiary Guarantor that will be released from its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee in connection with such transaction and (y) any party to any such consolidation or merger) shall have delivered a document or instrument in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, confirming its Subsidiary Guarantee (other than any Subsidiary Guarantee that will be discharged or terminated in connection with such transaction and the Liens on the Collateral);

(v) the Company will have delivered to the Administrative Agent an Officer's Certificate to the effect that such consolidation, merger or transfer complies with the provisions described in this Section 6.08(a); and

(vi) to the extent any assets of the Person which is merged or consolidated with or into the Successor Company are assets of the type which would constitute Collateral under the Collateral Documents, the Successor Company will take such action as may be reasonably necessary to cause such property and assets to be made subject to the Lien of the Collateral Documents in the manner and to the extent required in this Agreement or any of the Collateral Documents and shall take all reasonably necessary action so that such Lien is perfected to the extent required by the Collateral Documents.

Any Indebtedness that becomes an obligation of the Company (or, if applicable, the Successor Company with respect thereto) or any Restricted Subsidiary (or that is deemed to be Incurred by any Restricted Subsidiary that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary) as a result of any such transaction undertaken in compliance with this Section 6.08, and any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect thereto, shall be deemed to have been Incurred in compliance with Section 6.01.

(b) Clauses (ii) and (iii) of Section 6.08(a) will not apply to any transaction in which the Company consolidates or merges with or into or transfers all or substantially all its properties and assets to (x) an Affiliate incorporated or organized for the purpose of reincorporating or reorganizing the Company in another jurisdiction or changing its legal structure to a corporation, limited liability company or other entity or (y) a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company so long as all assets of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries immediately prior to such transaction (other than Capital Stock of such Restricted Subsidiary) are owned by such Restricted Subsidiary and its Restricted Subsidiaries immediately after the consummation thereof. Section 6.08(a) will not apply to any transaction in which any Restricted Subsidiary consolidates with, merges into or transfers all or part of its assets to the Company.

(c) Upon any transaction involving the Company in accordance with this Section 6.08 in which the Company is not the Successor Company, the Successor Company will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under the Loan Documents, and thereafter the predecessor Company shall be relieved of all obligations and covenants under the Loan Documents, except that the predecessor Company in the case of a lease of all or substantially all its assets will not be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Loans.

(d) This Section 6.08 shall not apply to any VS Transaction.

SECTION 7.01. Events of Default. If any of the following events (each, an “**Event of Default**”) shall occur:

(a) Failure To Make Payments When Due. Failure by the Company to pay (i) any installment of principal of any Loan when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration, by notice of voluntary prepayment, by mandatory prepayment or otherwise, (ii) within five Business Days after the date due, any interest on any Loan or any fee due hereunder or (iii) any other amount due hereunder within ten Business Days after the applicable due date; provided, that, solely with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), any such failure to pay caused by administrative or technical error shall not constitute an Event of Default if payment is made within two Business Days of the earlier of (x) the discovery of such error by the Company or the Administrative Agent notifying the Company or such error and (y) a Responsible Officer of the Company obtaining actual knowledge of any such failure to pay; or

(b) Default in Other Agreements. (i) Failure by the Company or any other Loan Party to pay when due any principal of or interest on or any other amount payable in respect of one or more items of Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness referred to in clause (a) above and any ABL Facility unless, in the case of the ABL Facility, such failure to pay results in the acceleration of the obligations and the termination of the commitments thereunder) with an aggregate outstanding principal amount exceeding the Threshold Amount, in each case beyond the applicable notice period and grace period, if any, provided therefor; or (ii) breach or default by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than any Receivables Subsidiary) with respect to any other term of (A) one or more items of Indebtedness with an aggregate outstanding principal amount exceeding the Threshold Amount or (B) any loan agreement, mortgage, indenture or other agreement relating to such item(s) of Indebtedness, in each case beyond the applicable notice period and grace period, if any, provided therefor, if the effect of such breach or default is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders) to cause, such Indebtedness to become or be declared due and payable (or redeemable) prior to its stated maturity or the stated maturity of any underlying obligation, as the case may be; provided that (x) clause (ii) of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property securing such Indebtedness if such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder and (y) clause (ii) of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to termination events or equivalent events occurring under any Hedging Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof (it being understood that the failure to pay any amount due as a result of such termination event shall (to the extent greater than the Threshold Amount) constitute an Event of Default under this paragraph (b)); provided, further, that (x) with respect to (I) any breach or default referred to in clause (ii) above with respect to a financial covenant in any such Indebtedness or (II) any breach or default under any ABL Facility, such breach or default in each case shall only constitute an Event of Default hereunder if such breach or default has resulted in the acceleration of such Indebtedness and the termination of commitments thereunder, (y) any failure, breach or default described under clauses (i) or (ii) above shall only constitute an Event of Default hereunder if such failure, breach or default is unremedied and is not waived by the holders of such Indebtedness prior to any termination of the Commitments or acceleration of the Loans pursuant to this Article 7 and (z) for the avoidance of doubt, any failure, breach or default described under clauses (i) or (ii) above shall not result in a Default or Event of Default while any notice period or grace period, if applicable to such failure, breach or default, remains in effect; or

(c) Breach of Certain Covenants. Failure of any Loan Party, as required by the relevant provision, to perform or comply with any term or condition contained in Section 5.01(a)(ix), Section 5.04 (as it applies to the preservation of the existence of the Company and each other Borrower), or Article 6; or

(d) Breach of Representations, Etc. Any representation, warranty or certification made or deemed made by any Loan Party in any Loan Document or in any certificate required to be delivered in connection herewith or therewith (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Perfection Certificate), shall be untrue in any material respect as of the date made or deemed made and such untrue representation, warranty or certification shall remain untrue for a period of 30 days after notice from the Administrative Agent to the Company (which notice shall only be given at the direction of the Required Lenders); it being understood and agreed that any breach of representation, warranty or certification resulting from the failure of the Administrative Agent to file any Uniform Commercial Code continuation statement (or other similar statement) shall not result in an Event of Default under this Section 7.01(d) or any other provision of any Loan Document; or

(e) Other Defaults Under Loan Documents. Default by any Loan Party in the performance of or compliance with any term contained herein or in any of the other Loan Documents, other than any such term referred to in any other Section of this Article 7, which default has not been remedied or waived within 30 days after receipt by the Company of written notice thereof from the Administrative Agent; or

(f) Involuntary Bankruptcy; Appointment of Receiver, Etc. (i) The entry by a court of competent jurisdiction of a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary) (any such Person, a “**Specified Person**”) in an involuntary case under any Debtor Relief Law now or hereafter in effect, which decree or order is not stayed or dismissed; or any other similar relief shall be granted under any applicable federal, state or local law, which relief is not stayed or dismissed; or (ii) the commencement of an involuntary case against any Specified Person under any Debtor Relief Law; the entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of a decree or order for the appointment of a receiver, receiver and manager, (preliminary) insolvency receiver, liquidator, sequestrator, trustee, custodian or other officer having similar powers over any Specified Person, or over all or a substantial part of its property; or the involuntary appointment of an interim receiver, trustee or other custodian of any Specified Person for all or a substantial part of its property, which remains, in any case under this clause (f), undismissed, unvacated, unbonded or unstayed pending appeal for 60 consecutive days; or

(g) Voluntary Bankruptcy; Appointment of Receiver, Etc. (i) The entry against any Specified Person of an order for relief, the commencement by any Specified Person of a voluntary case under any Debtor Relief Law, or the consent by any Specified Person to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case or to the conversion of an involuntary case to a voluntary case, under any Debtor Relief Law, or the consent by any Specified Person to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, receiver and manager, trustee or other custodian for all or a substantial part of its property; (ii) the making by any Specified Person of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (iii) the admission by any Specified Person in writing of their inability to pay their respective debts as such debts become due; or

(h) Judgments and Attachments. The entry of one or more final money judgments, writs or warrants of attachment or similar process against any Specified Person involving in the aggregate at any time an amount in excess of the Threshold Amount (in either case to the extent not adequately covered by indemnity from a third party as to which the indemnifying party has been notified and not denied its indemnification obligations, self-insurance (if applicable) or insurance as to which the relevant third party insurance company has been notified and not denied coverage), which judgment, writ, warrant or similar process remains unpaid, undischarged, unvacated, unbonded or unstayed pending appeal for a period of 60 consecutive days; or



(i) Employee Benefit Plans. The Company or any ERISA Affiliate shall fail to pay when due an amount or amounts aggregating in excess of \$300,000,000 which it shall have become liable to pay to the PBGC or to a Plan under Title IV of ERISA; or notice of intent to terminate a Plan or Plans having aggregate Unfunded Liabilities in excess of \$300,000,000 (collectively “Material Plans”) shall be filed under Title IV of ERISA by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate, any plan administrator or any combination of the foregoing; or the PBGC shall institute proceedings under Title IV of ERISA to terminate or to cause a trustee to be appointed to administer any Material Plan or a proceeding shall be instituted by a fiduciary of any Material Plan against the Company or any ERISA Affiliate to enforce Section 515 of ERISA or 4219(c)(5) of ERISA and such proceeding shall not have been dismissed within 30 days thereafter; or a condition shall exist by reason of which the PBGC would be entitled to obtain a decree adjudicating that any Material Plan must be terminated; or

(j) Change of Control. The occurrence of a Change of Control; or

(k) Guaranties, Collateral Documents and Other Loan Documents. At any time after the execution and delivery thereof (i) any material Guarantee of the Obligations hereunder by any Subsidiary Guarantor for any reason ceasing to be in full force and effect (other than in accordance with its terms or as a result of the occurrence of the Termination Date) or being declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be null and void or the repudiation in writing by any Loan Party of its obligations thereunder (in each case other than as a result of the discharge of such Loan Party in accordance with the terms thereof), (ii) this Agreement or any material Collateral Document ceasing to be in full force and effect (other than by reason of a release of Collateral in accordance with the terms hereof or thereof, the occurrence of the Termination Date or any other termination of such Collateral Document in accordance with the terms thereof) or being declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be null and void or (iii) other than in any bona fide, good faith dispute as to the scope of Collateral or whether any Lien has been, or is required to be released, the contesting by any Loan Party of the validity or enforceability of any material provision of any Loan Document in writing or denial by any Loan Party in writing that it has any further liability (other than by reason of the occurrence of the Termination Date or any other termination of any Loan Document in accordance with the terms thereof), including with respect to future advances by the Lenders, under any Loan Document to which it is a party; it being understood and agreed that the failure of the Administrative Agent to maintain possession of any Collateral actually delivered to it or file any UCC (or equivalent) continuation statement shall not result in an Event of Default under this clause (k); or

(l) Subordination. The Obligations hereunder ceasing or the assertion in writing by any Loan Party that the Obligations hereunder cease to constitute senior indebtedness under the subordination provisions of any document or instrument evidencing any permitted Subordinated Obligations in excess of the Threshold Amount (in each case, to the extent required by such subordination provision) or any such subordination provision being invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final non-appealable order or otherwise ceasing, for any reason, to be valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the parties thereto;

then, and in every such Event of Default (other than an Event of Default with respect to the Company described in clause (f)(i) or (g) of this Article), and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such Event of Default, the Administrative Agent may, and at the request of the Required Lenders shall, by notice to the Company, take any of the following actions, at the same or different times: (i) terminate the Commitments, and thereupon the Commitments shall terminate immediately and (ii) declare the Loans then outstanding to be due and payable in whole (or in part, in which case any principal not so declared to be due and payable may thereafter be declared to be due and payable), and thereupon the principal of the Loans so declared to be due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Company accrued hereunder, shall become due and payable immediately, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Company; provided that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the Company described in clause (f)(i) or (g) of this Article, any such Commitments shall automatically terminate and the principal of the Loans then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Company accrued hereunder, shall automatically become due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Company. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the ABL Intercreditor Agreement and any other applicable intercreditor agreement, the Administrative Agent may, and at the request of the Required Lenders shall, exercise any rights and remedies provided to the Administrative Agent under the Loan Documents or at law or equity, including all remedies provided under the UCC. Notwithstanding anything in this Article 7 to the contrary, no exercise of remedies under the Loan Documents or at law or equity may occur with respect to any action taken, and publicly reported or reported to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, more than two years prior to such exercise of remedies.

## ARTICLE 8 THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

SECTION 8.01. The Agents. Each of the Lenders hereby irrevocably appoints each of the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent as its agent and authorizes such Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to such Agent by the terms of the Loan Documents, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. In addition, to the extent required under the laws of any jurisdiction, each of the Lenders hereby grants to the Collateral Agent any required powers of attorney to execute and enforce any Collateral Document governed by the laws of such jurisdiction on such Lender's behalf.

Each of the banks serving as an Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an Agent, and such bank and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to and generally engage in any kind of business with the Company or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if it were not an Agent under the Loan Documents.

The Agents shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth in the Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (a) the Agents shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing, (b) the Agents shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated by the Loan Documents that the applicable Agent is required to exercise in writing by the Required Lenders or, in the case of the Collateral Documents, the Required Secured Parties, and (c) except as expressly set forth in the Loan Documents, the Agents shall not have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is communicated to or obtained by the banks serving as Agents or any of their respective Affiliates in any capacity. No Agent shall be liable for any action taken or not taken by it with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders or, in the case of the Collateral Documents, the Required Secured Parties, or in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Each Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice thereof is given to such Agent by the Company or a Lender, and the Agents shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or in connection with any Loan Document, (iii) qualification of (or lapse of any qualification of) any Account, Credit Card Receivable or Inventory under the eligibility criteria set forth herein, other than eligibility criteria expressly referring to the matters described therein being acceptable or satisfactory to, or being determined by, the Collateral Agent, (iv) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth in any Loan Document, (v) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of any Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (vi) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article 4 or elsewhere in any Loan Document, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the applicable Agent.

Each Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or sent by the proper Person. Each of the Agents also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to be made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. Each Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Company), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

Each of the Agents may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by such Agent. Each of the Agents and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of each Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as an Agent.

Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Agent as provided in this paragraph, either Agent may resign at any time by notifying the Lenders and the Company. Upon any such resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, with the consent of the Company, to appoint a successor. In addition, if either Agent is a Defaulting Lender due to it having had a receiver, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with the reorganization or liquidation of its business or custodian appointed for it, the Required Lenders shall have the right, by notice in writing to the Company and such Agent, to remove such Agent in its capacity as such and, with the consent of the Company (not to be unreasonably withheld and except during the continuance of a Specified Event of Default hereunder, when no consent shall be required), to appoint a successor. If no successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Agent which shall be a bank with an office in New York, New York, or an Affiliate of any such bank. Upon the acceptance of its appointment as an Agent by a successor, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Agent, and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under the Loan Documents. The fees payable by the Company to a successor Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Company and such successor. After such Agent's resignation hereunder, the provisions of this Article and Section 8.03 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while it was acting as an Agent.

Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agents or any other Lender and any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agents or any other Lender and any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon any Loan Document, any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder. The Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners, the Co-Syndication Agents and the Co-Documentation Agents (each as identified on the cover page of this Agreement) (each of the foregoing, in its capacity as such, a “**Titled Person**”), in their capacities as such, shall have no rights, powers, duties, liabilities, fiduciary relationships or obligations under any Loan Document or any of the other documents related hereto.

Each of the Lenders hereby (a) agrees to be bound by the provisions of the Collateral Documents, including those terms thereof applicable to the Collateral Agent and the provisions thereof authorizing the Required Secured Parties to approve amendments or modifications thereto or waivers thereof, and to control remedies thereunder, and (b) irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent to (i) release any Liens on any Non-ABL Priority Collateral in accordance with an Intercreditor Agreement and (ii) release any Liens on any Collateral in accordance with the Collateral Documents.

Each of the Lenders hereby (a) authorizes and instructs the Collateral Agent to enter into the ABL Intercreditor Agreement and each other Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement, as applicable, pursuant to Sections 6.01 and 6.02 and (b) agrees that it will be bound by and will take no actions contrary to the provisions of such Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Arrangers shall not have any right, power, obligation, liability, responsibility or duty under this Agreement, except in their respective capacities, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent or a Lender hereunder.

Each Secured Party irrevocably authorizes and instructs the Administrative Agent to, and the Administrative Agent shall, upon request of the Company:

(a) without limiting Section 9.22, release any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Loan Document (i) upon the occurrence of the Termination Date, (ii) that is sold or to be sold or transferred as part of or in connection with any Disposition permitted under the Loan Documents to a Person that is not a Loan Party, (iii) that does not constitute (or ceases to constitute) Collateral, (iv) if the property subject to such Lien is owned by a Subsidiary Guarantor, upon the release of such Subsidiary Guarantor from its Guarantee of the Obligations otherwise in accordance with the Loan Documents, (v) as required under clause (d) below or (vi) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of Lenders as shall be necessary under the relevant circumstances as provided in Section 9.02) in accordance with Section 9.02;

(b) without limiting Section 9.22 (but subject to the proviso to Section 9.22(a)), release any Subsidiary Guarantor from its obligations under the Collateral Agreement (i) if such Person ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary (or becomes an Excluded Subsidiary as a result of a single transaction or series of related transactions or any event or other circumstance permitted hereunder) and/or (ii) upon the occurrence of the Termination Date;

(c) [reserved];

(d) enter into subordination, intercreditor, collateral trust and/or similar agreements (and any amendments thereto) with respect to Indebtedness (including any Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement and any amendment thereto) that is (i) required or permitted to be subordinated hereunder or pari passu with the Liens securing the Obligations and/or (ii) secured by Liens, and with respect to which Indebtedness and/or Liens, this Agreement contemplates an intercreditor, subordination, collateral trust or similar agreement.

Upon the request of the Administrative Agent at any time, the Required Lenders will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of property, or to release any Loan Party from its obligations under the Collateral Agreement or its Lien on any Collateral pursuant to this Article 8. In each case as specified in this Article 8, the Administrative Agent will (and each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to), at the Company's expense, execute and deliver to the applicable Loan Party such documents as such Loan Party may reasonably request to evidence the release of such item of Collateral from the assignment and security interest granted under the Collateral Documents, to subordinate its interest therein, or to release such Loan Party from its obligations under the Collateral Agreement, in each case in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents and this Article 8.

**SECTION 8.02. Certain ERISA Matters.** Each of the Lenders hereby (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, each Agent and each Titled Person and their respective Affiliates and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of any Borrower or any other Loan Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(a) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments or this Agreement,

(b) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement,

(c) (i) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a “Qualified Professional Asset Manager” (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (ii) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement, (iii) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (iv) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement, or

(d) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

In addition, unless either (1) clause (a) in the immediately preceding paragraph is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with clause (d) in the immediately preceding paragraph, such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, each Agent and each Titled Person and their respective Affiliates and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of any Borrower or any other Loan Party, that the Administrative Agent is not a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

**SECTION 8.03. Erroneous Payments.** (a) Each Lender hereby agrees that (x) if the Administrative Agent notifies such Lender that the Administrative Agent has determined in its sole discretion that any funds received by such Lender from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (whether as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees or otherwise; individually and collectively, a “Payment”) were erroneously transmitted to such Lender (whether or not known to such Lender), and demands the return of such Payment (or a portion thereof), such Lender shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect, and (y) to the extent permitted by applicable law, such Lender shall not assert, and hereby waives, as to the Administrative Agent, any claim, counterclaim, defense or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Administrative Agent for the return of any Payments received, including without limitation any defense based on “discharge for value” or any similar doctrine. A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender under this Section 8.03 shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

(b) Each Lender hereby further agrees that if it receives a Payment from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (x) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment sent by the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such Payment (a “Payment Notice”) or (y) that was not preceded or accompanied by a Payment Notice, it shall be on notice, in each such case, that an error has been made with respect to such Payment. Each Lender agrees that, in each such case, or if it otherwise becomes aware a Payment (or portion thereof) may have been sent in error, such Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent of such occurrence and, upon demand from the Administrative Agent, it shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect.

(c) The Borrower and each other Loan Party hereby agrees that (x) in the event an erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) is not recovered from any Lender that has received such Payment (or portion thereof) for any reason, the Administrative Agent shall be subrogated to all the rights of such Lender with respect to such amount to the maximum extent permitted by law and (y) an erroneous Payment shall not pay, prepay, repay, discharge or otherwise satisfy any Obligations owed by the Borrower or any other Loan Party; provided that this clause (c) shall not be interpreted to increase (or accelerate the due date for), or have the effect of increasing (or accelerating the due date for), any Obligations of the Loan Parties in respect of principal and interest hereunder relative to the amount (and/or timing for payment) of the Obligations of the Loan Parties in respect of principal and interest hereunder that would have been payable had such erroneous Payment not been made by the Administrative Agent; provided, further, that for the avoidance of doubt, this clause (c) shall not apply to the extent any such Payment is, and solely with respect to the amount of such Payment that is, comprised of funds received by the Administrative Agent from the Borrower or any other Loan Party for the purpose of making such Payment, satisfying Obligations or from the proceeds of Collateral.

(d) Each party's obligations under this Section 8.03 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any transfer of rights or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Obligations under any Loan Document.

## ARTICLE 9 MISCELLANEOUS

### SECTION 9.01. Notices.

(a) All notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by facsimile or email, as follows:

(i) if to any Loan Party, to such Loan Party in the care of the Company at:

Victoria's Secret & Co

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(ii) if to the Administrative Agent, at:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A

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(iii) if to any Lender, to it at its address, facsimile number or email address set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire.

All such notices and other communications (A) sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when delivered in person or by courier service and signed for against receipt thereof or three Business Days after dispatch if sent by certified or registered mail, in each case, delivered, sent or mailed (properly addressed) to the relevant party as provided in this Section 9.01 or in accordance with the latest unrevoked direction from such party given in accordance with this Section 9.01 or (B) sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been given when sent and when receipt has been confirmed by telephone; provided that notices and other communications sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, such notices or other communications shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient). Notices and other communications delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in clause (b) below shall be effective as provided in such clause (b).

(b) Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communications (including e-mail and Internet or Intranet websites, including Intralinks or another similar electronic system (the “**Platform**”)) pursuant to procedures set forth herein or otherwise approved by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent or the Company (on behalf of any Loan Party) may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures set forth herein or otherwise approved by it; provided that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications. All such notices and other communications (i) sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender’s receipt of an acknowledgment from the intended recipient (such as by the “return receipt requested” function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgment); provided that if not given during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient and (ii) posted to an Internet or Intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (b)(i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(c) Certain of the Lenders may be “public-side” Lenders (i.e., Lenders that do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to any Borrower or its securities) (each, a “**Public Lender**”). The Company and each other Borrower hereby agree that, at the request of the Administrative Agent, (i) all materials that are to be made available to Public Lenders shall be clearly and conspicuously marked “PUBLIC” which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word “PUBLIC” shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (ii) by marking such materials “PUBLIC,” the Company shall be deemed to have authorized the Administrative Agent and the Lenders to treat such materials as not containing any material non-public information with respect to the Company and any other Borrower or its securities for purposes of foreign, United States federal and state securities laws (provided, however, that to the extent such materials constitute Confidential Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 9.13); (iii) all materials marked “PUBLIC” are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated as “Public Investor;” and (iv) the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to treat any materials that are not marked “PUBLIC” as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not marked as “Public Investor.” Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following materials shall be marked “PUBLIC”, unless the Company or any other Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent promptly that any such document contains material non-public information: (A) the Loan Documents and (B) notification of changes in the terms of the Credit Facilities. Each Public Lender agrees to cause at least one individual at or on behalf of such Public Lender to at all times have selected the “Private Side Information” or similar designation on the content declaration screen of the Platform in order to enable such Public Lender or its delegate, in accordance with such Public Lender’s compliance procedures and applicable law, including foreign, United States Federal and state securities laws, to make reference to communications that are not made available through the “Public Side Information” portion of the Platform and that may contain material non-public information with respect to the Company or any other Borrower or its securities for purposes of foreign, United States Federal or state securities laws.



(d) Any party hereto may change its address or facsimile number or other notice information hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto; it being understood and agreed that the Company may provide any such notice to the Administrative Agent as recipient on behalf of itself and each Lender.

(e) Any additional Borrower hereby irrevocably appoints the Company as its agent for all purposes relevant to this Agreement and each of the other Loan Documents (other than with respect to payment), including (i) the giving and receipt of notices and (ii) the execution and delivery of all documents, instruments and certificates contemplated herein and all modifications hereto. Any acknowledgment, consent, direction, certification or other action (other than with respect to payment) which might otherwise be valid or effective only if given or taken by all Borrowers, or by each Borrower acting singly, shall be valid and effective if given or taken only by the Company, whether or not any such additional Borrower joins therein. Any notice, demand, consent, acknowledgment, direction, certification or other communication delivered to the Company in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been delivered to each additional Borrower.

#### SECTION 9.02. Waivers; Amendments.

(a) No failure or delay by the Administrative Agent or any Lender in exercising any right or power hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof except as provided herein or in any other Loan Document, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right or power, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders hereunder and under any other Loan Document are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of any Loan Document or consent to any departure by any party thereto therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same is permitted by this Section 9.02, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which it is given. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to the extent permitted by law, the making of a Loan shall not be construed as a waiver of any Default or Event of Default, regardless of whether the Administrative Agent or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of such Default or Event of Default at the time.

(b) Subject to clauses (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) of this Section 9.02(b) and Section 9.02(c) and (d) below, neither this Agreement nor any other Loan Document nor any provision hereof or thereof may be waived, amended or modified, except (i) in the case of this Agreement, pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Company and the Required Lenders (or the Administrative Agent with the consent of the Required Lenders) or (ii) in the case of any other Loan Document (other than any waiver, amendment or modification to effectuate any modification thereto expressly contemplated by the terms of such other Loan Document), pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Administrative Agent and each Loan Party that is party thereto, with the consent of the Required Lenders; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing:

(A) except with the consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby (but without requiring the consent of the Required Lenders), no such agreement shall;

(1) increase the Commitment of such Lender (other than with respect to any Incremental Facility pursuant to Section 2.21(a) in respect of which such Lender has agreed to be an Additional Lender); it being understood that no amendment, modification or waiver of, or consent to departure from, any condition precedent, representation, warranty, covenant, Default, Event of Default, mandatory prepayment or mandatory reduction of the Commitments shall constitute an increase of any Commitment of such Lender;

(2) reduce or forgive the principal amount of any Loan owed to such Lender or any amount due to such Lender on any Loan Installment Date (other than, in each case, any waiver of, or consent to or departure from, any Default or Event of Default or any mandatory prepayment; it being understood that no change in (i) the definition of “Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio” or any other ratio used in the calculation of any mandatory prepayment (including any component definition thereof) or (ii) the MFN Provision shall constitute a reduction or forgiveness of any principal amount due hereunder);

(3) (x) extend the scheduled final maturity of any Loan or (y) postpone any Loan Installment Date, any Interest Payment Date or the date of any scheduled payment of any fee, in each case payable to such Lender hereunder (in each case, other than any extension for administrative reasons agreed by the Administrative Agent) (other than, in each case, any waiver of, or consent or departure from, any Default or Event of Default or any mandatory prepayment; it being understood that no change in the definition of “Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio” or any other ratio used in the calculation of any mandatory prepayment (including any component definition thereof) shall constitute such an extension or postponement);

(4) reduce the rate of interest (other than to waive any Default or Event of Default or obligation of the Company to pay interest at the default rate of interest under Section 2.13(d), which shall only require the consent of the Required Lenders) or the amount of any fee owed to such Lender; it being understood that no change in (i) the definition of “Consolidated First Lien Leverage Ratio” or in the calculation of any other interest or fee due hereunder (including any component definition thereof) or (ii) the MFN Provision shall constitute a reduction in any rate of interest or fee hereunder;

(5) extend the expiry date of such Lender’s Commitment; it being understood that no amendment, modification or waiver of, or consent to departure from, any condition precedent, representation, warranty, covenant, Default, Event of Default, mandatory prepayment or mandatory reduction of any Commitment shall constitute an extension of any Commitment of any Lender; and

(6) waive, amend or modify the provisions of Sections 2.18(b) or 2.18(c) in a manner that would by its terms alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby or any requirement to make payments to Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages (except in connection with any transaction permitted under Sections 2.22, 2.23, 9.02(c) and/or 9.05(g) or as otherwise provided in this Section 9.02); and

(B) no such agreement shall:

(1) change any of the provisions of Section 9.02(a) or Section 9.02(b) or the definition of “Required Lenders”, in each case, to reduce any voting percentage required to waive, amend or modify any right thereunder or make any determination or grant any consent thereunder, without the prior written consent of each Lender;

(2) release all or substantially all of the Collateral from the Lien granted pursuant to the Loan Documents (except as otherwise permitted herein or in the other Loan Documents, including pursuant to Article 8 or Section 9.22 hereof or pursuant to any Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement), without the prior written consent of each Lender; or

(3) release all or substantially all of the value of the Guarantees under the Collateral Agreement (except as otherwise permitted herein or in the other Loan Documents, including pursuant to Article 8 or Section 9.22 hereof), without the prior written consent of each Lender;

provided, further, that no such agreement shall adversely amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may also amend the Commitment Schedule to reflect assignments entered into pursuant to Section 9.05, Commitment reductions or terminations pursuant to Section 2.09, incurrences of Additional Commitments or Additional Loans pursuant to Sections 2.22, 2.23 or 9.02(c) and reductions or terminations of any such Additional Commitments or Additional Loans. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (i) no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except that the Commitment of any Defaulting Lender may not be increased without the consent of such Defaulting Lender (it being understood that any Commitment or Loan held or deemed held by any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded from any vote hereunder that requires the consent of any Lender, except as expressly provided in Section 2.21(b)) and (ii) no Net Short Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder or under any of the Loan Documents and instead shall be deemed to have voted its interest as a Lender as provided in the immediately succeeding paragraph below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, but without limiting the provisions of Section 2.22(g), this Agreement may be amended (or amended and restated) with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Company (i) to add one or more additional credit facilities to this Agreement and to permit any extension of credit from time to time outstanding thereunder and the accrued interest and fees in respect thereof to share ratably in the relevant benefits of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and (ii) to include appropriately the Lenders holding such credit facilities in any determination of the Required Lenders on substantially the same basis as the Lenders prior to such inclusion.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in connection with any determination as to whether the requisite Lenders have (A) consented (or not consented) to any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any departure by any Loan Party therefrom, (B) otherwise acted on any matter related to any Loan Document, or (C) directed or required the Administrative Agent or any Lender to undertake any action (or refrain from taking any action) with respect to or under any Loan Document, any Lender (other than (x) any Lender that is a Regulated Bank, (y) the Administrative Agent and (z) any Arranger) that, as a result of its interest in any total return swap, total rate of return swap, credit default swap or other derivative contract (other than any such total return swap, total rate of return swap, credit default swap or other derivative contract entered into pursuant to bona fide market making activities), has a net short position with respect to any of the Loans and/or Commitments (each, a “**Net Short Lender**”) shall have no right to vote any of its Loans and Commitments with respect to any of the matters set forth in the preceding clauses (A), (B) or (C) and shall be deemed to have voted its interest as a Lender without discretion in the same proportion as the allocation of voting with respect to such matter by Lenders who are not Net Short Lenders. For purposes of determining whether a Lender has a “net short position” on any date of determination: (i) derivative contracts with respect to the Loans and Commitments and such contracts that are the functional equivalent thereof shall be counted at the notional amount thereof in Dollars, (ii) notional amounts in other currencies shall be converted to the Dollar equivalent thereof by such Lender in a commercially reasonable manner consistent with generally accepted financial practices and based on the prevailing conversion rate (determined on a mid-market basis) on the date of determination, (iii) derivative contracts in respect of an index that includes any of the Company or other Loan Parties or any instrument issued or guaranteed by any of the Company or other Loan Parties shall not be deemed to create a short position with respect to the Loans and/or Commitments, so long as (x) such index is not created, designed, administered or requested by such Lender and (y) the Company and other Loan Parties and any instrument issued or guaranteed by any of the Company or other Loan Parties, collectively, shall represent less than 5% of the components of such index, (iv) derivative transactions that are documented using either the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions or the 2003 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions (collectively, the “**ISDA CDS Definitions**”) shall be deemed to create a short position with respect to the Loans and/or Commitments if such Lender is a protection buyer or the equivalent thereof for such derivative transaction and (x) the Loans or the Commitments are a “Reference Obligation” under the terms of such derivative transaction (whether specified by name in the related documentation, included as a “Standard Reference Obligation” on the most recent list published by Markit, if “Standard Reference Obligation” is specified as applicable in the relevant documentation or in any other manner), (y) the Loans or the Commitments would be a “Deliverable Obligation” under the terms of such derivative transaction or (z) any of the Company or other Loan Parties (or its successor) is designated as a “Reference Entity” under the terms of such derivative transactions, and (v) credit derivative transactions or other derivatives transactions not documented using the ISDA CDS Definitions shall be deemed to create a short position with respect to the Loans and/or Commitments if such transactions offer the Lender protection against a decline in the value of the Loans or the Commitments, or in the credit quality of any of the Company or other Loan Parties other than, in each case, as part of an index so long as (x) such index is not created, designed, administered or requested by such Lender and (y) the Company and other Loan Parties and any instrument issued or guaranteed by any of the Company or other Loan Parties, collectively, shall represent less than 5% of the components of such index. In connection with any such determination, each Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent in writing that it is a Net Short Lender, or shall otherwise be deemed to have represented and warranted to the Company and the Administrative Agent that it is not a Net Short Lender (it being understood and agreed that the Company and the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely on each such notification and deemed representation). In no event shall the Administrative Agent (a) be obligated to ascertain, monitor or inquire as to whether any Lender or Participant or prospective Lender or Participant is a Net Short Lender or have any liability in connection therewith (including with respect to or arising out of the voting in any amendment, modification or waiver of any provisions of this Agreement or any other Loan Document by any Net Short Lender), (b) have any duty to enforce compliance with the provisions of this Agreement relating to Net Short Lenders or (c) have any responsibility or liability for enforcing any Lender’s compliance with the terms of any of the provisions set forth herein with respect to Net Short Lenders.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be amended:

(iii) with the written consent of the Company and the Lenders providing the relevant Replacement Term Loans to permit the refinancing or replacement of all or any portion of the outstanding Term Loans under any applicable Class (any such loans being refinanced or replaced, the “**Replaced Term Loans**”) with one or more replacement term loans hereunder (“**Replacement Term Loans**”) pursuant to a Refinancing Amendment; provided that

(A) the aggregate principal amount of any Replacement Term Loans shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount of the Replaced Term Loans (*plus* (1) any additional amounts permitted to be incurred under Section 6.01 and, to the extent any such additional amounts are secured, the related Liens are permitted under Section 6.06 and *plus* (2) the amount of accrued interest, penalties and premium (including any tender premium) thereon, any committed but undrawn amount and underwriting discounts, fees (including upfront fees, original issue discount or initial yield payments), commissions and expenses associated therewith),

(B) any Replacement Term Loans (other than (x) customary bridge loans with a maturity date of not longer than one year; provided that any loans, notes, securities or other Indebtedness which are exchanged for or otherwise replace such bridge loans shall be subject to the requirements of this clause (B), (y) [reserved] and (z) Refinancing Indebtedness having an aggregate principal amount outstanding not exceeding the greater of \$500.0 million and 50% of Consolidated EBITDA as of the last day of the most recently ended Test Period) must have a final maturity date that is equal to or later than the final maturity date of, and have a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Replaced Term Loans at the time of the relevant refinancing,

(C) any Replacement Term Loans may be *pari passu* or junior in right of payment and *pari passu* (without regard to the control of remedies) or junior with respect to the Collateral with the remaining portion of the Initial Term Loans or Additional Term Loans (provided that if *pari passu* or junior as to Collateral, such Replacement Term Loans shall be subject to an Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement and may, at the option of the Company, be documented in a separate agreement or agreements), or be unsecured,

(D) if any Replacement Term Loans are secured, such Replacement Term Loans may not be secured by any assets other than the Collateral,

(E) if any Replacement Term Loans are guaranteed, such Replacement Term Loans may not be guaranteed by any Person other than one or more Loan Parties,

(F) any Replacement Term Loans that are *pari passu* with the Initial Term Loans in right of payment and security may participate (1) in any voluntary prepayment of Term Loans as set forth in Section 2.11(a)(i) and (2) in any mandatory prepayment of Term Loans as set forth in Section 2.11(b)(vi),

(G) any Replacement Term Loans shall have pricing (including interest, fees and premiums) and, subject to preceding clause (F), optional prepayment and redemption terms and, subject to preceding clause (B), an amortization schedule, as the Company and the lenders providing such Replacement Term Loans may agree, and

(H) the covenants and events of default of any Replacement Term Loans (excluding pricing, interest, fees, rate floors, premiums, optional prepayment or redemption terms, security and maturity, subject to preceding clauses (B) through (G)) shall be (i) substantially identical to, or (taken as a whole) no more favorable (as determined by the Company in good faith) to the lenders providing such Replacement Term Loans than, those applicable to the Replaced Term Loans (other than covenants or other provisions applicable only to periods after the latest Maturity Date of such Replaced Term Loans (in each case, as of the date of incurrence of such Replacement Term Loans)), (ii) then-current market terms (as determined by the Company in good faith at the time of incurrence or issuance (or the obtaining of a commitment with respect thereto)) for the applicable type of Indebtedness or (iii) reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (it being agreed that covenants and events of default of any Replacement Term Loans that are more favorable to the lenders or the agent of such Replacement Term Loans than those contained in the Loan Documents and are then conformed (or added) to the Loan Documents pursuant to the applicable Refinancing Amendment shall thereafter be deemed acceptable to the Administrative Agent).

Each party hereto hereby agrees that, upon the effectiveness of any Refinancing Amendment, this Agreement shall be amended by the Company, each other Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the lenders providing the relevant Replacement Term Loans, as applicable, to the extent (but only to the extent) necessary to reflect the existence and terms of such Replacement Term Loans incurred or implemented pursuant thereto (including any amendment necessary to treat the loans and commitments subject thereto as a separate “tranche” and “Class” of Loans and/or commitments hereunder). It is understood that any Lender approached to provide all or a portion of any Replacement Term Loans may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide such Replacement Term Loans.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 9.02 or any other provision of this Agreement or any provision of any other Loan Document, (i) the Company and the Administrative Agent may, without the input or consent of any Lender, amend, supplement and/or waive any guaranty, collateral security agreement, pledge agreement and/or related document (if any) executed in connection with this Agreement to (x) comply with any Requirements of Law or the advice of counsel or (y) cause any such guaranty, collateral security agreement, pledge agreement or other document to be consistent with this Agreement, any Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement and/or the relevant other Loan Documents, (ii) the Company and the Administrative Agent may, without the input or consent of any other Lender (other than the relevant Lenders (including Additional Lenders) providing Loans under such Sections), effect amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary in the reasonable opinion of the Company and the Administrative Agent to (A) effect the provisions of Sections 2.14, 2.22, 2.23, 5.10 or 9.02(b), or any other provision specifying that any waiver, amendment or modification may be made with the consent or approval of the Administrative Agent and/or (B) add terms (including representations and warranties, conditions, prepayments, covenants or events of default), in connection with the addition of any Loan or Commitment hereunder or the incurrence of any Incremental Equivalent Debt, any Replacement Term Loans, any Replacement Debt and/or any Refinancing Indebtedness with respect to Indebtedness originally incurred in reliance on Section 6.01(b)(i)(A)(II), that are favorable to the then-existing Lenders, as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent (it being understood that, where applicable, any such amendment may be effectuated as part of an Incremental Facility Amendment and/or a Refinancing Amendment), (iii) if the Administrative Agent and the Company have jointly identified any ambiguity, mistake, defect, inconsistency, obvious error or any error or omission of a technical or administrative nature or any necessary or desirable technical change, in each case, in any provision of any Loan Document, then the Administrative Agent and the Company shall be permitted to amend such provision solely to address such matter as reasonably determined by them acting jointly without the consent of any Lender so long as, upon the written request of the Administrative Agent, such proposed amendment has been posted to the Lenders and the Administrative Agent shall not have received, within five Business Days of the date of such posting, a written notice from the Required Lenders stating that such Lenders object to such amendment, (iv) the Administrative Agent and the Company may amend, restate, amend and restate or otherwise modify any Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement as provided therein or to give effect thereto or to carry out the purpose thereof without the input or consent of any Lender and (v) any amendment, waiver or modification of any term or provision that directly affects Lenders under one or more Classes and does not directly affect Lenders under one or more other Classes may be effected with the consent of Lenders owning 50% of the aggregate commitments or Loans of such directly affected Class in lieu of the consent of the Required Lenders.

(d) (i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 9.02 or any Loan Document, the Company may at any time, upon not less than ten (10) Business Days' notice from the Company to the Administrative Agent (or such shorter period as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), designate any Subsidiary of the Company as an additional Term Loan Borrower hereunder (each such entity, a **"Discretionary Borrower"**) pursuant to joinder or other documentation to be reasonably agreed solely between the Administrative Agent and the Company (the **"Borrower Joinder"**); provided, that solely in the case of any such designation of a non-Domestic Subsidiary of the Company as a co-Borrower, consent of the Administrative Agent shall be required prior to the addition of any such co-Borrower, in each case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. The Company and the Administrative Agent shall be permitted to make such amendments to the Loan Documents as necessary to incorporate such additional entity as a co-Borrower. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that prior to any such entity becoming a Borrower hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall have received (w) such corporate authorizations, opinions, and customary certificates (including with respect to representations) reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, (x) the receipt of customary "Know Your Customer" information requested by the Administrative Agent, (y) the receipt of, in relation to itself as a "legal entity customer", a Beneficial Ownership Certification and (z) joinders or amendments to security or guaranty documents to evidence the Borrower Joinder, reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. The new Borrower shall be a party to the Credit Agreement and shall constitute a "Borrower" for all purposes thereof, and the new Borrower shall agree to be bound by all provisions of the Credit Agreement.

(ii) Each such Discretionary Borrower hereby irrevocably appoints the Company as its agent for all purposes relevant to this Agreement and each of the other Loan Documents (other than with respect to payment), including (A) the giving and receipt of notices and (B) the execution and delivery of all documents, instruments and certificates contemplated herein and all modifications hereto. Any acknowledgment, consent, direction, certification or other action (other than with respect to payment) which might otherwise be valid or effective only if given or taken by all Borrowers, or by each Borrower acting singly, shall be valid and effective if given or taken only by the Company, whether or not any such other Borrower joins therein. Any notice, demand, consent, acknowledgment, direction, certification or other communication delivered to the Company in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been delivered to each such additional Borrower.

**SECTION 9.03. Expenses; Indemnity; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.**

(a) The Company shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Agents and their respective Affiliates, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of a single counsel for the Agents, as applicable, in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation and administration of the Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) [reserved] and (iii) if an Event of Default occurs, all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by either Agent or any Lender, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for either Agent or any Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights in connection with the Loan Documents.

(b) The Company shall indemnify each Agent and each Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an “**Indemnitee**”) against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any Liabilities and related expenses (but limited, in the case of legal fees and expenses, to the actual reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, disbursements and other charges of one counsel to all Indemnities taken as a whole and, if reasonably necessary, one local counsel in any relevant material jurisdiction to all Indemnities taken as a whole and, solely in the case of an actual or perceived conflict of interest after the affected Person notifies the Company of such conflict, (x) one additional counsel to all similarly situated affected Indemnities taken as a whole and (y) one additional local counsel in any relevant material jurisdiction to all similarly situated affected Indemnities taken as a whole), in each case, incurred in connection with any investigative, administrative or judicial proceeding, whether or not such Indemnitee shall be designated a party thereto, which may be incurred by any Indemnitee, relating to or arising out of any actual or proposed use of proceeds of Loans hereunder for the purpose of acquiring equity securities of any Person or any exercise of remedies under the Loan Documents; provided that no Indemnitee shall have the right to be indemnified hereunder (i) with respect to the acquisition of equity securities of a wholly-owned Subsidiary, or of a Person who prior to such acquisition did not conduct any business or (ii) for its own gross negligence or willful misconduct determined by a final nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction. This Section 9.03(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.



(c) The Company shall not be liable for any settlement or compromise of, or the consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any proceeding effected without its consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), but if any proceeding is so settled, compromised or consented to with the Company's written consent, or if there is a final judgment entered against any Indemnitee in any such proceeding, the Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnitee to the extent and in the manner set forth above. The Company shall not, without the prior written consent of the affected Indemnitee (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such Indemnitee unless (i) such settlement includes an unconditional release of such Indemnitee from all liability or claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding and (ii) such settlement does not include any statement as to any admission of fault or culpability.

(d) To the extent that the Company fails to pay any amount required to be paid by it to the Agent under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, (i) each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent and each of its Related Parties such Lender's ratable share (determined in accordance with such Lender's share of the Loans outstanding hereunder as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount and (ii) each Secured Party, in the case of the Collateral Agreement, severally agrees to pay to the Collateral Agent and each of its Related Parties such Secured Party's ratable share (determined in accordance with such Secured Party's share of the Obligations) of such unpaid amount; provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against such Agent in its capacity as such. The agreements in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

(e) [Reserved].

(f) All amounts due under this Section shall be payable promptly after written demand therefor.

**SECTION 9.04. Waiver of Claim.** To the extent permitted by applicable law, (i) no Loan Party shall assert, and each Loan Party hereby waives, any claim against the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, and any Lender, and any Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called a “**Lender-Related Person**”) for any Liabilities arising from the use by others of information or other materials (including, without limitation, any personal data) obtained through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems (including the Internet); provided, that such waiver shall not apply to any claims against a Lender-Related Person attributable to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Lender-Related Person and (ii) no party to this Agreement nor any Secured Party shall assert, and each hereby waives, any claim against any party hereto, any Loan Party and/or any Related Party of any thereof, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the Transactions, any Loan or the use of the proceeds thereof; provided that, nothing in this Section 9.04 shall relieve any Loan Party of any obligation it may have to indemnify an Indemnitee, as provided in Section 9.03(b), against any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages asserted against such Indemnitee by a third party.

**SECTION 9.05. Successors and Assigns.**

(a) The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns; provided that (i) except as provided under Section 6.08, the Company may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each Lender (and any attempted assignment or transfer by the Company without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder except in accordance with the terms of this Section (any attempted assignment or transfer not complying with the terms of this Section shall be null and void and, with respect to any attempted assignment or transfer to any Disqualified Institution, subject to Section 9.05(f)). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and permitted assigns, Participants (to the extent provided in paragraph (c) of this Section) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Arrangers, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement. Any Successor Company permitted pursuant to a transaction referred to in clause (i) of the proviso above, shall thereafter be deemed to be and become the “Company” and a “Borrower” for all purposes hereunder, and the Company or such initial Borrower shall be released from its Obligations in respect of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

(b) (i) Subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph (b)(ii) below, any Lender may assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of any Additional Loan or Additional Commitment added pursuant to Sections 2.22, 2.23 or 9.02 at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) of:

(A) the Company; provided that the Company shall be deemed to have consented to any assignment of Loans (other than any such assignment to a Disqualified Institution or an affiliate thereof referred to in the last proviso of this clause (i)) if it has not responded to a written request for its consent from the Administrative Agent within 15 Business Days after receiving such written request; provided, further, that no consent of the Company shall be required (x) for any assignment of Term Loans or Commitments to another Lender, an Affiliate of any Lender or an Approved Fund, or (y) during the continuance of a Specified Event of Default; and

(B) the Administrative Agent; provided that no consent of the Administrative Agent shall be required for any assignment to another Lender, any Affiliate of a Lender or any Approved Fund, or for any assignment to the Company and/or its Affiliates, which otherwise complies with the terms of this Section 9.05;

provided, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may, in its sole discretion, withhold its consent to any assignment to any Person that is not expressly a Disqualified Institution but is known by the Company to be an Affiliate of a Disqualified Institution without regard as to whether such Person is identifiable as an Affiliate of a Disqualified Institution on the basis of such Affiliate's name.

(ii) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) except in the case of any assignment to another Lender, any Affiliate of any Lender or any Approved Fund or any assignment of the entire remaining amount of the relevant assigning Lender's Loans or commitments of any Class, the principal amount of Loans or commitments of the assigning Lender subject to the relevant assignment (determined as of the date on which the Assignment Agreement with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent and determined on an aggregate basis in the event of concurrent assignments to Related Funds or by Related Funds) shall not be less than \$1,000,000, unless the Company and the Administrative Agent otherwise consent to a lesser amount, and in each case any assigned amount may exceed such minimum amount in an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof;

(B) any partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the relevant assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement;

(C) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment Agreement via an electronic settlement system acceptable to the Administrative Agent (or, if previously agreed with the Administrative Agent, manually), and shall pay to the Administrative Agent a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500 (which fee may be waived or reduced in the sole discretion of the Administrative Agent and which fee shall not apply for any assignment to an Affiliated Lender);

(D) the relevant Eligible Assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver on or prior to the effective date of such assignment, to the Administrative Agent and the Company (irrespective of whether an Event of Default exists) (1) an Administrative Questionnaire and (2) any form required under Section 2.17; and

(E) the assigning Lender shall, concurrently with its delivery of the same to the Administrative Agent, provide the Company with a copy of its request for such assignment, which shall include the name of the prospective assignee (irrespective of whether an Event of Default exists).

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in Section 9.05(g), subject to the acceptance and recording thereof pursuant to paragraph (b)(iv) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in any Assignment Agreement, the Eligible Assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent of the interest assigned pursuant to such Assignment Agreement, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment Agreement, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment Agreement covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be (A) entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring on or prior to the effective date of such assignment and (B) subject to its obligations thereunder and under Section 9.13). If any assignment by any Lender holding any Promissory Note is made after the issuance of such Promissory Note, the assigning Lender shall, upon the effectiveness of such assignment or as promptly thereafter as practicable, surrender such Promissory Note to the Administrative Agent for cancellation, and, following such cancellation, if requested by either the assignee or the assigning Lender, the Company shall issue and deliver a new Promissory Note to such assignee and/or to such assigning Lender, with appropriate insertions, to reflect the new commitments and/or outstanding Loans of the assignee and/or the assigning Lender.

(iv) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as an agent of the Company, shall maintain at one of its offices in the United States a copy of each Assignment Agreement delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders and their respective successors and assigns, and the commitment of, and principal amount of and stated interest on the Loans owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "**Register**"). Failure to make any such recordation, or any error in such recordation, shall not affect the Company's obligations in respect of such Loans. The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and the Company, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Company and each Lender (but only as to its own holdings), at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(v) Upon its receipt of a duly completed Assignment Agreement executed by an assigning Lender and an Eligible Assignee, the Eligible Assignee's completed Administrative Questionnaire and any tax certification required by Section 9.05(b)(ii)(D)(2) (unless the assignee is already a Lender hereunder), the processing and recordation fee referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section, if applicable, and any written consent to the relevant assignment required by paragraph (b) of this Section, the Administrative Agent shall promptly accept such Assignment Agreement and record the information contained therein in the Register. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this paragraph.

(vi) By executing and delivering an Assignment Agreement, the assigning Lender and the Eligible Assignee thereunder shall be deemed to confirm and agree with each other and the other parties hereto as follows: (A) such assigning Lender warrants that it is the legal and beneficial owner of the interest being assigned thereby free and clear of any adverse claim and that the amount of its commitments, and the outstanding balances of its Loans, in each case without giving effect to any assignment thereof which has not become effective, are as set forth in such Assignment Agreement; (B) except as set forth in clause (A) above, such assigning Lender makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement, or the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto, or the financial condition of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or the performance or observance by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of any of its obligations under this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto; (C) such assignee represents and warrants that it is an Eligible Assignee (and not a Disqualified Institution), legally authorized to enter into such Assignment Agreement; (D) such assignee confirms that it has received a copy of this Agreement, the ABL Intercreditor Agreement and each other then-applicable Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement, together with copies of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 5.01 and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into such Assignment Agreement; (E) such assignee will independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the assigning Lender or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it deems appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement; (F) such assignee appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under this Agreement as are delegated to the Administrative Agent, by the terms hereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto; and (G) such assignee agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all the obligations which by the terms of this Agreement are required to be performed by it as a Lender.

(c) (i) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Company, the Administrative Agent or any other Lender, sell participations to any bank or other entity (other than to any Disqualified Institution or an Affiliate thereof referred to in the last proviso of clause (b)(i) of this Section, any Defaulting Lender or any natural Person) (a “**Participant**”) in all or a portion of such Lender’s rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its commitments and the Loans owing to it); provided, that, (A) such Lender’s obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (B) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (C) the Company, the Administrative Agent and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender’s rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which any Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the relevant Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver described in (x) clause (A) of the first proviso to Section 9.02(b) that directly and adversely affects the Loans or commitments in which such Participant has an interest and (y) clauses (B)(1), (2) or (3) of the first proviso to Section 9.02(b). Subject to paragraph (c)(ii) of this Section, the Company agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 (subject to the limitations and requirements of such Sections and Section 2.19) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 2.17(f) shall be delivered to the participating Lender, and if additional amounts are required to be paid pursuant to Section 2.17(a) or Section 2.17(c), to the Company). To the extent permitted by applicable Requirements of Law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.09 as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.18(c) as though it were a Lender.

(ii) No Participant shall be entitled to receive any greater payment under Sections 2.15, 2.16 or 2.17 than the participating Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Company's prior written consent (in its sole discretion) expressly acknowledging such Participant may receive a greater benefit. Any Participant that would be a Foreign Lender if it were a Lender shall not be entitled to the benefits of Section 2.17 unless the Company is notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the benefit of the Company, to comply with Section 2.17(f) as though it were a Lender and to deliver the tax forms required to claim an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document and then only to the extent of any amount to which such Lender would be entitled in the absence of any such participation (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 2.17(f) shall be delivered to the participating Lender, and if additional amounts are required to be paid pursuant to Section 2.17(a) or Section 2.17(c), to the Company).

Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Company, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and their respective successors and assigns, and the principal amounts and stated interest of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "**Participant Register**"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to any Participant's interest in any Commitment, Loan or any other obligation under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitment, Loan or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and each Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(d) (i) Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (other than to any Disqualified Institution, Defaulting Lender or any natural person) to secure obligations of such Lender, including without limitation any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to any Federal Reserve Bank or other central bank having jurisdiction over such Lender, and this Section 9.05 shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; provided that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release any Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(ii) No Lender may at any time enter into a total return swap, total rate of return swap, credit default swap or other derivative instrument under which any Loan or other Obligation hereunder is a reference obligation with any counterparty that is a Disqualified Institution.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Lender (a "**Granting Lender**") may grant to a special purpose funding vehicle (an "**SPC**"), identified as such in writing from time to time by the Granting Lender to the Administrative Agent and the Company, the option to provide to the Company all or any part of any Loan that such Granting Lender would otherwise be obligated to make to the Company pursuant to this Agreement; provided that (i) nothing herein shall constitute a commitment by any SPC to make any Loan, (ii) if an SPC elects not to exercise such option or otherwise fails to provide all or any part of such Loan, the Granting Lender shall be obligated to make such Loan pursuant to the terms hereof and (iii) in no event may any Lender grant any option to provide to the Company all or any part of any Loan that such Granting Lender would have otherwise been obligated to make to the Company pursuant to this Agreement to any Disqualified Institution or Defaulting Lender. The making of any Loan by an SPC hereunder shall utilize the Commitment of the Granting Lender to the same extent, and as if, such Loan were made by such Granting Lender. Each party hereto hereby agrees that (A) neither the grant to any SPC nor the exercise by any SPC of such option shall increase the costs or expenses or otherwise increase or change the obligations of the Company under this Agreement (including its obligations under Section 2.15, 2.16 or 2.17) and no SPC shall be entitled to any greater amount under Section 2.15, 2.16 or 2.17 or any other provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document that the Granting Lender would have been entitled to receive, unless the grant to such SPC is made with the prior written consent of the Company (in its sole discretion), expressly acknowledging that such SPC's entitlement to benefits under Section 2.15, 2.16 or 2.17 is not limited to what the Granting Lender would have been entitled to receive absent the grant to the SPC, (B) no SPC shall be liable for any indemnity or similar payment obligation under this Agreement (all liability for which shall remain with the Granting Lender) and (C) the Granting Lender shall for all purposes including approval of any amendment, waiver or other modification of any provision of the Loan Documents, remain the Lender of record hereunder. In furtherance of the foregoing, each party hereto hereby agrees (which agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement) that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding commercial paper or other senior indebtedness of any SPC, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, such SPC any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under the Requirements of Law of the U.S. or any State thereof; provided that (i) such SPC's Granting Lender is in compliance in all material respects with its obligations to the Company hereunder and (ii) each Lender designating any SPC hereby agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless each other party hereto for any loss, cost, damage or expense arising out of its inability to institute such a proceeding against such SPC during such period of forbearance. In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 9.05, any SPC may (i) with notice to, but without the prior written consent of, the Company or the Administrative Agent and without paying any processing fee therefor, assign all or a portion of its interests in any Loan to the Granting Lender and (ii) disclose on a confidential basis any non-public information relating to its Loans to any rating agency, commercial paper dealer or provider of any surety, guaranty or credit or liquidity enhancement to such SPC.



(f) (i) If any assignment or participation under this Section 9.05 is made (1) to any Affiliate of any Disqualified Institution (other than any Bona Fide Debt Fund that is not itself a Disqualified Institution) or (2) to the extent the Company's consent is required under this Section 9.05 (and not deemed to have been given pursuant to Section 9.05(b)(i)(A)), to any other Person, in each case of clauses (1) and (2) without the Company's prior written consent (any such person, a "**Disqualified Person**"), then the Company may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to the applicable Disqualified Person and the Administrative Agent, (A) terminate any Commitment of such Disqualified Person and repay all obligations of the Company owing to such Disqualified Person, (B) in the case of any outstanding Term Loans held by such Disqualified Person, purchase such Term Loans by paying the lesser of (x) par and (y) the amount that such Disqualified Person paid to acquire such Term Loans, plus accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and/or (C) require such Disqualified Person to assign, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in this Section 9.05), all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement to one or more Eligible Assignees and if such person does not execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent a duly executed Assignment Agreement reflecting such assignment within five Business Days of the date on which the Eligible Assignee executes and delivers such Assignment Agreement to such person, then such person shall be deemed to have executed and delivered such Assignment Agreement without any action on its part; provided that (I) in the case of clauses (A) and (B), the Company shall not be liable to the relevant Disqualified Person under Section 2.16 if any LIBO Rate Loan owing to such Disqualified Person is repaid or purchased other than on the last day of the Interest Period relating thereto, (II) in the case of clause (C), the relevant assignment shall otherwise comply with this Section 9.05 (except that no registration and processing fee required under this Section 9.05 shall be required with any assignment pursuant to this paragraph) and (III) in no event shall such Disqualified Person be entitled to receive amounts set forth in Section 2.13(d). Further, any Disqualified Person identified by the Company to the Administrative Agent (A) shall not be permitted to (x) receive information or reporting provided by any Loan Party, the Administrative Agent or any Lender and/or (y) attend and/or participate in conference calls or meetings attended solely by the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, (B) (x) shall not for purposes of determining whether the Required Lenders or the majority Lenders under any Class have (i) consented (or not consented) to any amendment, modification, waiver, consent or other action with respect to any of the terms of any Loan Document or any departure by any Loan Party therefrom, (ii) otherwise acted on any matter related to any Loan Document or (iii) directed or required the Administrative Agent or any Lender to undertake any action (or refrain from taking any action) with respect to or under any Loan Document, have a right to consent (or not consent), otherwise act or direct or require the Administrative Agent or any Lender to take (or refrain from taking) any such action; it being understood that all Loans held by any Disqualified Person shall be deemed to be not outstanding for all purposes of calculating whether the Required Lenders, majority Lenders under any Class or all Lenders have taken any action and (y) shall be deemed to vote in the same proportion as Lenders that are not Disqualified Persons in any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law commenced by or against the Company or any other Loan Party and (C) shall not be entitled to receive the benefits of Section 9.03. For the sake of clarity, the provisions in this Section 9.05(f) shall not apply to any Person that is an assignee of any Disqualified Person, if such assignee is not a Disqualified Person;

(ii) Upon the request of any Lender, the Administrative Agent may and the Company will make the list of Disqualified Institutions (other than any Disqualified Institution that is a reasonably identifiable Affiliate of another Disqualified Institution on the basis of such Person's name as described in clause (a)(i) of the definition of "Disqualified Institution") at the relevant time and such Lender may provide the list to any potential assignee for the purpose of verifying whether such Person is a Disqualified Institution, in each case so long as such Lender and such potential assignee agree to keep the list of Disqualified Institutions confidential in accordance with the terms hereof; and

(iii) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Administrative Agent shall not be responsible or have any liability for, or have any duty to ascertain, inquire into, monitor or enforce, compliance with the provisions hereof relating to Disqualified Institutions.



(g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Lender may, at any time, assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement in respect of its Term Loans to an Affiliated Lender on a non-pro rata basis (A) through Dutch Auctions, or similar transactions pursuant to procedures to be established by the applicable “auction agent” that are consistent with this Section 9.05(g), in each case open to all Lenders holding the relevant Term Loans on a pro rata basis or (B) through open market purchases (which purchases may be effected at any price as agreed between such Lender and such Affiliated Lender in their respective sole discretion), in each case with respect to clauses (A) and (B), without the consent of the Administrative Agent; provided that:

(i) any Term Loans acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary shall, to the extent permitted by applicable Requirements of Law, be retired and cancelled immediately upon the acquisition thereof; provided that upon any such retirement and cancellation, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Term Loans shall be deemed reduced by the full par value of the aggregate principal amount of the Term Loans so retired and cancelled, with no reduction to the scheduled installments of principal due in respect of the Initial Term Loans prior to the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date,

(ii) [reserved];

(iii) the relevant Affiliated Lender and assigning Lender shall have executed an Affiliated Lender Assignment and Assumption;

(iv) [reserved];

(v) in connection with any assignment effected pursuant to a Dutch Auction and/or open market purchase conducted by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, no Event of Default exists at the time of acceptance of bids for the Dutch Auction or the confirmation of such open market purchase, as applicable;

(vi) [reserved];

(vii) neither the Company nor any Affiliated Lender shall be required to represent or warrant that it is not in possession of material non-public information with respect to the Company and/or any subsidiary thereof and/or their respective securities in connection with any assignment permitted by this Section 9.05(g).

SECTION 9.06. Survival. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in the Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of any Loan regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or Event of Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect until the Termination Date. The provisions of Sections 2.15, 2.16, 2.17, 9.03 and 9.13 and Article 8 shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of the Loans, the occurrence of the Termination Date or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof but in each case, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 9.07. Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any signature to this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile, electronic mail (including pdf) or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000 or the New York Electronic Signature and Records Act or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing also applies to any amendment, extension or renewal of this Agreement. Each of the parties represents and warrants to the other parties that it has the corporate capacity and authority to execute the Agreement through electronic means and there are no restrictions for doing so in that party's constitutive documents. This Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the Fee Letter constitute the entire agreement among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall become effective when it has been executed by the Company and the Administrative Agent and when the Administrative Agent has received counterparts hereof which, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto, and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

SECTION 9.08. Severability. To the extent permitted by applicable Requirements of Law, any provision of any Loan Document held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions thereof; and the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 9.09. Right of Setoff. At any time when an Event of Default exists and the Administrative Agent has commenced an exercise of secured creditor remedies pursuant to Section 7.01 or otherwise with the consent of the Administrative Agent, upon the written consent of the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Requirements of Law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held and other obligations (in any currency) at any time owing by the Administrative Agent, such Lender or any of their respective Affiliates to or for the credit or the account of the Company or any other Loan Party against any of and all the Secured Obligations then due and owing held by such Lender, irrespective of whether or not the Administrative Agent or such Lender shall have made any demand under the Loan Documents and although such obligations may be owing to a branch or office of such Lender different than the branch or office holding such deposit or obligation on such Indebtedness. Any applicable Lender shall promptly notify the Company and the Administrative Agent of such set-off or application; provided that any failure to give or any delay in giving such notice shall not affect the validity of any such set-off or application under this Section. The rights of each Lender and the Administrative Agent under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) which such Lender or the Administrative Agent may have.

SECTION 9.10. Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process.

(a) THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS (OTHER THAN AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT) AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS (OTHER THAN AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT), WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT (AT LAW OR IN EQUITY) OR OTHERWISE, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

(b) EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, OVER ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY LOAN DOCUMENT AND AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING SHALL (EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BELOW) BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE OR, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW, FEDERAL COURT. EACH PARTY HERETO AGREES THAT SERVICE OF ANY PROCESS, SUMMONS, NOTICE OR DOCUMENT BY REGISTERED MAIL ADDRESSED TO SUCH PERSON SHALL BE EFFECTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS AGAINST SUCH PERSON FOR ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN ANY SUCH COURT. EACH PARTY HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW. EACH PARTY HERETO AGREES THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT RETAINS THE RIGHT TO BRING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ANY LOAN PARTY IN THE COURTS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION SOLELY IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXERCISE OF ANY RIGHTS UNDER ANY COLLATERAL DOCUMENT.

(c) EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT IT MAY LEGALLY AND EFFECTIVELY DO SO, ANY OBJECTION WHICH IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SECTION. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW, ANY CLAIM OR DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.

(d) TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW, EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES PERSONAL SERVICE OF ANY AND ALL PROCESS UPON IT AND AGREES THAT ALL SUCH SERVICE OF PROCESS MAY BE MADE BY REGISTERED MAIL (OR ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FORM OF MAIL) DIRECTED TO IT AT ITS ADDRESS FOR NOTICES AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 9.01. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION TO SUCH SERVICE OF PROCESS AND FURTHER IRREVOCABLY WAIVES AND AGREES NOT TO PLEAD OR CLAIM IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING COMMENCED HEREUNDER OR UNDER ANY LOAN DOCUMENT THAT SERVICE OF PROCESS WAS INVALID AND INEFFECTIVE. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

SECTION 9.11. Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. EACH PARTY HERETO (a) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HERETO HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (b) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 9.12. Headings. Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

SECTION 9.13. **Confidentiality.** Each of the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each Arranger agrees (and each Lender agrees to cause its SPC, if any) to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information (as defined below), except that Confidential Information may be disclosed (a) to its and its Affiliates' directors, officers, managers, employees, independent auditors, or other experts and advisors, including accountants, legal counsel and other advisors (collectively, the "**Representatives**") on a confidential "need to know" basis solely in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and who are informed of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information and are or have been advised of their obligation to keep the Confidential Information of this type confidential; provided that such Person shall be responsible for its Affiliates' and their Representatives' compliance with this paragraph; provided, further, that unless the Company otherwise consents, no such disclosure shall be made by the Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any Lender or any Affiliate or Representative thereof to any Affiliate or Representative of the Administrative Agent, any Arranger or any Lender that is a Disqualified Institution, (b) upon the demand or request of any regulatory, self-regulatory or governmental authority having jurisdiction over such Person or its Affiliates (in which case such Person shall, except with respect to any audit or examination conducted by bank accountants or any Governmental Authority or regulatory authority exercising examination or regulatory authority, to the extent practicable and permitted by applicable Requirements of Law, (i) inform the Company promptly in advance thereof and (ii) ensure that any information so disclosed is accorded confidential treatment), (c) to the extent compelled by legal process in, or reasonably necessary to, the defense of such legal, judicial or administrative proceeding, in any legal, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise as required by applicable Requirements of Law (in which case such Person shall, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, (i) inform the Company promptly in advance thereof, (ii) ensure that any such information so disclosed is accorded confidential treatment and (iii) allow the Company a reasonable opportunity to object to such disclosure in such proceeding), (d) to any other party to this Agreement, (e) subject to an acknowledgment and agreement by the relevant recipient that the Confidential Information is being disseminated on a confidential basis (on substantially the terms set forth in this paragraph or as otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Company and the Administrative Agent, including as set forth in the Lender Presentation) in accordance with the standard syndication process of the Arrangers or market standards for dissemination of the relevant type of information, which shall in any event require "click through" or other affirmative action on the part of the recipient to access the Confidential Information and acknowledge its confidentiality obligations in respect thereof, to (i) any Eligible Assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective Eligible Assignee of or prospective Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, including any SPC (in each case other than a Disqualified Institution), (ii) any pledgee referred to in Section 9.05, (iii) any actual or prospective direct or indirect contractual counterparty (or its advisors, but not any Disqualified Institution) to any Derivative Transaction (including any credit default swap) or similar derivative product under which payments are to be made by reference to the Company and its Obligations and (iv) subject to the Company's prior approval of the information to be disclosed (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), to (A) Moody's or S&P on a confidential basis in connection with obtaining or maintaining ratings as required under Section 5.11 and (B) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of CUSIP numbers with respect to the credit facilities provided for herein, (f) with the prior written consent of the Company, (g) in the case of information with respect to this Agreement that is of the type routinely provided by arrangers to such providers, to data service providers, including league table providers, that serve the lending industry and (h) to the extent the Confidential Information becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section by such Person, its Affiliates or their respective Representatives. For purposes of this Section, "**Confidential Information**" means all information relating to the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries and their respective businesses or the Transactions (including any information obtained by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Arranger, or any of their respective Affiliates or Representatives, based on a review of any books and records relating to the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and their respective Affiliates from time to time, including prior to the date hereof) other than any such information that is publicly available to the Administrative Agent or any Arranger or Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by the Company or any of its subsidiaries. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall any disclosure of any Confidential Information be made to Person that is a Disqualified Institution at the time of disclosure. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Confidential Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

SECTION 9.14. No Fiduciary Duty. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, each Lender and their respective Affiliates (collectively, solely for purposes of this paragraph, the “**Lenders**”), may have economic interests that conflict with those of the Loan Parties, their stockholders and/or their respective affiliates. Each Loan Party agrees that nothing in the Loan Documents or otherwise will be deemed to create an advisory, fiduciary or agency relationship or fiduciary or other implied duty between any Lender, on the one hand, and such Loan Party, its respective stockholders or its respective affiliates, on the other. Each Loan Party acknowledges and agrees that: (a) the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents (including the exercise of rights and remedies hereunder and thereunder) are arm’s-length commercial transactions between the Lenders, on the one hand, and the Loan Parties, on the other, and (b) in connection therewith and with the process leading thereto, (x) no Lender, in its capacity as such, has assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of any Loan Party, its respective stockholders or its respective affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby (or the exercise of rights or remedies with respect thereto) or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Lender has advised, is currently advising or will advise any Loan Party, its respective stockholders or its respective Affiliates on other matters) or any other obligation to any Loan Party except the obligations expressly set forth in the Loan Documents and (y) each Lender, in its capacity as such, is acting solely as principal and not as the agent or fiduciary of such Loan Party, its respective management, stockholders, creditors or any other Person. Each Loan Party acknowledges and agrees that such Loan Party has consulted its own legal, tax and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate and that it is responsible for making its own independent judgment with respect to such transactions and the process leading thereto.

SECTION 9.15. Several Obligations. The respective obligations of the Lenders hereunder are several and not joint and the failure of any Lender to make any Loan or perform any of its obligations hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender from any of its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 9.16. USA PATRIOT Act. Each Lender that is subject to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act hereby notifies the Loan Parties that, pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each Loan Party, which information includes the name and address of such Loan Party and other information that will allow such Lender to identify such Loan Party in accordance with the USA PATRIOT Act.

SECTION 9.17. Disclosure. Each Loan Party and each Lender hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Administrative Agent and/or its Affiliates from time to time may hold investments in, make other loans to or have other relationships with any of the Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates.

SECTION 9.18. Appointment for Perfection. Each Lender hereby appoints each other Lender as its agent for the purpose of perfecting Liens for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, in assets which, in accordance with Article 9 of the UCC or any other applicable Requirements of Law can be perfected only by possession. If any Lender (other than the Administrative Agent) obtains possession of any Collateral, such Lender shall notify the Administrative Agent thereof and, promptly upon the Administrative Agent’s request therefor, shall deliver such Collateral to the Administrative Agent or otherwise deal with such Collateral in accordance with the Administrative Agent’s instructions.

SECTION 9.19. Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the interest rate applicable to any Loan, together with all fees, charges and other amounts which are treated as interest on such Loan under applicable law (collectively, the “**Applicable Charges**”), shall exceed the maximum lawful rate (the “**Maximum Rate**”) which may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the Lender holding such Loan in accordance with applicable Requirements of Law, the rate of interest payable in respect of such Loan hereunder, together with all Applicable Charges payable in respect thereof, shall be limited to the Maximum Rate and, to the extent lawful, the interest and Applicable Charges that would have been payable in respect of such Loan but were not payable as a result of the operation of this Section shall be cumulated and the interest and Applicable Charges payable to such Lender in respect of other Loans or periods shall be increased (but not above the Maximum Rate therefor) until such cumulated amount, together with interest thereon at the Federal Funds Effective Rate to the date of repayment, shall have been received by such Lender.

SECTION 9.20. [Reserved].

SECTION 9.21. Conflicts. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document (but excluding the ABL Intercreditor Agreement or any other Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement), in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and any other Loan Document (but excluding the ABL Intercreditor Agreement or any other Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement), the terms of this Agreement shall govern and control; provided that in the case of any conflict or inconsistency between the ABL Intercreditor Agreement or any other Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement, on the one hand, and any other Loan Document, on the other hand, the terms of the ABL Intercreditor Agreement or such Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control.

SECTION 9.22. Release of Guarantors and Discretionary Borrowers. (a) Notwithstanding anything in Section 9.02(b) to the contrary, (a) any Subsidiary Guarantor or Discretionary Borrower shall automatically be released from its obligations hereunder (and the Collateral Agreement and any Liens on its property constituting Collateral shall be automatically released) (i) upon the consummation of any permitted transaction or series of related transactions or the occurrence of any other permitted event or circumstance if as a result thereof such Subsidiary Guarantor ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary or Discretionary Borrower (included by merger or dissolution) or becomes an Excluded Subsidiary as a result of a single transaction or series of related transactions or other event or circumstance permitted hereunder, or (ii) upon the occurrence of the Termination Date and/or (b) any Subsidiary Guarantor or Discretionary Borrower that qualifies as an “Excluded Subsidiary” shall be released from its obligations hereunder (and the Collateral Agreement and any Liens on its property constituting Collateral shall be automatically released) by the Administrative Agent promptly following the request therefor by the Company; provided that, in each case of clauses (a)(i) and (b), if any Restricted Subsidiary becomes an Excluded Subsidiary solely as a result of becoming a non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, such release shall only be permitted if the transaction or event resulting in such Restricted Subsidiary becoming a non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiary is with an unaffiliated third party (other than a bona fide joint venture) and was not entered into with the primary purpose of evading the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement (as determined by the Company in good faith).

(b) Notwithstanding anything in Section 9.02(b) to the contrary, any Lien on any asset or property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Loan Document shall be automatically released without the need for further action by any Person (i) upon the occurrence of the Termination Date, (ii) upon the sale or other transfer of such asset or property as part of or in connection with any Disposition or Investment permitted under the Loan Documents to a Person that is not a Loan Party, (iii) upon such asset or property becoming an Excluded Asset or if such asset or property does not constitute (or ceases to constitute) Collateral, (iv) if the property subject to such Lien is owned by a Subsidiary Guarantor, upon the release of such Subsidiary Guarantor from the Collateral Agreement otherwise in accordance with the Loan Documents, (v) as provided for under Article 8 or as provided for in any other Loan Document or (vi) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of Lenders as shall be necessary under the relevant circumstances as provided in Section 9.02) in accordance with Section 9.02. Without limiting the foregoing, in the event that Receivables Facility Assets become subject to a Specified Receivables Facility, whether by transfer or conveyance or by placing a security interest, trust or other encumbrance required by a Specified Receivables Facility with respect to such Receivables Facility Assets, the Liens under the Loan Documents on such Receivables Facility Assets (including proceeds thereof and any deposit accounts holding exclusively such proceeds) shall be automatically released (or such Receivables Facility Assets, proceeds or deposit accounts re-assigned). Each Secured Party hereby consents to any release or re-assignment contemplated by this Section 9.22 and any steps any Agent may take or request to give effect to such release or re-assignment under the governing law of such Lien.

(c) In connection with any such release described in this Section, the Administrative Agent shall promptly execute and deliver to the relevant Loan Party, at such Loan Party's expense, all documents that such Loan Party shall reasonably request to evidence termination or release. Any execution and delivery of any document pursuant to the preceding sentence of this Section 9.22 shall be without recourse to or warranty by the Administrative Agent (other than as to the Administrative Agent's authority to execute and deliver such documents).

SECTION 9.23. Acknowledgment and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the write-down and conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and

(b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:

(i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;

(ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or

(iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the write-down and conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

[Signature Pages Follow]



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

VICTORIA’S SECRET & CO., as the Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Signature Page to Credit Agreement

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By:

Name:

Title:

Signature Page to Credit Agreement

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FORM OF REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT  
dated as of [●], 2021,

among  
VICTORIA'S SECRET & CO.,  
The Borrowing Subsidiaries Party Hereto,  
The Lenders Party Hereto

and

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,  
as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, BANK OF  
AMERICA, N.A., CITIBANK, N.A., HSBC SECURITIES (USA) INC., WELLS  
FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION and BARCLAYS BANK PLC,  
as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners

and

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., CITIBANK, N.A.,  
HSBC BANK USA, N.A., WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
and BARCLAYS BANK PLC,  
as Co-Syndication Agents  
and

KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, MIZUHO BANK, LTD., HUNTINGTON  
NATIONAL BANK, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION and MUFG UNION  
BANK, N.A.,  
as Co-Documentation Agents

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REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) dated as of [●], 2021, among VICTORIA’S SECRET & CO., a Delaware corporation, the BORROWING SUBSIDIARIES party hereto, the LENDERS party hereto and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent.

The parties hereto agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### Definitions

SECTION 1.01. Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“ABL Collection Account” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Collateral Agreements.

“ABL Priority Collateral” means, at any time, any and all of the following that constitute Collateral, whether now owned or hereafter acquired and wherever located: (a) all Accounts (other than (x) Accounts arising under agreements for sale of Non-ABL Priority Collateral described in clauses (a) through (h) of the definition of such term to the extent constituting identifiable Proceeds of such Non-ABL Priority Collateral and (y) Accounts pledged in support of Specified Receivables Facilities), (b) all Payment Intangibles, including all corporate and other tax refunds and all Credit Card Receivables and all other rights to payment arising therefrom in a credit-card, debit-card, prepaid-card or other payment-card transaction (other than any Payment Intangibles constituting identifiable Proceeds of Non-ABL Priority Collateral described in clauses (a) through (f) and (h) of the definition of such term); (c) all Inventory; (d) all Deposit Accounts and Securities Accounts (including the ABL Collection Account and the Concentration Account) and all cash, cash equivalents and other assets contained in, or credited to, and all Securities Entitlements arising from, any such Deposit Accounts or Securities Accounts (in each case, other than any identifiable Proceeds of Non-ABL Priority Collateral described in clauses (a) through (h) of the definition of such term); (e) for so long as Eligible Real Property is included in the Borrowing Base, all real property, related appurtenant rights and Fixtures and interests therein (including both fee and leasehold interests) located in the United States of America; (f) all rights to business interruption insurance and all rights to credit insurance with respect to any Accounts (in each case, regardless of whether the Collateral Agent is a loss payee thereof); (g) solely to the extent evidencing, governing, securing or otherwise relating to any of the items constituting ABL Priority Collateral under clauses (a) through (e) above, (i) all General Intangibles (excluding Intellectual Property, Indebtedness (or any evidence thereof) between or among the Company or any of the Subsidiaries Loan Parties and any Equity Interests, but including all contract rights as against operators of storage facilities and as against other transporters of Inventory and all rights as consignor or consignee, whether arising by contract, statute or otherwise), (ii) Instruments (including Promissory Notes), (iii) Documents (including each warehouse receipt or bill of lading covering any Inventory), (iv) insurance policies (regardless of whether the Collateral Agent is a loss payee thereof), (v) licenses from any Governmental Authority to sell or to manufacture any Inventory and (vi) Chattel Paper; (h) all collateral and guarantees given by any other Person with respect to any of the foregoing, and all other Supporting Obligations (including Letter-of-Credit Rights) with respect to any of the foregoing; (i) all books and Records to the extent relating to any of the foregoing; and (j) all products and Proceeds of the foregoing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term “ABL Priority Collateral” shall not include any assets referred to in clauses (a) through (h) of the definition of the term “Non-ABL Priority Collateral”. Capitalized terms used in this definition but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Collateral Agreements.

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“ABR”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, is bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.

“Account” has the meaning specified in the UCC.

“Account Debtor” means any Person obligated on an Account.

“Additional Borrower Agreement” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.20.

“Additional Borrowers” means, at any time, with respect to the Commitments, Loans and Letters of Credit of any Class, each of the wholly-owned Domestic Subsidiaries or Canadian Subsidiaries that has been designated as an Additional Borrower in respect of such Class pursuant to Section 2.20 or an Incremental Facility Agreement.

“Adjusted LIBO Rate” means, with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) equal to (a) the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (b) the Statutory Reserve Percentage.

“Administrative Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder, and its Affiliates in such capacity.

“Administrative Questionnaire” means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.

“Affected Financial Institution” means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any U.K. Financial Institution.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.

“Agents” means the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent.

“Aggregate Commitments” means, at any time, the sum of the Commitments of all the Lenders at such time.

“Aggregate Credit Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of the Credit Exposures of all the Lenders at such time.

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“Alternate Base Rate” means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the NYFRB Rate in effect on such day plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% per annum and (c) the Adjusted LIBO Rate on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) for a deposit in dollars with a maturity of one month plus 1% per annum; provided, that for purposes of this definition, the Adjusted LIBO Rate for any day shall be based on the LIBO Screen Rate on such day for deposits in dollars with a maturity of one month (or, if the LIBO Screen Rate is not available for such one month maturity, the Interpolated Rate) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time. Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the NYFRB Rate or the Adjusted LIBO Rate, respectively. If the Alternate Base Rate is being used as an alternate rate of interest pursuant to Section 2.13 (for the avoidance of doubt, only until the applicable Benchmark Replacement has been determined pursuant to Section 2.13(b)), then for purposes of clause (c) above the Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be deemed to be 0.00%.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means FCPA, the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 and all other laws, rules and regulations of any jurisdiction concerning or relating to bribery, corruption or money laundering, in each case to the extent applicable to the Company and its Subsidiaries.

“Applicable Creditor” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.18(b).

“Applicable Percentage” means, with respect to any Revolving Lender or any Lender of any other Class, the percentage of the total Revolving Commitments or total Commitments of any other Class, as applicable, represented by such Lender’s Revolving Commitment or Commitment of any other Class. If the Revolving Commitments or Commitments of any other Class have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentages shall be determined based upon the Revolving Commitments or Commitments of any other Class most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments.

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“Applicable Rate” means, for any day, with respect to any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Revolving Loan, ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Loan, with respect to any Protective Advance or with respect to the participation fees payable hereunder in respect of Letters of Credit, as the case may be, the applicable rate per annum set forth below under the caption “Eurodollar (LIBO Rate) / CDOR Rate Spread”, “ABR / Canadian Prime Rate Spread” or “LC Participation Fee Rate”, as the case may be, based upon the Company’s Average Daily Excess Availability applicable on such date:

Average Daily Excess Availability:	Eurodollar (LIBO Rate) / CDOR Rate Spread	ABR / Canadian Prime Rate Spread	LC Participation Fee Rate
<u>Category 1</u> > 66.7%	1.50%	0.50%	1.50%
<u>Category 2</u> ≤ 66.7% but ≥ 33.3%	1.75%	0.75%	1.75%
<u>Category 3</u> < 33.3%	2.00%	1.00%	2.00%

The Applicable Rate shall be determined based on Average Daily Excess Availability for the most recently ended fiscal quarter of the Company as set forth in the table above. Each change to the Applicable Rate shall be effective on the first day of the first month immediately following the last day of such fiscal quarter. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, the Applicable Rate shall be determined by reference to Category 3 in the table above (a) if the Company shall fail to deliver any Borrowing Base Certificate by the time required under Section 5.01(a)(iii), for the period from and including the day following the date on which such Borrowing Base Certificate shall have been due to and including the day on which such Borrowing Base Certificate shall have been delivered, and (b) at any other time that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (unless such increase in the Applicable Rate is otherwise waived by the Required Lenders).

“Approved Fund” means any Person (other than a natural person) that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in bank loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business and that is administered or managed by a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

“Assignment and Assumption” means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 8.04), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in the form of Exhibit A or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Availability Period” means the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the earlier of the Maturity Date and the date of termination of the Commitments.

“Available Tenor” means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark for any currency, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) or payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof), as applicable, that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period for any term rate or otherwise, for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated pursuant to this Agreement as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of “Interest Period” pursuant to Section 2.13(f).

“Average Daily Excess Availability” means, with respect to any fiscal quarter, (a)(i) the sum of Excess Availability for each day during such fiscal quarter, divided by (ii) the number of days in such fiscal quarter, divided by (b)(i) the Aggregate Commitments in effect for each day during such fiscal quarter divided by (ii) the number of days in such fiscal quarter.

“Average Utilization” means, with respect to any period, (a) the sum of Utilization for each day during such period divided by (b) the number of days in such period.

“Bail-In Action” means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.

“Bail-In Legislation” means (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their Affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

“Bankruptcy Code” means title 11 of the United States Code, as amended.

“Bankruptcy Event” means, with respect to any Person, that such Person has filed a petition or application seeking relief under any applicable Insolvency Law or similar law of any jurisdiction, has become the subject of a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, interim receiver, receiver and manager, liquidator, sequestrator, conservator, trustee, administrator, custodian, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with the reorganization or liquidation of its business appointed for it, or, in the good faith determination of the Administrative Agent, has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in, any such proceeding or appointment.

“BBW” means L Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

“Benchmark” means, initially, with respect to any (i) Loans denominated in US Dollars, the Adjusted LIBO Rate or (ii) Loans denominated in CAD, the CDOR Rate; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event, a Term SOFR Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the CDOR Rate or any other then-current Benchmark, as applicable, then “Benchmark” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to Section 2.13(b) or (c).

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“Benchmark Replacement” means, for any Available Tenor, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent for the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date; provided that, in the case of any Loan denominated in CAD, “Benchmark Replacement” shall mean the alternative set forth in (3) below:

- (1) in the case of any Loan denominated in US Dollars, the sum of: (a) Term SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (2) in the case of any Loan denominated in US Dollars, the sum of: (a) Daily Simple SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (3) the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for syndicated credit facilities denominated in the applicable currency at such time in the United States and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

provided that, in the case of clause (1), such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion; provided, further, that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document, upon the occurrence of a Term SOFR Transition Event, and the delivery of a Term SOFR Notice, on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date the “Benchmark Replacement” with respect to Loans denominated in US Dollars shall revert to and shall be deemed to be the sum of (a) Term SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment, as set forth in clause (1) of this definition (subject to the first proviso above).

“Benchmark Replacement Adjustment” means, with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Interest Period and Available Tenor for any setting of such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement:

- (1) for purposes of clauses (1) and (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement,” the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent:
    - (a) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) as of the Reference Time such Benchmark Replacement is first set for such Interest Period that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for the applicable Corresponding Tenor;
    - (b) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) as of the Reference Time such Benchmark Replacement is first set for such Interest Period that would apply to the fallback rate for a derivative transaction referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon an index cessation event with respect to such Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor; and
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(2) for purposes of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Replacement,” the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and/or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for syndicated credit facilities denominated in the applicable currency at such time;

provided that, in the case of clause (1) above, such adjustment is displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such Benchmark Replacement Adjustment from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

“Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes” means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of “Alternate Base Rate,” the definition of “Business Day,” the definition of “Interest Period,” timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, length of lookback periods, the applicability of breakage provisions, and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent decides, following consultation with the Company, may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark Replacement and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of such Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

“Benchmark Replacement Date” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to such then-current Benchmark:

(1) in the case of clause (1) or (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

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(2) in the case of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the first date on which such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) has been determined and announced by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) to be no longer representative; provided, that such non-representativeness will be determined by reference to the most recent statement or publication referenced in such clause (c) and even if any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) continues to be provided on such date;

(3) in the case of a Term SOFR Transition Event, the date that is thirty (30) days after the date a Term SOFR Notice is provided to the Lenders and the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.14(c); or

(4) in the case of an Early Opt-in Election, the sixth (6th) Business Day after the date notice of such Early Opt-in Election is provided to the Lenders, so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date notice of such Early Opt-in Election is provided to the Lenders, written notice of objection to such Early Opt-in Election from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

For the avoidance of doubt, (i) if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination and (ii) the “Benchmark Replacement Date” will be deemed to have occurred in the case of clause (1) or (2) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Transition Event” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to such then-current Benchmark:

(1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Board, the NYFRB, the central bank for the currency applicable to such Benchmark, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), in each case, which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

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(3) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are no longer, or as of a specified future date will no longer be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, a “Benchmark Transition Event” will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Unavailability Period” means, with respect to any Benchmark, the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date pursuant to clauses (1) or (2) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 2.13 and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced such then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 2.13.

“Beneficial Ownership Regulation” means 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

“Benefit Plan” means (a) an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a “plan” as defined in Section 4975 of the Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such “employee benefit plan” or “plan”.

“BHC Act Affiliate” means, with respect to any Person, an “affiliate” (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k)) of such Person.

“Board” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

“Borrowers” means, with respect to the Commitments, Loans and Letters of Credit of any Class, (i) the Company and (ii) the Borrowing Subsidiaries in respect of such Class.

“Borrowing” means (a) Loans of the same Class, Type and currency made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect or (b) a Protective Advance.

“Borrowing Base” means the sum of:

- (i) 95% of Eligible Credit Card Receivables at such time, plus
  - (ii) 85% of Eligible Accounts at such time, plus
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(iii) up to 90% of the Net Orderly Liquidation Value of Eligible Inventory at such time, plus

(iv) following receipt of the Required Real Property Documentation and prior to receipt of a Real Property Exclusion Notice, 50% of the fair market value (as identified in the most recent Real Property Appraisal) of Eligible Real Property at such time, minus

(v) Reserves determined by the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion

provided (A) notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, as of any date of determination, the portion of the Borrowing Base attributable to Eligible Real Property shall not exceed the lesser of (x) \$150,000,000 and (y) 25% of the Borrowing Base and (B) from and after receipt by the Collateral Agent of a Real Property Exclusion Notice, (I) the component set forth in clause (iv) shall be excluded from the calculation of the Borrowing Base for so long as such Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness remains outstanding and (II) the Collateral Agent shall adjust the Borrowing Base to reflect such exclusion effective from and after the incurrence of such Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness.

The Collateral Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion, establish or adjust Reserves, with any such changes to be effective three Business Days after delivery of written notice (which notice shall include a reasonably detailed description of such Reserve being established or adjusted) thereof to the Company and the Lenders; provided that during such three Business Day period (i) the Collateral Agent shall, if requested, discuss any such Reserve or adjustment with the Company and (ii) the Company may take such action as may be required so that the event, condition or matter that is the basis for such Reserve no longer exists or exists in a manner that would result in the establishment of a lower Reserve, in each case in a manner and to the extent satisfactory to the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion; provided, further, that no such prior notice shall be required for (a) changes to any Reserves resulting solely by virtue of mathematical calculations of the amount of the Reserves in accordance with the methodology of calculation previously utilized, or (b) changes to Reserves or the establishment of additional Reserves if a Material Adverse Effect has occurred or it would be reasonably likely that a Material Adverse Effect would occur were such Reserves not changed or established prior to the expiration of such three day period. Subject to the immediately preceding sentence and the other provisions hereof expressly permitting the Collateral Agent to adjust the Borrowing Base or any component thereof, the Borrowing Base at any time shall be determined by reference to the most recent Borrowing Base Certificate delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(iii).

The parties hereto understand that eligibility criteria and any Reserves that may be imposed as provided herein, any deductions or other adjustments to determine the face amount of Eligible Accounts and factors considered in the calculation of Net Orderly Liquidation Value of Eligible Inventory have the effect of reducing the Borrowing Base, and, accordingly, whether or not any provisions hereof so state, all the foregoing shall be determined without duplication so as not to result in multiple reductions in the Borrowing Base for the same facts or circumstances.

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At the time of any disposition of a Loan Party, or any disposition outside the ordinary course of business of, or any casualty or condemnation event affecting, assets reflected in the then-current Borrowing Base having a fair market value of \$5,000,000 or more, the Company shall give the Collateral Agent written notice of such disposition, casualty or condemnation event, together with such information as shall be required for the Collateral Agent to adjust the Borrowing Base to reflect such disposition.

“Borrowing Base Certificate” means a Borrowing Base Certificate, substantially in the form of Exhibit C (with such changes thereto as may be reasonably required by the Collateral Agent from time to time to reflect (a) the results of the most recent field examination or Inventory appraisal conducted pursuant to Section 5.23 and (b) the components of, or Reserves against, the Borrowing Base as provided for hereunder), together with all attachments and supporting documentation contemplated thereby, signed and certified as accurate and complete by a Financial Officer of the Company.

“Borrowing Request” means a request by a Borrower for a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.03.

“Borrowing Subsidiary” means any Additional Borrowers.

“Borrowing Subsidiary Termination” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.20.

“Business Day” means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York City are authorized or required by law to remain closed; provided that, (a) when used in connection with a Eurodollar Loan, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day on which banks are not open for dealings in US Dollar deposits in the London interbank market and (b) when used in connection with a CDOR Rate Loan or a Canadian Prime Rate Loan, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day on which banks are not open for business in Toronto.

“CAD Sublimit” means the portion of the Revolving Commitments in an aggregate amount equal to the US Dollar Equivalent in Canadian Dollars of \$80,000,000 that is being made available hereunder to the Canadian Borrowers for borrowings in Canadian Dollars.

“Canadian Borrower” means any Additional Borrower that is a Canadian Subsidiary.

“Canadian Defined Benefit Pension Plan” means any Canadian Pension Plan which contains a “defined benefit provision”, as defined in subsection 147.1(1) of the ITA.

“Canadian Dollars” or “CAD” means the lawful money of Canada.

“Canadian Economic Sanctions and Export Control Laws” means any Canadian laws, regulations or orders governing transactions in controlled goods or technologies or dealings with countries, entities, organizations, or individuals subject to economic sanctions and similar measures.

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“Canadian Loan Party” means any Loan Party organized under the laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof.

“Canadian Pension Benefits Legislation” shall mean any Canadian federal or provincial pension standards legislation, including, without limitation, the Supplemental Pension Plans Act (Quebec) and the Pension Benefits Act (Ontario), that applies in respect of a Canadian Pension Plan.

“Canadian Pension Event” means (a) any Loan Party shall, directly or indirectly, terminate or cause to terminate, in whole or in part, or initiate the termination of, in whole or in part, any Canadian Defined Benefit Pension Plan where doing so results in any wind-up deficit that is required to be funded under Canadian Pension Benefits Legislation; (b) any Loan Party shall fail to make minimum required contributions to amortize any funding deficiencies under a Canadian Defined Benefit Pension Plan within the time period set out in Canadian Pension Benefits Legislation or fails to make a required contribution under any Canadian Pension Plan which results in the imposition of a Lien upon the assets of any Loan Party (other than inchoate Liens under Canadian Pension Benefits Legislation for amounts required to be remitted but not yet due); or (c) any Loan Party makes any improper withdrawals or applications of assets of a Canadian Pension Plan.

“Canadian Pension Plans” means each pension plan required to be registered under Canadian federal or provincial pension standards legislation that is administered or contributed to by a Loan Party or any subsidiary of any Loan Party for its employees or former employees, but does not include the Canada Pension Plan or the Quebec Pension Plan as maintained by the Government of Canada or the Province of Quebec, respectively, or any comparable pension plan maintained by a Governmental Authority in any other Canadian jurisdiction.

“Canadian Prime Rate” means, for the relevant interest period, the rate of interest per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1% (with 0.005% being rounded up)) determined by the Administrative Agent to be the greater of (a) the rate equal to the PRIMCAN Index rate that appears on the Bloomberg screen at 10:15 a.m., Toronto time, on such day (or, in the event that the PRIMCAN Index is not published by Bloomberg, any other information service that publishes such index from time to time, as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) and (b) the sum of (i) the CDOR Rate applicable for an Interest Period of one month plus (ii) one percent (1.0%).

“Canadian Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that is organized under the laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof.

“Capital Lease Obligations” of any Person means the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as capital leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP (subject to the proviso in Section 1.04), and the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP (subject to the proviso in Section 1.04).

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“Captive Insurance Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Company that is subject to regulation as an insurance company (or any Subsidiary thereof).

“Cash Dominion Period” means (a) each period during which a Specified Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or (b) each period (i) commencing on any day when Specified Excess Availability has for three consecutive Business Days been less than the greater of (x) \$80,000,000 and (y) 12.5% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount and (ii) ending on the date that Specified Excess Availability has been greater than the amount set forth in clause (i) above for 20 consecutive calendar days during which period no Specified Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

“CCQ” has the meaning set forth in Section 7.01.

“CDOR Rate” means, for the relevant Interest Period, on the first day of such Interest Period, the annual rate of interest determined with reference to the arithmetic average of the discount rate quotations of all institutions listed in respect of the relevant Interest Period for Canadian Dollar-denominated bankers’ acceptances displayed and identified as such on the CDOR Rate page of the Reuters screen (or on any successor or substitute page on such screen or service that displays such rate, or on the appropriate page of such other information service that publishes such rate as shall be selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion; in each case, the “CDO Screen Rate”), at or about approximately 10:15 a.m., Toronto time, on such day and, if such day is not a Business Day, then on the immediately preceding Business Day (as adjusted by the Administrative Agent after 10:15 a.m. Toronto time to reflect any error in the posted rate of interest or in the posted average annual rate of interest); provided that if such rates are not available for such Interest Period, the applicable Interpolated Rate as of such time on such day; or if such day is not a Business Day, then as so determined on the immediately preceding Business Day.

“Change in Control” means the acquisition of ownership, directly or indirectly, beneficially or of record, by any Person or group (within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder as in effect on the date hereof) other than the Permitted Holders of shares representing more than 35% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company.

“Change in Law” means (a) the adoption of any law, rule or regulation after the date of this Agreement, (b) any change in any law, rule or regulation or in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority after the date of this Agreement, or (c) compliance by any Lender or any Issuing Bank (or, for purposes of Section 2.14(b), by any lending office of such Lender or by such Lender’s or such Issuing Bank’s holding company, if any) with any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority made or issued after the date of this Agreement; provided that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a “Change in Law”, regardless of the date enacted, adopted, promulgated or issued.

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“Class”, when used in reference to (a) any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Revolving Loans, Incremental Revolving Loans of any tranche or Protective Advances, (b) any Commitment, refers to whether such Commitment is a Revolving Commitment or an Incremental Revolving Commitment of any tranche, (c) any Lender, refers to whether such Lender has a Loan or Commitment of a particular Class and (d) any Letter of Credit, refers to whether such Letter of Credit is issued pursuant to a Revolving Commitment or an Incremental Revolving Commitment of any tranche.

“**Closing Date Distribution**” means the distribution by the Company to BBW, of 100% of the Company’s common stock for distribution to BBW’s existing shareholders.

“**Closing Date Payment**” means the payment of the Special Cash Payment (as defined in the Separation Agreement).

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

“Collateral” means any and all assets, tangible or intangible, on which Liens are purported to be granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents as security for the Obligations.

“Collateral Access Agreement” means any landlord waiver or other agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent, between the Collateral Agent and any warehouseman, bailee or other similar Person in possession of any Collateral, any landlord of any real property where any Collateral is located or any administrative agent, collateral agent and/or similar representative acting on behalf of the holders of any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness secured by a Lien on any real property where any Inventory is located.

“Collateral Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as collateral agent under the Collateral Documents.

“Collateral Agreements” means, individually and collectively as the context may require, (a) the Amended and Restated Guarantee and Collateral Agreement dated as of April 30, 2020, among the Company, the Subsidiary Loan Parties party thereto and the Collateral Agent and (b) the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement dated as of June 8, 2020, among the Canadian Loan Parties and the Collateral Agent.

“Collateral and Guarantee Requirement” means, at any time, the requirement that:

(a) the Collateral Agent shall have received from the Company and each Material Subsidiary either (i) a counterpart of the applicable Collateral Agreement duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Company or such Material Subsidiary, as applicable, or (ii) in the case of any Person that becomes a Material Subsidiary after the Effective Date, a supplement to the applicable Collateral Agreement, in the form specified therein, duly executed and delivered on behalf of such Material Subsidiary;

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(b) all UCC financing statements, and all similar filings and registrations in each applicable jurisdictions, required by law or reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent to be filed, registered or recorded to perfect the Liens intended to be created by each Collateral Agreement to the extent required by, and with the priority required by, such Collateral Agreement, shall have been filed, registered or recorded or delivered to the Collateral Agent for filing, registration or recording;

(c) commencing with the date that is 90 days after the Effective Date (or such later date as may be agreed by the Collateral Agent in its sole discretion), the Collateral Agent shall have received a counterpart, duly executed and delivered by the applicable Loan Party and the applicable depository bank or securities intermediary, as the case may be, of a Control Agreement with respect to (i) each deposit account maintained by any Loan Party with any depository bank (other than any Excluded Deposit Account) and (ii) each securities account maintained by any Loan Party with any securities intermediary (other than any Excluded Securities Account), and the requirements of a Collateral Agreement relating to the concentration and application of collections on accounts shall have been satisfied;

(d) commencing with the date that is 90 days after the Effective Date (or such later date as may be agreed by the Collateral Agent in its sole discretion), the Collateral Agent shall have received evidence that all Credit Card Notifications required to be provided pursuant to Section 5.24 have been provided;

(e) commencing with the date that is 90 days after the Effective Date or such later date as may be agreed by the Collateral Agent in its sole discretion), each Loan Party shall have delivered to the Collateral Agent all Collateral Access Agreements requested by the Collateral Agent exercising its Permitted Discretion pursuant to this Agreement or a Collateral Agreement;

(f) prior to its inclusion in the Borrowing Base, the Collateral Agent shall have received (i) counterparts of a Mortgage with respect to each Mortgaged Property duly executed and delivered by the record owner of such Mortgaged Property and (ii) all Required Real Property Documentation;

(g) commencing with the date that is 90 days after the Effective Date or such later date as may be agreed by the Collateral Agent in its sole discretion), the Collateral Agent shall have received evidence of the insurance required to be maintained pursuant to Section 5.03; and

(h) the Company and each Material Subsidiary shall have obtained all consents and approvals required to be obtained by it in connection with the execution and delivery of all Collateral Documents to which it is a party, the performance of its obligations thereunder and the granting by it of the Liens thereunder.

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With respect to any Mortgaged Property as to which a Mortgage is required to be executed and delivered, notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this definition or elsewhere in this Agreement, no such Mortgage shall be required to be executed and delivered until and unless (a) the Collateral Agent shall have received the items referred to in clause (f)(ii) above (it being understood that the Loan Parties shall be required to deliver such items otherwise in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents), and shall have provided copies thereof to the Lenders, (b) the Collateral Agent shall have provided copies of all documents referred to in clause (a) of this paragraph received by it to the Lenders and (c) prior to the contemplated date of effectiveness of such Mortgage (as notified by the Collateral Agent to the Lenders), the Collateral Agent shall have been advised in writing by each Lender that such Lender has completed its flood insurance due diligence and flood insurance compliance with respect to such Mortgaged Property (with each Lender agreeing to complete such due diligence and compliance as promptly as practicable following receipt of the documents as referred to in clause (b) of this paragraph).

“Collateral Documents” means, collectively, the Collateral Agreements, the Control Agreements, the Credit Card Notifications, the Mortgages and each other pledge, deed of hypothec, security agreement or other instrument or document granting a Lien upon the Collateral as security for the Obligations (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document).

“Commitment” means a Revolving Commitment, an Incremental Revolving Commitment of any tranche or any combination thereof, as the context requires.

“Company” means Victoria’s Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation.

“Concentration Account” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Collateral Agreements.

“Consolidated Debt” means, at any date of determination, the total Indebtedness of the Company and the Consolidated Subsidiaries at such date determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated EBITDA” means, for any period, Consolidated Net Income for such period (adjusted (i) to exclude any non-cash items deducted or included in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period attributable to Accounting Standards Codification Topic 815, Derivatives and Hedging, Accounting Standards Codification Topic 350, Intangibles–Goodwill and Other, or stock options and other equity-linked compensation to officers, directors and employees, and (ii) to deduct cash payments made during such period in respect of Hedging Agreements (or other items subject to FAS 133 – Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities) to the extent not otherwise deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period) plus (a) without duplication and to the extent deducted in determining such Consolidated Net Income, the sum of (i) consolidated interest expense for such period, (ii) consolidated income tax expense for such period, (iii) all amounts attributable to depreciation and amortization for such period and (iv) any extraordinary or nonrecurring charges for such period, and minus (b) without duplication and to the extent included in determining such Consolidated Net Income, any extraordinary or nonrecurring gains for such period, all determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided that if on or prior to the applicable date of determination of Consolidated EBITDA, an acquisition or disposition outside of the ordinary course of business has occurred that has the effect of increasing or decreasing Consolidated EBITDA then (without duplication of any other adjustment made in determining Consolidated EBITDA for such period) Consolidated EBITDA shall be determined on a pro forma basis to give effect to such acquisition or disposition as if such acquisition or disposition had occurred immediately prior to the commencement of the period for which Consolidated EBITDA is to be determined.

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“Consolidated EBITDAR” means, for any period, Consolidated EBITDA for such period plus, without duplication and to the extent deducted in the determination of such Consolidated EBITDA, consolidated fixed minimum store rental expense for such period, all determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided that, if on or prior to the applicable date of determination of Consolidated EBITDAR, an acquisition or disposition outside of the ordinary course of business has occurred that has the effect of increasing or decreasing Consolidated EBITDAR, then (without duplication of adjustments made in determining Consolidated EBITDA for such period) Consolidated EBITDAR shall be determined on a pro forma basis to give effect to such acquisition or disposition as if such acquisition or disposition had occurred immediately prior to the commencement of the period for which Consolidated EBITDAR is to be determined.

“Consolidated Fixed Charges” means, for any period, the sum of (a) consolidated interest expense, both expensed and capitalized (including the interest component in respect of Capital Lease Obligations), of the Company and the Consolidated Subsidiaries for such period, plus (b) consolidated fixed minimum store rental expense of the Company and the Consolidated Subsidiaries for such period, all determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided that, if on or prior to the applicable date of determination of Consolidated Fixed Charges, an acquisition or disposition outside of the ordinary course of business has occurred that has the effect of increasing or decreasing Consolidated Fixed Charges, then Consolidated Fixed Charges shall be determined on a pro forma basis to give effect to such acquisition or disposition as if such acquisition or disposition had occurred immediately prior to the commencement of the period for which Consolidated Fixed Charges is to be determined.

“Consolidated Net Income” means, for any period, the net income or loss of the Company and the Consolidated Subsidiaries for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary (other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary), the accounts of which are, or are required to be, consolidated with those of the Company in the Company’s periodic reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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“Control” means, with respect to a specified Person, the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct, or cause the direction of, the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have correlative meanings.

“Control Agreement” means, with respect to any deposit account or securities account maintained by any Loan Party, a control agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent, duly executed and delivered by such Loan Party and the depositary bank or the securities intermediary, as the case may be, with which such account is maintained.

“Corresponding Tenor” with respect to any Available Tenor means, as applicable, either a tenor (including overnight) or an interest payment period having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as such Available Tenor.

“Covenant Period” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.06.

“Covered Entity” means (a) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (b) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (c) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

“Covered Party” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.21.

“Credit Card Agreement” means any agreement between a Loan Party, on the one hand, and a credit card issuer or a credit card processor (including any credit card processor that processes purchases of Inventory from a Loan Party through debit cards or mall cards), on the other hand.

“Credit Card Notifications” means each Credit Card Notification, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent, executed by one or more Loan Parties and delivered by such Loan Parties to credit card issuers or credit card processors that are party to any Credit Card Agreement.

“Credit Card Receivables” means any Account or Payment Intangible due to any Loan Party in connection with purchases from and other goods and services provided by such Loan Party on (a) Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and any other credit card issuers that are reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent and PayPal and (b) such other credit cards (it being understood that such term, for purposes hereof, includes debit cards) as the Collateral Agent shall approve from time to time in its Permitted Discretion, in each case which have been originated in the ordinary course of business by such Loan Party and earned by performance by such Loan Party but not yet paid to such Loan Party by the credit card issuer or the credit card processor, as applicable, and which represents the bona fide amount due to a Loan Party from such credit card processor or credit card issuer; provided that, in any event, “Credit Card Receivables” shall exclude Accounts and Payment Intangibles due in connection with credit cards issued by Affiliates.

“Credit Exposure” means a Revolving Exposure, an exposure of any other Class or any combination thereof, as the context requires.

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“Credit Party” means the Agents, each Issuing Bank or any other Lender.

“Credit Rating” means, in the case of S&P, the “Issuer Credit Rating” assigned by S&P to the Company and, in the case of Moody’s, the “Corporate Family Rating” assigned by Moody’s to the Company.

“Daily Simple SOFR” means, for any day, SOFR, with the conventions for this rate (which may include a lookback) being established by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the conventions for this rate selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for determining “Daily Simple SOFR” for business loans; provided, that if the Administrative Agent decides that any such convention is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, then the Administrative Agent may establish another convention in its reasonable discretion.

“Default” means any event or condition which constitutes an Event of Default or which upon notice, lapse of time or both would, unless cured or waived, become an Event of Default.

“Default Right” has the meaning assigned to such term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

“Defaulting Lender” means any Lender, as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent, that has (a) failed to fund any portion of its Loans, participations in Letters of Credit or Protective Advances within three Business Days of the date required to be funded by it hereunder unless such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Company in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender’s determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable Default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, (b) notified the Company, the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement or has made a public statement to the effect that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations under this Agreement or generally under other agreements in which it commits to extend credit (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender’s obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender’s determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable Default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) failed, within five Business Days after written request by the Administrative Agent, to confirm that it will comply with the terms of this Agreement relating to its obligations to fund prospective Loans and participations in then outstanding Letters of Credit and Protective Advances (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt by the Administrative Agent of such confirmation), (d) otherwise failed to pay over to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within three Business Days of the date when due, unless the subject of a good-faith dispute, (e) become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee or custodian appointed for it, or has consented to, approved of or acquiesced in any such proceeding or appointment or has a parent company that has become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee or custodian appointed for it, or has consented to, approved of or acquiesced in any such proceeding or appointment or (f) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, become the subject of a Bail-In Action; provided that (i) if a Lender would be a “Defaulting Lender” solely by reason of events relating to a parent company of such Lender or solely because a Governmental Authority has been appointed as receiver, conservator, trustee or custodian for such Lender, in each case as described in clause (e) above, the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion, determine that such Lender is not a “Defaulting Lender” if and for so long as the Administrative Agent is satisfied that such Lender will continue to perform its funding obligations hereunder, (ii) the Administrative Agent may, by notice to the Company and the Lenders, declare that a Defaulting Lender is no longer a “Defaulting Lender” if the Administrative Agent determines, in its discretion, that the circumstances that resulted in such Lender becoming a “Defaulting Lender” no longer apply and (iii) a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any equity interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or Canada or any state, province or territory of the foregoing or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender.

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“Designated Real Estate Subsidiary” means each Domestic Subsidiary designated by the Company to the Administrative Agent in writing at any time following the Effective Date for the purpose of including the Eligible Real Property of such Subsidiary in the Borrowing Base subject to the terms and conditions hereof.

“Disclosed Matters” means the actions, suits and proceedings and the environmental matters disclosed in Schedule 3.05.

“Disqualified Equity Interest” means, any Equity Interest in the Company that by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable, either mandatorily or at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event or condition:

(a) matures or is mandatorily redeemable (other than solely for Equity Interests in the Company that do not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests and cash in lieu of fractional shares of such Equity Interests), whether pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, prior to the Specified Date;

(b) is convertible or exchangeable at the option of the holder thereof for Indebtedness or Equity Interests (other than solely for Equity Interests in the Company that do not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests and cash in lieu of fractional shares of such Equity Interests), prior to the Specified Date; or

(c) is redeemable (other than solely for Equity Interests in the Company that do not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests and cash in lieu of fractional shares of such Equity Interests) or is required to be repurchased by the Company or any of its Affiliates, in whole or in part, at the option of the holder thereof, prior to the Specified Date; provided that this clause (c) shall not apply to any requirement of mandatory redemption or repurchase that is contingent upon an asset disposition or the incurrence of Indebtedness if such mandatory redemption or repurchase can be avoided through repayment or prepayment of Loans or through investments by the Company or the Consolidated Subsidiaries in assets to be used in their businesses.

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“Domestic Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that is organized under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

“Early Opt-in Election” means, if the then current Benchmark with respect to US Dollars is the Adjusted LIBO Rate, the occurrence of:

- (1) a notification by the Administrative Agent to (or the request by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent to notify) each of the other parties hereto that at least five currently outstanding US Dollar denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time contain (as a result of amendment or as originally executed) a SOFR-based rate (including SOFR, Term SOFR or any other rate based upon SOFR) as a benchmark rate (and such syndicated credit facilities are identified in such notice and are publicly available for review), and
- (2) the joint election by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower to trigger a fallback from LIBO Rate and the provision, as applicable, by the Administrative Agent of written notice of such election to the Borrower and the Lenders.

“EEA Financial Institution” means (a) any institution established in any EEA Member Country that is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country that is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any institution established in an EEA Member Country that is a subsidiary of an institution described in clause (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

“EEA Member Country” means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

“EEA Resolution Authority” means any public administrative authority or any Person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegatee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

“Effective Date” means [●], 2021.

“Electronic Signature” means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to, or associated with, a contract or other record and adopted by a Person with the intent to sign, authenticate or accept such contract or record.

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“Eligible Accounts” means, at any time, the Accounts owned by any Loan Party and in which such Loan Party has good and marketable title, but excluding Credit Card Receivables and any other Account:

- (a) which is not subject to a first priority (subject to a Lien described in clause (a) or (b) in the definition of “Permitted Encumbrances”) perfected Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Collateral Agreements securing the Obligations;
  - (b) which is subject to any Lien whatsoever, other than (i) a Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent, (ii) Permitted Encumbrances (other than those described in clauses (a) and (b) in the definition of “Permitted Encumbrances”) that do not have priority over the Liens securing the Obligations created by the Collateral Agreements and (iii) Liens permitted under Section 5.08(b)(ii), (b)(ix) or (b)(x);
  - (c) (i) with respect to which the scheduled due date is more than 90 days after the date of the original invoice therefor, (ii) which is unpaid more than 90 days after the date of the original invoice therefor or more than 60 days after the original due date therefor or (iii) which has been written off the books of the applicable Loan Party or otherwise designated as uncollectible;
  - (d) which is owing by an Account Debtor for which more than 50% of the Accounts owing by such Account Debtor and its Affiliates are ineligible pursuant to clause (c) above;
  - (e) which is owing by an Account Debtor to the extent the aggregate amount of Accounts owing by such Account Debtor and its Affiliates to the Loan Parties exceeds 25% of the aggregate Eligible Accounts (or, in the case of M.H. Alshaya Co. and its Affiliates, exceeds \$50,000,000); provided that the amount of Eligible Accounts that are excluded because they exceed the percentage set forth in this clause (e) shall be determined based on all of the otherwise Eligible Accounts prior to giving effect to any eliminations based on the foregoing concentration limit;
  - (f) with respect to which any covenant, representation or warranty contained in this Agreement or in the other Loan Documents has been breached or is not true;
  - (g) which (i) does not arise from the sale of goods or performance of services in the ordinary course of business, (ii) is not evidenced by an invoice or other documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent which has been sent to the applicable Account Debtor, (iii) represents a sale on a bill-and-hold, guaranteed sale, sale-and-return, sale on approval, consignment, cash-on-delivery or any other repurchase or return basis or (iv) relates to payments of interest;
  - (h) for which the goods giving rise to such Account have not been shipped to the Account Debtor or for which the services giving rise to such Account have not been performed by the applicable Loan Party or if such Account is in respect of an invoice that is duplicative of a previously invoiced Account;
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(i) with respect to which any check or other instrument of payment has been returned uncollected for any reason;

(j) which is owed by an Account Debtor which (i) is the subject of any Bankruptcy Event, (ii) is liquidating, dissolving or winding up its affairs, (iii) is otherwise deemed not creditworthy by the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion, (iv) has admitted in writing its inability, or is generally unable, to pay its debts as they become due, (v) has become insolvent or (vi) has ceased operation of its business;

(k) which is owed by an Account Debtor which has sold all or substantially all its assets;

(l) which is owed by an Account Debtor that (i) does not have its head office, registered office, principal place of business or chief executive office in the United States or Canada or (ii) is not organized under applicable law of (A) the United States or any state of the United States or (B) Canada or any province or territory of Canada unless, in any such case, such Account is backed by a letter of credit or trade insurance (in the case of Accounts backed by trade insurance, not to exceed \$50,000,000), in each case acceptable to the Collateral Agent which, in each case, is in the possession of, and is directly drawable by, the Collateral Agent or otherwise subject to a pledge in favor of the Collateral Agent in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent;

(m) which is owed in any currency other than US Dollars or Canadian Dollars;

(n) which is owed by (i) any Governmental Authority of any country other than the United States or Canada unless such Account is backed by a letter of credit acceptable to the Collateral Agent which is in the possession of, and is directly drawable by, the Collateral Agent, (ii) any Governmental Authority of the United States or Canada, or any department, agency, public corporation, or instrumentality thereof, unless any steps necessary to perfect the Lien of the Collateral Agent in such Account have been complied with to the Collateral Agent's satisfaction, including in respect of the Federal Assignment of Claims Act of 1940, as amended (31 U.S.C. § 3727 et seq. and 41 U.S.C. § 15 et seq.), or (iii) any Governmental Authority of any State of the United States, any province or territory of Canada or any other Governmental Authority not referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above;

(o) which is owed by any Affiliate of any Loan Party or any employee, officer, director, agent or equityholder of any Loan Party or any of its Affiliates;

(p) which is owed by an Account Debtor or any Affiliate of such Account Debtor to which any Loan Party is indebted or which is subject to any security, deposit, progress payment, retainage or other similar advance made by or for the benefit of an Account Debtor; provided that the excess of the Accounts of such Account Debtor over the aggregate amount of such indebtedness, security, deposits, progress payments, retainage and other similar advances, shall not be excluded pursuant to this clause (p);

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(q) which is subject to any counterclaim, deduction, defense, setoff or dispute; provided that the excess of such Accounts over such counterclaims, deductions, defenses, setoffs or disputes shall not be excluded pursuant to this clause (q);

(r) which is evidenced by any promissory note, judgment, chattel paper or instrument;

(s) which is owed by an Account Debtor located in any jurisdiction which requires filing of a "Notice of Business Activities Report" or other similar report in order to permit the applicable Loan Party to seek judicial enforcement in such jurisdiction of payment of such Account, unless such Loan Party has filed such report or is qualified to do business in such jurisdiction;

(t) with respect to which the applicable Loan Party has made any agreement with the Account Debtor for any reduction thereof, other than discounts and adjustments given in the ordinary course of business (but only to the extent of any such reduction), or any Account which was partially paid and the applicable Loan Party created a new receivable for the unpaid portion of such Account;

(u) which does not comply in all material respects with the requirements of all applicable laws and regulations, whether Federal, state or local, including the Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, the Federal Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z of the Board;

(v) which is for goods that have been sold under a purchase order or pursuant to the terms of a contract or other agreement or understanding (written or oral) that indicates or purports that any Person other than the applicable Loan Party has or has had an ownership interest in such goods, or which indicates any party other than the applicable Loan Party as payee or remittance party;

(w) which is owed by an Account Debtor that is a Sanctioned Person; or

(x) which is not a true and correct statement of a bona fide obligation incurred in the amount of the Account for merchandise sold to or services rendered and accepted by the applicable Account Debtor;

provided, however, that the Collateral Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion and upon prior written notice to the Company, deem any Account ineligible, or impose additional eligibility criteria, based on the results of the most recent field examination or Inventory appraisal conducted pursuant to Section 5.23.

In determining the amount of an Eligible Account, the face amount of an Account may, in the Collateral Agent's Permitted Discretion and upon prior written notice to the Company, be reduced by, without duplication, to the extent not reflected in such face amount, (i) to the extent not otherwise reflected in the eligibility criteria, the amount of all accrued and actual discounts, claims, credits or credits pending, promotional program allowances, price adjustments, finance charges or other allowances (including any amount that the applicable Loan Party may be obligated to rebate to an Account Debtor pursuant to the terms of any agreement or understanding (written or oral)) and (ii) the aggregate amount of all cash received in respect of such Account but not yet applied by the applicable Loan Party to reduce the amount of such Account.

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no Account acquired by any Loan Party after the Effective Date outside the ordinary course of business, or acquired or originated by any Person that becomes a Loan Party after the Effective Date, shall be included in determining Eligible Accounts until a field examination with respect thereto has been completed to the satisfaction of the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion (it being understood and agreed that additional field examinations conducted at the Company's election pursuant to this paragraph shall not count against the number of field examinations permitted pursuant to Section 5.23).

"Eligible Assignee" means (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender, (c) an Approved Fund and (d) any other Person, other than, in each case, a natural person, the Company, any Subsidiary or other Affiliate of the Company or its Subsidiaries; provided that an Eligible Assignee shall not include a Defaulting Lender.

"Eligible Credit Card Receivables" means, as of any date of determination, each Credit Card Receivable that satisfies all the requirements set forth below:

- Receivable; (a) such Credit Card Receivable is owned by a Loan Party and such Loan Party has good and marketable title to such Credit Card
  - (b) such Credit Card Receivable has not been outstanding for more than five Business Days;
  - (c) the credit card issuer or the credit card processor of the applicable credit card with respect to such Credit Card Receivable (i) is not the subject of any Bankruptcy Event, (ii) is not liquidating, dissolving or winding up its affairs, (iii) is not otherwise deemed not creditworthy by the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion, (iv) has not admitted in writing its inability, or is not generally unable to, pay its debts as they become due, (v) has not become insolvent and (vi) has not ceased operation of its business;
  - (d) such Credit Card Receivable is a valid, legally enforceable obligation of the applicable credit card issuer or credit card processor with respect thereto;
  - (e) such Credit Card Receivable is subject to a first priority (subject to a Lien described in clause (a) or (b) in the definition of "Permitted Encumbrances") perfected Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Collateral Agreements;
  - (f) such Credit Card Receivable is not subject to any Lien whatsoever, other than (i) a Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent, (ii) Permitted Encumbrances (other than those described in clauses (a) and (b) in the definition of "Permitted Encumbrances") that do not have priority over the Liens securing the Obligations created by the Collateral Agreements and (iii) Liens permitted under Section 5.08(b)(ii), (b)(ix) or (b)(x);
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(g) such Credit Card Receivable conforms in all material respects to all representations, warranties or other provisions in the Loan Documents or in the credit card agreements relating to such Credit Card Receivable;

(h) if such Credit Card Receivable is subject to risk of set-off, non-collection or not being processed due to unpaid and/or accrued credit card processor fee balances, or if a claim, counterclaim, offset or chargeback has been asserted by the applicable credit card issuer or credit card processor, the face amount thereof for purposes of determining the Borrowing Base has been reduced by the amount of such unpaid and/or accrued credit card processor fees or such claim, counterclaim, offset or chargeback;

(i) subject to the grace period in clause (d) of the definition of “Collateral and Guarantee Requirement”, such Credit Card Receivable is subject to a Credit Card Notification; and

(j) such Credit Card Receivable is not evidenced by chattel paper or an instrument of any kind unless such chattel paper or instrument is in the possession of the Collateral Agent, and to the extent necessary or appropriate, endorsed to the Collateral Agent;

provided, however, the Collateral Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion and upon prior written notice to the Company, deem any Credit Card Receivable ineligible, or impose additional eligibility criteria, based on the results of the most recent field examination or Inventory appraisal conducted pursuant to Section 5.23.

In determining the amount of an Eligible Credit Card Receivable, the face amount thereof may, in the Collateral Agent’s Permitted Discretion and upon prior written notice to the Company, be reduced by, without duplication, to the extent not reflected in such face amount, (i) the amount of all customary fees and expenses in connection with the credit card arrangements applicable thereto and (ii) the aggregate amount of all cash received in respect thereof but not yet applied by the applicable Loan Party to reduce the amount of such Eligible Credit Card Receivable.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no Credit Card Receivable acquired by any Loan Party after the Effective Date outside the ordinary course of business, or acquired or originated by any Person that becomes a Loan Party after the Effective Date, shall be included in determining Eligible Credit Card Receivables until a field examination with respect thereto has been completed to the satisfaction of the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion (it being understood and agreed that additional field examinations conducted at the Company’s election pursuant to this paragraph shall not count against the number of field examinations permitted pursuant to Section 5.23).

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“Eligible Inventory” means, at any time, the Inventory owned by any Loan Party (and in which such Loan Party has good and marketable title), but excluding any Inventory:

(a) which is not subject to a first priority perfected (subject to a Lien described in clause (a) or (b) in the definition of “Permitted Encumbrances”) Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Collateral Agreements securing the Obligations;

(b) which is subject to any Lien whatsoever, other than (i) a Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent, (ii) Permitted Encumbrances (other than those described in clauses (a) and (b) in the definition of “Permitted Encumbrances”) that do not have priority over the Liens securing the Obligations pursuant to the terms of the Collateral Agreements, (iii) Liens permitted under Section 5.08 (b)(ii), (b)(ix) or (b)(x) and (iv) in the case of Inventory at a warehouse or other third party storage facility or in transit with a common carrier or other third party carrier, any Lien in respect of which an appropriate Reserve shall have been established by the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion;

(c) which is slow moving, out of season, obsolete, unmerchantable, defective, used or unfit for sale; provided that, this clause (c) shall not exclude (i) slow moving Inventory located at a clearance center that has been appropriately priced consistent with the Company’s customary practices and (ii) Inventory solely due to such Inventory consisting of out of season products or components thereof;

(d) with respect to which any covenant, representation or warranty contained in this Agreement or in the other Loan Documents has been breached or is not true or which does not conform to all standards imposed by any Governmental Authority in the United States or Canada;

(e) in which any Person other than a Loan Party shall (i) have any direct or indirect ownership, interest or title (including the rights of a purchaser that has made progress payments and the rights of a surety that has issued a bond to assure a Loan Party’s performance with respect to that Inventory) or (ii) be indicated on any purchase order or invoice with respect to such Inventory as having or purporting to have an interest therein;

(f) which is not finished goods or which constitutes work-in-process, raw materials, spare or replacement parts, subassemblies, packaging and shipping material, manufacturing supplies, samples, prototypes, displays or display items, bill-and-hold or ship-in-place goods, goods that are returned or marked for return, repossessed goods, defective or damaged goods, goods held on consignment, or goods which are not of a type held for sale in the ordinary course of business;

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(g) which is not located in the United States or Canada or is in transit with a common carrier or other third party carrier from vendors and suppliers; provided that Inventory in transit within the United States or Canada may be included as Eligible Inventory so long as:

- (i) if the applicable Loan Party's rights with respect thereto are evidenced by a bill of lading or comparable document, such document either (A) is non-negotiable or (B) has been delivered to the Collateral Agent,
- (ii) the common carrier or other third party carrier is not an Affiliate of the Loan Parties or of the applicable vendor or supplier, and
- (iii) the customs broker is not an Affiliate of the Loan Parties or of the applicable vendor or supplier; provided that this clause (iii) shall not apply to Retail Brokerage Solutions, LLC;

(h) which is located in any real property leased by a Loan Party unless (i) the lessor has executed and delivered to the Collateral Agent a Collateral Access Agreement (subject to the grace period in clause (e) of the definition of "Collateral and Guarantee Requirement") or (ii) a Reserve for rent, charges and other amounts due or to become due with respect to such location has been established by the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion;

(i) which is located at any warehouse or other third party storage facility or is otherwise in the possession of a bailee (other than a third party processor) and (i) is evidenced by a negotiable warehouse receipt or comparable document unless such document has been delivered to the Collateral Agent or (ii) is not evidenced by a document, unless (A) such warehouseman or other bailee has executed and delivered to the Collateral Agent a Collateral Access Agreement (subject to the grace period in clause (e) of the definition of "Collateral and Guarantee Requirement") and such other documentation as the Collateral Agent may require in its Permitted Discretion or (B) an appropriate Reserve has been established by the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion;

- (j) which is a discontinued product or component thereof;
- (k) which is the subject of a consignment by a Loan Party as consignor;
- (l) which is perishable;

(m) which contains or bears any Intellectual Property rights licensed to a Loan Party unless the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion is satisfied that it may sell or otherwise dispose of such Inventory without (i) infringing the rights of such licensor, (ii) violating any contract with such licensor or (iii) incurring any liability with respect to payment of royalties other than royalties incurred pursuant to sale of such Inventory under the current licensing agreement;

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(n) which is not reflected in a current perpetual inventory report of the applicable Loan Party (unless such Inventory is reflected in a report to the Collateral Agent as “in transit” Inventory); or

(o) for which reclamation rights have been asserted by the seller;

provided, however, the Collateral Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion and upon prior written notice to the Company, deem any Inventory ineligible, or impose additional eligibility criteria, based on the results of the most recent field examination or Inventory appraisal conducted pursuant to Section 5.23.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the amount of Inventory shall be adjusted (A) as required to eliminate intercompany profit and (B) to true up cost by eliminating intercompany performance incentives and (ii) the aggregate amount of Inventory included in the Borrowing Base pursuant to the proviso to clause (c) shall not exceed \$50,000,000.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no Inventory acquired by any Loan Party after the Effective Date other than in the ordinary course of business, or acquired or created by any Person that becomes a Loan Party after the Effective Date, shall be included in determining Eligible Inventory until an appraisal with respect thereto has been completed to the satisfaction of the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion (it being understood and agreed that additional appraisals conducted at the Company’s election pursuant to this paragraph shall not count against the number of appraisals permitted pursuant to Section 5.23).

“Eligible Real Property” means, on any date, the real property owned in fee by a Loan Party (i) that is acceptable in the Permitted Discretion of the Collateral Agent for inclusion in the Borrowing Base, (ii) in respect of which a Real Property Appraisal has been delivered to the Collateral Agent prior to its inclusion in the Borrowing Base and during the 24-month period ending on such date, (iii) in respect of which the Collateral Agent is satisfied that all actions necessary or desirable in order to create a perfected first priority Lien on such real property in favor of the Collateral Agent have been taken, including the filing and recording of Mortgages, (iv) in respect of which an environmental assessment report has been completed and delivered to the Collateral Agent in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Lenders and which does not indicate any pending, threatened or existing Environmental Liability, or noncompliance with any Environmental Law, (v) in respect of which the Company shall have delivered a fully-paid valid title insurance policy in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent naming the Collateral Agent as the insured for the benefit of the Lenders, issued by a nationally recognized title insurance company reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent, insuring the Lien of such Mortgage as a valid and enforceable first priority Lien on the Eligible Real Property described therein, with such customary endorsements reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent and (vi) if requested by the Collateral Agent: (A) a completed ALTA survey reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent has been delivered for which all necessary fees have been paid and which is dated no more than 30 days prior to the date on which the applicable Mortgage is recorded, certified to the Collateral Agent and the issuer of the title insurance policy in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent by a land surveyor duly registered and licensed in the state in which such Eligible Real Property is located and acceptable to the Agent; (B) in respect of which local counsel for the Company in states in which the Eligible Real Property is located have delivered a letter of opinion with respect to the enforceability and perfection of the Mortgages and any related fixture filings in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent; (C) in respect of which the Company shall have used its commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain estoppel certificates executed by all tenants of such Eligible Real Property and such other consents, agreements and confirmations of lessors and third parties have been delivered to the Collateral Agent as the Collateral Agent may deem necessary or desirable; and (D) a completed “Life of Loan” Federal Emergency Management Agency standard flood hazard determination obtained with respect to such Eligible Real Property, together with evidence that all other customary actions that the Collateral Agent may reasonably deem necessary or desirable in order to create perfected first priority Liens on the property described in the Mortgages in favor of the Collateral Agent have been taken; provided, however, Eligible Real Property shall exclude (a) any real property located outside of the United States of America and (b) any Flood Hazard Property.

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“Enhanced Borrowing Base Reporting Period” means (a) any period during which a Specified Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or (b) any period (1) commencing on any day when Specified Excess Availability has for three consecutive Business Days been less than or equal to the greater of (x) \$100,000,000 and (y) 15% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount and (2) ending after Specified Excess Availability has been greater than the amount set forth in clause (1) above for 20 consecutive days during which period no Specified Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

“Environmental Laws” means all applicable laws, rules, regulations, codes, orders-in-council, ordinances, orders, decrees, judgments, injunctions or binding agreements issued, promulgated or entered into by any Governmental Authority, relating to the environment, preservation or reclamation of natural resources or the management, release or threatened release of any Hazardous Material.

“Environmental Liability” means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

“Equity Interests” means shares of capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests in a limited liability company, beneficial interests in a trust or other equity ownership interests in a Person.

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

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Company, is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code or, solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code, is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

“EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule” means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

“Eurodollar”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, is bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to a LIBO Rate.

“Event of Default” has the meaning set forth in Section 6.01.

“Excess Availability” means, at any time, an amount equal to (a) the Maximum Borrowing Amount, minus (b) the Aggregate Credit Exposure (which, solely for purposes of determining Average Daily Excess Availability, shall exclude Protective Advances), in each case outstanding at such time.

“Exchange Rate” means on any day, for purposes of determining the US Dollar Equivalent of any other currency, the rate at which such other currency may be exchanged into US Dollars at the time of determination on such day as set forth on the Reuters WRLD Page for such currency. In the event that such rate does not appear on any Reuters WRLD Page, the Exchange Rate shall be determined by reference to such other publicly available service for displaying exchange rates as may be agreed upon by the Administrative Agent and the Company or, in the absence of such an agreement, such Exchange Rate shall instead be the Spot Rate.

“Excluded Deposit Accounts” means (a) any deposit account the funds in which are used solely for the payment of salaries and wages, workers’ compensation and similar expenses (including payroll taxes) in the ordinary course of business, (b) any deposit account that is a zero-balance disbursement account, (c) any deposit account the funds in which consist solely of (i) funds held by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party in trust for any director, officer or employee of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party or any employee benefit plan maintained by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party or (ii) funds representing deferred compensation for the directors and employees of the Company and the Subsidiary Loan Parties, (d) any deposit account the funds in which consist solely of cash earnest money deposits or funds deposited under escrow or similar arrangements in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement for any transaction permitted hereunder and (e) other deposit accounts to the extent the aggregate daily balance in all such accounts does not at any time exceed \$100,000.

“Excluded Securities Account” means any securities account the securities entitlements in which consist solely of (a) securities entitlements held by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party in trust for any director, officer or employee of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party or any employee benefit plan maintained by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party or (b) securities entitlements representing deferred compensation for the directors and employees of the Company and the Subsidiary Loan Parties.

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“Excluded Subsidiary” means:

- (a) any Immaterial Subsidiary,
  - (b) any Consolidated Subsidiary that is prohibited or restricted by law, rule or regulation or contractual obligation (in the case of any such contractual obligation, where such contractual obligation exists on the Effective Date or on the date such entity becomes a Consolidated Subsidiary, as long as such contractual obligation was not entered into in contemplation of such person becoming a Consolidated Subsidiary) from Guaranteeing the Obligations or that would require a governmental (including regulatory) or third party consent, approval, license or authorization to Guarantee the Obligations (including under any financial assistance, corporate benefit, thin capitalization, capital maintenance, liquidity maintenance or similar legal principles) for so long as the applicable prohibition or restriction is in effect and unless and until such consent has been received, it being understood that the Company and its subsidiaries shall have no obligation to obtain any such consent, approval, license or authorization,
  - (c) any not-for-profit subsidiary,
  - (d) any Captive Insurance Subsidiary or subsidiary that is a broker-dealer,
  - (e) any special purpose entity (including a special purpose entity used for any permitted securitization or receivables facility or financing) and any Receivables Subsidiary,
  - (f) (i) any Domestic Subsidiary that is a disregarded subsidiary for Tax purposes or (ii) any Domestic Subsidiary that is a direct or indirect subsidiary of any Foreign Subsidiary or any Subsidiary described in the preceding clause (i),
  - (g) any Subsidiary that is not a wholly-owned Consolidated Subsidiary,
  - (h) any Consolidated Subsidiary acquired pursuant to an acquisition or other Investment permitted by this Agreement that has Indebtedness at the time of such acquisition or Investment, and not incurred in contemplation thereof, and any Consolidated Subsidiary thereof that guarantees such Indebtedness, in each case to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness prohibit such Consolidated Subsidiary from becoming a Subsidiary Loan Party,
  - (i) any Consolidated Subsidiary if the provision of a Guarantee of the Obligations could reasonably be expected to result in adverse tax or regulatory consequences to any Loan Party or any of its subsidiaries or parent companies that are not de minimis as determined by the Company in good faith, and
  - (j) any other Consolidated Subsidiary with respect to which, in the good faith judgment of the Administrative Agent and the Company, the burden or cost of Guaranteeing the Obligations outweighs the benefits afforded thereby.
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“Excluded Taxes” means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient: (a) income, franchise or similar Taxes and branch profits Taxes, in each case, imposed on (or measured by) such Recipient’s net income by the United States of America, (b) income, franchise or similar Taxes and branch profits Taxes, in each case, imposed by the jurisdiction under the laws of which such Recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable lending office is located, or which are imposed by reason of any present or former connection between such Lender and the jurisdiction imposing such Taxes, other than solely as a result of this Agreement or any Loan or transaction contemplated hereby, (c) in the case of a Lender (other than an assignee pursuant to a request by the Company under Section 2.18(b)), any U.S. federal withholding Tax that is in effect and would apply to amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender under applicable law at the time such Lender becomes a party to this Agreement (or designates a new lending office), except to the extent that such Lender (or its assignor, if any) was entitled, under applicable law at the time of designation of a new lending office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts from the Company with respect to any such withholding Tax pursuant to Section 2.16(a), (d) any Tax that is attributable to such Lender’s or any other recipient’s failure to comply with Section 2.16(f), (e) any U.S. federal Taxes imposed under FATCA, and (f) any Canadian withholding tax that is imposed as a result of a Recipient not dealing at arm’s length (within the meaning of the ITA) with the payer at the time of such payment.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with); any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof; any intergovernmental agreements entered into thereunder and any law, regulation or official guidance adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements; and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

“FCPA” means the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977.

“Federal Funds Effective Rate” means, for any day, the rate calculated by the NYFRB based on such day’s federal funds transactions by depository institutions (as determined in such manner as shall be set forth on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Website from time to time) and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as the federal funds effective rate; provided that if such rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for all purposes of this Agreement.

“Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Website” means the website of the NYFRB at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source.

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

“FIRREA” means the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended.

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“Fiscal Month” means any fiscal month as set forth in the calendar published by the National Retail Federation.

“Fiscal Year” means any fiscal year as set forth in the calendar published by the National Retail Federation setting forth the fiscal year for retailers on a 52/53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday on or nearest (whether following or preceding) January 31 of the following calendar year.

“Flood Hazard Property” means any real property improved by a Building (as defined in the Flood Insurance Laws) or Manufactured (Mobile) Home (as defined in the Flood Insurance Laws) that on the relevant date of determination is located in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (or any successor agency) as a special flood hazard area.

“Flood Insurance Laws” means, collectively, (i) the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (which comprehensively revised the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973) as now or hereafter in effect or any successor statute thereto, (ii) the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004 as now or hereafter in effect or any successor statute thereto and (iii) the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 as now or hereafter in effect or any successor statute thereto.

“Foreign Lender” means any Lender that is not a U.S. Person or, as applicable in the case of a Loan or Commitment to a Canadian Borrower, a Lender that is not resident in Canada for purposes of the ITA.

“Foreign Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary or a Canadian Subsidiary.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

“Gift Card Reserve” means, at any time, the sum of (a) 50% of the aggregate remaining amount at such time of outstanding gift certificates and gift cards sold by the Loan Parties entitling the holder thereof to use all or a portion of the certificate or gift card to pay all or a portion of the purchase price of Inventory and (b) 50% of the aggregate amount at such time of outstanding customer deposits and merchandise credits entitling the holder thereof to use all or a portion of such deposit or credit to pay all or a portion of the purchase price of Inventory.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States of America, Canada, any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state, local, provincial or territorial, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government.

“Guarantee” of or by any Person (the “guarantor”) means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of the guarantor guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person (the “primary obligor”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of the guarantor, direct or indirect, (a) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation or to purchase (or to advance or supply funds for the purchase of) any security for the payment thereof, (b) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the owner of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment thereof, (c) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation or (d) as an account party in respect of any letter of credit or letter of guaranty issued to support such Indebtedness or obligation; provided that the term “Guarantee” shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business.

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“Hazardous Materials” means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes in each case which are regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

“Hedging Agreement” means any interest rate protection agreement, foreign currency exchange agreement, commodity price protection agreement or other interest or currency exchange rate or commodity price hedging arrangement.

“IBA” has the meaning set forth in Section 1.08.

“Immaterial Subsidiaries” means, at any time, Consolidated Subsidiaries that (a) are Domestic Subsidiaries or Canadian Subsidiaries and (b) at such time, in the aggregate for all such Subsidiaries, (i) directly own less than 10% of the amount of Qualifying Assets owned directly by all Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Domestic Subsidiaries or Canadian Subsidiaries and (ii) directly own accounts receivable and inventory representing less than 5% of the book value of the accounts receivable and inventory directly owned by all Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Domestic Subsidiaries or Canadian Subsidiaries.

“Incremental Facility Agreement” means an Incremental Facility Agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, among the Company, the Administrative Agent and one or more Incremental Lenders, establishing Incremental Revolving Commitments of any tranche and effecting such other amendments hereto and to the other Loan Documents as are contemplated by Section 2.08.

“Incremental Lender” means a Lender with an Incremental Revolving Commitment.

“Incremental Revolving Commitment” means, with respect to any Lender, the commitment, if any, of such Lender, established pursuant to an Incremental Facility Agreement and Section 2.08, to make Incremental Revolving Loans of any tranche, and, if provided in such Incremental Facility Agreement, to acquire participations in Letters of Credit and Protective Advances of such tranche, expressed as an amount representing the maximum aggregate permitted amount of such Lender’s Credit Exposure under such Incremental Facility Agreement.

“Incremental Revolving Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to a tranche of Incremental Revolving Commitments.

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“Indebtedness” of any Person means, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (c) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property (other than inventory) or services (excluding accruals and trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business), (d) all Indebtedness of others secured by any Lien on property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby has been assumed, (e) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of others, (f) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person and (g) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers’ acceptances.

“Indemnified Taxes” means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of any Borrower under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a), Other Taxes.

“Insolvency Laws” means each of the Bankruptcy Code, the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada), the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) and the *Winding-Up and Restructuring Act* (Canada), in each case as amended, and any other applicable state, provincial, territorial, foreign or federal bankruptcy laws, each as now and hereafter in effect, any successors to such statutes and any other applicable insolvency or other similar law of any jurisdiction, including any corporate law of any jurisdiction permitting a debtor to obtain a stay or a compromise of the claims of its creditors against it and including any rules and regulations pursuant thereto.

“Intellectual Property” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Collateral Agreements.

“Intercreditor Agreement” means (a) the Intercreditor Agreement dated the date hereof, among the Administrative Agent and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Term Loan Agent (as defined therein), as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time or (b) any other customary intercreditor or subordination agreement or arrangement among the Loan Parties, the Collateral Agent and the trustee, agent or other representative for holders of any Indebtedness secured by Non-ABL Priority Collateral or second priority Liens contemplated by clause (b)(x) of Section 5.08, as applicable, which intercreditor agreement shall be consistent with the then existing market practice and reasonably acceptable to the Required Lenders (it being understood that (i) any such intercreditor agreement shall be considered approved by a Lender if made available to such Lender by the Administrative Agent (through Intralinks or similar facility) and such Lender is informed that such intercreditor agreement shall be considered approved by it if there is no objection within five Business Days, and no such objection is made and (ii) such intercreditor agreement shall be deemed accepted if approved or deemed approved by the Required Lenders).

“Interest Election Request” means a request by a Borrower to convert or continue a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.07.

“Interest Payment Date” means (a) with respect to any ABR Loan or Canadian Prime Rate Loan (other than a Protective Advance), the last day of each March, June, September and December, (b) with respect to any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loan, the last day of the Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing with an Interest Period of more than three-months’ duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at intervals of three-months’ duration after the first day of such Interest Period and (c) with respect to any Protective Advance, the day that such Loan is required to be repaid.

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“Interest Period” means, with respect to any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, three or six months thereafter or, if available from all participating Lenders, 12 months thereafter, in each case as the applicable Borrower may elect; provided that (i) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day, (ii) any Interest Period pertaining to a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the last calendar month of such Interest Period, (iii) no tenor that has been removed from this definition pursuant to Section 2.13(f) shall be available and (iv) any Interest Period that would otherwise end after the Maturity Date will end on the Maturity Date. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

“Interpolated Rate” means, (A) with respect to any Eurodollar Loan for any Interest Period or clause (c) of the definition of the term “Alternate Base Rate”, a rate per annum (rounded upward to the next 1/100th of 1%) determined by the Administrative Agent (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) to be equal to the rate that results from interpolating on a linear basis between (a) the applicable LIBO Screen Rate for the longest period (for which such LIBO Screen Rate is available) that is shorter than the Interest Period for such Eurodollar Loan and (b) the applicable LIBO Screen Rate for the shortest period (for which such LIBO Screen Rate is available) that is longer than the Interest Period for such Eurodollar Loan, in each case at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period and (B) with respect to any CDOR Rate Loan for any Interest Period, a rate per annum (rounded upward to the next 1/100th of 1% (with 0.005% being rounded up)) determined by the Administrative Agent (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) to be equal to the rate that results from interpolating on a linear basis between (a) the applicable CDO Screen Rate for the longest period (for which such CDO Screen Rate is available) that is shorter than the Interest Period for such CDOR Rate Loan and (b) the applicable CDO Screen Rate for the shortest period (for which such CDO Screen Rate is available) that is longer than the Interest Period for such CDOR Rate Loan, in each case at or about approximately 10:00 a.m., Toronto time, on the applicable date of determination two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period.

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“Inventory” has the meaning specified in the UCC.

“Investment” has the meaning set forth in Section 5.17.

“IRS” means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

“ISDA Definitions” means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or such successor thereto.

“ISP” means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the “International Standby Practices 1998” published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, Inc. (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

“Issuing Bank” means, as applicable, (a) with respect to Letters of Credit to be participated in under the Revolving Commitments, (i) JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, (ii) Goldman Sachs Bank USA, in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, (iii) Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit (denominated in US Dollars only) hereunder, (iv) Citibank, N.A., in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, (v) HSBC Bank USA, N.A., in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, (vi) Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, (vii) Barclays Bank PLC, in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit (standby only) hereunder, (viii) any other Revolving Lender or Affiliate of a Revolving Lender designated by the Company (with such Revolving Lender’s consent) as an Issuing Bank with respect to such Letters of Credit in a written notice to the Administrative Agent and (ix) their respective successors in such capacity as provided in Section 2.05(i) and (b) with respect to Letters of Credit to be participated in under the Commitments of any other Class, (i) any Lender of such Class or Affiliate of a Lender of such Class named as such in the Incremental Facility Agreement pursuant to which such Commitments were established, (ii) any other Lender of such Class or Affiliate of a Lender of such Class designated by the Company (with such Lender’s consent) as an Issuing Bank with respect to such Letters of Credit in a written notice to the Administrative Agent and (iii) its respective successors in such capacity as provided in Section 2.05(i). Any Issuing Bank may, in its discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by or through Affiliates of such Issuing Bank, in which case the term “Issuing Bank” shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate.

“ITA” means the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

“Judgment Currency” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.18(b).

“LC Commitment” means, with respect to any Issuing Bank, the maximum permitted amount of LC Exposure that may be attributable to Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank. Each Issuing Bank’s LC Commitment shall be equal to (x) the amount set forth in clause (i) of the third sentence of Section 2.05(b) divided by (y) the number of Issuing Banks at such time, or such other amount as agreed by such Issuing Bank and the Company; provided that from and after the Effective Date, no Issuing Bank’s LC Commitment shall be increased without such Issuing Bank’s consent.

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“LC Disbursement” means a payment made by any Issuing Bank pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

“LC Exposure” means, with respect to any Class as at any date of determination, the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit of such Class plus the aggregate of all LC Disbursements in respect of Letters of Credit of such Class that have not yet been reimbursed by or on behalf of the applicable Borrowers at such time. For purposes of computing the amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Rule 3.14 of the ISP, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be “outstanding” in the amount so remaining available to be drawn. The LC Exposure with respect to any Class of any Lender of such Class at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage in respect of such Class of the total LC Exposure in respect of such Class at such time, subject to adjustment pursuant to any LC Exposure Reallocation. An LC Exposure Reallocation permitted hereunder shall be effective upon election by the Company as provided in Section 2.19, and shall be rescinded with respect to any Lender that is a Defaulting Lender at the time it ceases to be a Defaulting Lender or at the time its applicable Commitment is assigned pursuant to Section 2.18(b) or terminated pursuant to Section 2.18(c).

“LC Exposure Reallocation” means an adjustment to the LC Exposure of each Lender of any applicable Class that is a non-Defaulting Lender, to take account of a Lender or Lenders of such Class being or becoming a Defaulting Lender, that increases the LC Exposure of each Lender of such Class that is not a Defaulting Lender to equal its Applicable Percentage in respect of such Class (determined as though the Commitment of each Lender of such Class that is a Defaulting Lender were reduced to zero) of the total LC Exposure in respect of such Class, in order to support its ratable share of the LC Exposure of such Class of the relevant Defaulting Lender or Defaulting Lenders. In the event of an LC Exposure Reallocation (a) the LC Exposure of the relevant Lender that is a Defaulting Lender shall not be decreased, but (b) the LC Exposure of each Lender of the applicable Class that is not a Defaulting Lender shall be increased as provided above, and such Lender’s increased LC Exposure of such Class shall apply for all purposes of this Agreement, including for purposes of determining its Credit Exposure and participation fees payable with respect to its LC Exposure. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, an LC Exposure Reallocation shall not be permitted if, after giving effect thereto, the Credit Exposure of any Lender of such Class shall exceed its Commitment of such Class.

“Lenders” means the Persons listed on Schedule 2.01 and any other Person that shall have become a party hereto (i) pursuant to an accession agreement as contemplated in Section 2.08(d), (ii) pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption as contemplated in Section 8.04(b), other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption or (iii) pursuant to an Incremental Facility Agreement. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term “Lenders” includes the Administrative Agent in its capacity as lender of Protective Advances.

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“Letter of Credit” means any letter of credit issued pursuant to this Agreement and shall include, if applicable, any bankers’ acceptance resulting from any such letter of credit, so long as such banker’s acceptance matures within the period provided for in Section 2.05(c).

“Liabilities” means any losses, claims (including intraparty claims), demands, damages or liabilities of any kind.

“LIBO Rate” means, with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing for any Interest Period, the London interbank offered rate as administered by ICE Benchmark Administration (or any other Person that takes over the administration of such rate for US Dollars) for a period equal in length to such Interest Period as displayed on pages LIBOR01 or LIBOR02 of the Reuters screen that displays such rate (or, in the event such rate does not appear on a Reuters page or screen, on any successor or substitute page on such screen that displays such rate, or on the appropriate page of such other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion; in each case the “LIBO Screen Rate”) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period; provided that if the LIBO Screen Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for the purposes of this Agreement; provided further that if the LIBO Screen Rate shall not be available at such time for such Interest Period with respect to US Dollars then the LIBO Rate shall be the Interpolated Rate.

“Lien” means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, charge or security interest in, on or of such asset.

“Loan Documents” means this Agreement and the Collateral Documents.

“Loan Parties” means the Borrowers and the Subsidiary Loan Parties.

“Loans” means the loans (including Protective Advances) made by the Lenders to the Borrowers pursuant to this Agreement.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, financial position or results of operations of the Company and the Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (b) the ability of any Borrower to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement or (c) the rights of or benefits available to the Lenders under this Agreement or the Collateral Agreements.

“Material Indebtedness” means Indebtedness (other than the Loans and Letters of Credit), or obligations in respect of one or more Hedging Agreements, of any one or more of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$100,000,000. For purposes of determining Material Indebtedness, the “principal amount” of the obligations of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary in respect of any Hedging Agreement at any time shall be the maximum aggregate amount (giving effect to any netting agreements) that the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary would be required to pay if such Hedging Agreement were terminated at such time.

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“Material Subsidiary” means any (i) Designated Real Estate Subsidiary or (ii) Consolidated Subsidiary that (a) is a wholly-owned Domestic Subsidiary or a wholly-owned Canadian Subsidiary and (b) is not an Excluded Subsidiary.

“Maturity Date” means [●], 2026.

“Maximum Borrowing Amount” means, at any time, the lesser of (a) the Aggregate Commitments at such time and (b) the Borrowing Base at such time.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc.

“Mortgage” means a mortgage, deed of trust, assignment of leases and rents or other security document granting a Lien on any Mortgaged Property in favor of the Collateral Agent to secure the Obligations. Each Mortgage shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

“Mortgaged Property” means each parcel of real property (together with any adjoining or other parcels of real property integral to the operation of any facility owned by any Loan Party that shall be subject to a Mortgage; provided that such additional parcels of real property shall not constitute Mortgaged Property if the applicable Loan Party is unable to deliver a Mortgage encumbering such additional parcels despite using commercially reasonable efforts to deliver them) located in the United States of America owned in fee by a Loan Party, and the improvements thereto.

“Multiemployer Plan” means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

“Net Orderly Liquidation Value” means, with respect to Inventory of any Person, the orderly liquidation value thereof as identified in the most recent field examination or Inventory appraisal conducted pursuant to Section 5.23, as applicable, net of all costs of liquidation thereof.

“Non-ABL Priority Collateral” means, at any time, all the following assets that constitute Collateral, whether now owned or hereafter acquired and wherever located: (a) all real property, related appurtenant rights and Fixtures and interests therein (including both fee and leasehold interests) (x) located outside the United States of America and (y) located in the United States of America if Eligible Real Property is not included in the Borrowing Base at such time; (b) all Equipment; (c) all Intellectual Property (other than any computer programs and any support and information relating thereto that constitute Inventory); (d) all Equity Interests and other Investment Property (other than Investment Property constituting ABL Priority Collateral under clause (d) or (g) of the definition of such term); (e) all Commercial Tort Claims; (f) all insurance policies relating to Non-ABL Priority Collateral, but, for the avoidance of doubt, excluding business interruption insurance and credit insurance with respect to any Accounts; (g) except to the extent constituting ABL Priority Collateral under clause (g) of the definition of such term, all Documents, all General Intangibles, all Instruments and all Letter-of-Credit Rights; (h) all other Collateral not constituting ABL Priority Collateral; (i) all collateral and guarantees given by any other Person with respect to any of the foregoing, and all Supporting Obligations (including Letter-of-Credit Rights) with respect to any of the foregoing; (j) all books and Records to the extent relating to any of the foregoing; and (k) all products and Proceeds of the foregoing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term “Non-ABL Priority Collateral” shall not include any assets referred to in clauses (a) through (e) of the definition of the term “ABL Priority Collateral”. Capitalized terms used in this definition but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Collateral Agreements.

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“Non-Consenting Lender” means any Lender that withholds its consent to any proposed amendment, modification or waiver that cannot become effective without the consent of such Lender under Section 8.02 or Section 8.02A, and that has been consented to by the Required Lenders (or (a) in circumstances where Section 8.02 does not require the consent of the Required Lenders as a result of clause (ii) of the second proviso in Section 8.02(b), a majority in interest of the Lenders of the affected Class or (b) in circumstances where Section 8.02A does not require the consent of the Required Lenders, the Supermajority Lenders).

“NYFRB” means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“NYFRB Rate” means, for any day, the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day and (b) the Overnight Bank Funding Rate in effect on such day (or for any day that is not a Business Day, for the immediately preceding Business Day); provided that if none of such rates are published for any day that is a Business Day, the term “NYFRB Rate” shall mean the rate for a federal funds transaction quoted at 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on such day received by the Administrative Agent from a Federal funds broker of recognized standing selected by it; provided, further, that if any of the aforesaid rates shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

“OA Payment Obligations” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Open Account Agreement”.

“Obligations” has the meaning set forth in the Collateral Agreements.

“OFAC” means the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Asset Control.

“Open Account Agreement” means any agreement between or among a Lender or any of its Affiliates and the Company or any Subsidiary, as identified to the Collateral Agent as an “Open Account Agreement” for purposes of this Agreement by the Company from time to time, pursuant to which the Company or such Subsidiary has committed to pay such Lender or its Affiliates (a) amounts on account of any account receivable purchased by such Lender or its Affiliates from certain vendors of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, (b) the amount of any overdrafts created by such Lender or its Affiliates to pay vendors other than those referred to in clause (a) above, and (c) certain processing fees thereunder (the obligations to pay the amounts referred to in clauses (a), (b) and (c), collectively, the “OA Payment Obligations”).

“Other Taxes” means any and all present or future recording, stamp, documentary, intangible filing, excise, property or similar taxes, charges or levies imposed by the United States of America or any political subdivision thereof arising from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, or from the registration, receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

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“Overnight Bank Funding Rate” means, for any day, the rate comprised of both overnight federal funds and overnight Eurodollar borrowings by U.S.-managed banking offices of depository institutions, as such composite rate shall be determined by the NYFRB as set forth on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Website from time to time, and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the NYFRB as an overnight bank funding rate (from and after such date as the NYFRB shall commence to publish such composite rate).

“Participant Register” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.04(c)(iii).

“Patriot Act” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.15.

“Payment” has the meaning set forth in Section 7.03.

“Payment Conditions” means:

(a) in respect of any Restricted Payment to be made in reliance on such conditions, on a pro forma basis, on each of the 30 days immediately preceding such Restricted Payment, and projected on a reasonable basis for each of the 30 days succeeding such Restricted Payment, either (i) both (x) the ratio of Consolidated EBITDAR to Consolidated Fixed Charges for the most recent Test Period is greater than 1.00 to 1.00 and (y) Specified Excess Availability is greater than the greater of (A) \$120,000,000 and (B) 20% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount or (ii) Specified Excess Availability is greater than the greater of (A) \$200,000,000 and (B) 30% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount, and, in each case, the absence of an Event of Default; and

(b) in respect of any Investment to be made in reliance on such conditions, on a pro forma basis, on each of the 30 days immediately preceding such Investment, and projected on a reasonable basis for each of the 30 days succeeding such Investment, either (i) both (x) the ratio of Consolidated EBITDAR to Consolidated Fixed Charges for the most recent Test Period is greater than 1.00 to 1.00 and (y) Specified Excess Availability is greater than the greater of (A) \$80,000,000 and (B) 17.5% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount or (ii) Specified Excess Availability is greater than the greater of (A) \$160,000,000 and (B) 25% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount, and, in each case, the absence of an Event of Default.

“Payment Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 7.03.

“Payment Intangibles” has the meaning specified in the UCC.

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

“Permitted Discretion” means a determination made by the Collateral Agent in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable (from the perspective of a secured asset-based lender) business judgment in accordance with the Collateral Agent’s credit policies.

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“Permitted Encumbrances” means:

- (a) Liens imposed by law for taxes that are not yet due;
  - (b) carriers’, warehousemen’s, mechanics’, materialmen’s, repairmen’s, landlord’s and other like Liens imposed by law, arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations that are not overdue by more than 30 days;
  - (c) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations;
  - (d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business;
  - (e) judgment liens in respect of judgments that do not constitute an Event of Default under clause (i) of Section 6.01;
  - (f) easements, zoning restrictions, rights-of-way and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of the Company or any Subsidiary;
  - (g) Liens in favor of sellers of goods arising under Article 2 of the UCC or similar provisions of applicable law in the ordinary course of business, covering only the goods sold and securing only the unpaid purchase price for such goods and related expenses;
  - (h) Liens securing obligations in respect of trade letters of credit; provided that such Liens do not extend to any property other than the goods financed or paid for with such letters of credit, documents of title in respect thereof and proceeds thereof;
  - (i) Liens (i) arising by operation of law under Article 4 of the UCC in connection with collection of items provided for therein, and (ii) in favor of a banking or other financial institution arising as a matter of law or under customary general terms and conditions encumbering deposits or other funds maintained with a financial institution (including the right of set-off) and which are within the general parameters customary in the banking industry or arising pursuant to such banking institution’s general terms and conditions;
  - (j) leases, licenses, subleases or sublicenses granted to others in the ordinary course of business which do not (i) interfere in any material respect with the business of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary, taken as a whole, or (ii) secure any Indebtedness;
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(k) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for sale of goods entered into by the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business permitted by this Agreement;

(l) Liens encumbering reasonable customary initial deposits and margin deposits and similar Liens attaching to commodity trading accounts or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;

(m) Liens that are contractual rights of set-off (i) relating to the establishment of depository relations with banks not given in connection with the issuance of Indebtedness, (ii) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party to permit satisfaction of overdraft or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company and the Subsidiary Loan Parties or (iii) relating to purchase orders and other agreements entered into with customers of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party in the ordinary course of business;

(n) Liens solely on any cash earnest money deposits made by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted hereunder;

(o) Liens arising from precautionary UCC filings regarding “true” operating leases or the consignment of goods to a Loan Party;  
and

(p) Liens on insurance proceeds incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with the financing of insurance premiums;

provided that the term “Permitted Encumbrances” shall not include any Lien securing Indebtedness.

“Permitted Holders” means Leslie H. Wexner, all descendants of any of his grandparents, any spouse or former spouse of any of the foregoing, any descendant of any such spouse or former spouse, the estate of any of the foregoing, any trust for the benefit, in whole or in part, of one or more of the foregoing and any corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity Controlled by one or more of the foregoing.

“Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness” means any Indebtedness of the Company or any other Loan Party permitted under Section 5.10(k) or (l).

“Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness Documents” means any credit agreement, indenture or other agreement, instrument or other document evidencing or governing any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness or providing for any Guarantee or other right in respect thereof.

“Person” means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, unlimited liability corporation, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

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“Plan” means any “employee pension benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(2) of the ERISA (other than a Multiemployer Plan) subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, and in respect of which the Company or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such plan were terminated, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an “employer” as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

“PPSA” means the *Personal Property Security Act* (Ontario), including the regulations thereto, provided that, if validity, perfection or the effect of perfection or non-perfection or the priority of any Lien created hereunder on the Collateral is governed by the personal property security legislation or other applicable legislation with respect to personal property security in effect in a jurisdiction other than Ontario, “PPSA” means the *Personal Property Security Act* or such other applicable legislation in effect from time to time in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such validity, perfection, effect of perfection or non-perfection or priority.

“Pre-Closing Reorganization Transactions” means each of transactions that collectively constitute the Restructuring (as defined in the Separation Agreement).

“Prime Rate” means the rate of interest last quoted by The Wall Street Journal as the “Prime Rate” in the U.S. or, if The Wall Street Journal ceases to quote such rate, the highest per annum interest rate published by the Board in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) (Selected Interest Rates) as the “bank prime loan” rate or, if such rate is no longer quoted therein, any similar rate quoted therein (as determined by the Administrative Agent) or any similar release by the Board (as determined by the Administrative Agent). Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced or quoted as being effective.

“Protective Advance Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of the principal amounts of all outstanding Protective Advances at such time. The Protective Advance Exposures of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total Protective Advance Exposures at such time, adjusted to give effect to any reallocation under Section 2.19 of the Protective Advance Exposures of Defaulting Lenders in effect at such time.

“Protective Advances” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.04(a).

“PTE” means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

“QFC” has the meaning assigned to the term “qualified financial contract” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 5390(c)(8)(D).

“QFC Credit Support” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.21.

“Qualifying Assets” means any and all assets directly owned by the Consolidated Subsidiaries that are Domestic Subsidiaries or Canadian Subsidiaries, other than (a) real property, including improvements thereto and fixtures, (b) aircraft and (c) investments in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. The amount or value of any Qualifying Assets at any time shall be the book value thereof at such time determined in accordance with GAAP.

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“Real Property Appraisal” means an appraisal report from an appraisal firm satisfactory to the Collateral Agent, complying with the requirements of FIRREA and dated no more than 60 days prior to the date of delivery to the Collateral Agent, in form and substance satisfactory to the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion.

“Real Property Exclusion Notice” means a written notice to the Collateral Agent from the Company, signed by a Financial Officer of the Company and certifying (i) that the Company elects to exclude Eligible Real Property from the Borrowing Base and (ii) that either (x) the ratio of Consolidated EBITDAR to Consolidated Fixed Charges for the most recent Test Period is greater than 1.10 to 1.00 or (y) Specified Excess Availability is greater than \$240,000,000.

“Receivables Facility” means any of one or more transactions pursuant to which the Company or any of the Consolidated Subsidiaries sells or conveys Receivables Facility Assets to a Receivables Subsidiary that borrows or issues debt on a secured basis against Receivables Facility Assets.

“Receivables Facility Assets” means (a) Accounts that are excluded from Eligible Accounts pursuant to clause (g)(i) or (l) of the definition thereof and, in each case, any related assets and rights (including any collateral securing such Accounts, any contract rights in respect of such Accounts, proceeds collected on such Accounts, lockbox accounts into which such proceeds are collected and related records) customarily transferred in connection with similar receivables financing or securitization transactions and/or (b) Equity Interests issued by any Receivables Subsidiary.

“Receivables Facility Guarantee” means (i) any guarantee of performance and related indemnification entered into by the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary in respect of the obligations of a seller or servicer of Receivables Facility Assets in a Receivables Facility or (ii) any other guarantee of performance entered into by the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary which the Company has determined in good faith to be customary in a Receivables Facility.

“Receivables Subsidiary” means a Consolidated Subsidiary (x) formed as a special purpose entity for the purpose of facilitating or entering into one or more Specified Receivables Facilities and promptly identified in writing to the Administrative Agent as a Receivables Subsidiary and (y) engaged only in activities reasonably related or incidental to Specified Receivables Facilities (it being understood and agreed that any entity formed solely for the purpose of holding any bank account into which collections or other proceeds of Receivables Facility Assets are paid shall satisfy the requirement in clause (y) above).

“Recipient” means (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) any Lender and (c) any Issuing Bank, as applicable.

“Reference Time” with respect to any setting of the then-current Benchmark means (a) if such Benchmark is the Adjusted LIBO Rate, 11:00 a.m., London time, on the day that is two London banking days preceding the date of such setting and (b) if such Benchmark is the CDOR Rate, 10:15 a.m., Toronto time, on the day of such setting.

“Register” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.04.

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“Registration Statement” means the registration statement filed with the SEC on June 21, 2021, as amended from time to time prior to the date hereof.

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any specified Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the respective directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and such Person’s Affiliates.

“Relevant Governmental Body” means (i) with respect to a Benchmark Replacement in respect of Loans denominated in US Dollars, the Board and/or the NYFRB, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Board and/or the NYFRB or, in each case, any successor thereto and (ii) with respect to a Benchmark Replacement in respect of Loans denominated in CAD, (a) the Bank of Canada or any central bank or other supervisor which is responsible for supervising either (1) such Benchmark Replacement or (2) the administrator of such Benchmark Replacement or (b) any working group or committee officially endorsed or convened by (1) the Bank of Canada, (2) any central bank or other supervisor that is responsible for supervising either (A) such Benchmark Replacement or (B) the administrator of such Benchmark Replacement.

“Reports” means reports prepared by any Agent or another Person showing the results of appraisals, field examinations or audits pertaining to the assets of any Loan Party from information furnished by or on behalf of any Loan Party, which Reports (except where prepared for internal purposes of the Agents) shall be distributed to the Lenders by the Agents.

“Required Lenders” means, at any time, Lenders having Credit Exposures and unused Commitments representing more than 50% of the sum of the Aggregate Credit Exposure and total unused Commitments at such time.

“Required Real Property Documentation” means (x) the documentation described in clauses (ii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of the definition of “Eligible Real Property” and (y) a written notice to the Collateral Agent from the Company stating that the Company elects to include such Eligible Real Property in the Borrowing Base.

“Required Secured Parties” has the meaning set forth in the Collateral Agreements.

“Reserves” means any and all reserves which the Collateral Agent deems it appropriate, in its Permitted Discretion, to maintain (including, without limitation, reserves for excise tax collection and sales tax collection, transportation reserves, reserves for accrued and unpaid interest on the Obligations, volatility reserves, reserves for rent at locations leased by any Loan Party and for consignee’s, warehousemen’s and bailee’s charges, reserves for dilution of Accounts, reserves in respect of Inventory, reserves for customs charges and shipping charges related to any Inventory in transit, reserves for obligations related to any Hedging Agreement that is secured on a pari passu basis with the Obligations, reserves for contingent liabilities of any Loan Party, Gift Card Reserves, Specified OA Payment Obligation Reserves, reserves for uninsured losses of any Loan Party, reserves for uninsured, underinsured, un-indemnified or under-indemnified liabilities or potential liabilities with respect to any litigation and reserves for taxes, fees, assessments, and other governmental charges) with respect to the Collateral or any Loan Party. No Reserves may be taken or increased after the Effective Date based on circumstances, conditions, events or contingencies known to the Administrative Agent as of the Effective Date, and for which no Reserves were imposed on the Effective Date, unless such circumstances, conditions, events or contingencies shall have changed in any material adverse respect since the Effective Date. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, (a) in no event shall Reserves (or changes in Reserves) with respect to any component of the Borrowing Base duplicate Reserves or adjustments already accounted for in determining eligibility criteria (including collection and/or advance rates) and (b) the amount of any such Reserve (or change in Reserve) shall be a reasonable quantification of the incremental dilution of the Borrowing Base attributable to the relevant contributing factors or shall have a reasonable relationship to the event, condition or other matter that is the basis for such Reserve or change.

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“Resolution Authority” means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any U.K. Financial Institution, a U.K. Resolution Authority.

“Restricted Payment” means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any Equity Interests in the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any Equity Interests in the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary; provided that a dividend, distribution or payment payable solely in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) in the Company or applicable Consolidated Subsidiary shall not constitute a Restricted Payment.

“Revolving Commitment” means, with respect to each Revolving Lender, the commitment, if any, of such Revolving Lender to make Revolving Loans and to acquire participations in Letters of Credit and Protective Advances hereunder, expressed as an amount representing the maximum aggregate permitted amount of such Revolving Lender’s Revolving Exposure hereunder, as such commitment may be (a) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to Section 2.08 and (b) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to assignments by or to such Lender pursuant to Section 8.04. The initial amount of each Revolving Lender’s Revolving Commitment is set forth on Schedule 2.01, or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Revolving Lender shall have assumed its Revolving Commitment, as applicable. The initial amount of the total Revolving Commitments is \$750,000,000.

“Revolving Exposure” means, with respect to any Revolving Lender at any time, the sum at such time, without duplication, of (a) the US Dollar Equivalents of the principal amounts of such Revolving Lender’s outstanding Revolving Loans and (b) the US Dollar Equivalent of the aggregate amount of such Revolving Lender’s LC Exposure and Protective Advance Exposures.

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“Revolving Lender” means a Lender with a Revolving Commitment or, if the Revolving Commitments have terminated or expired, a Lender with Revolving Exposure.

“Revolving Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.01(a)(i) or Section 2.01(a)(ii).

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services.

“Sanctioned Country” means any country that is the subject of comprehensive territorial Sanctions (as of the date of this Agreement, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Syria).

“Sanctioned Person” means at any time (a) any Person named at such time on (i) the SDN List, (ii) the Sanctioned Entities List maintained by the U.S. Department of State, (iii) the consolidated list of persons, groups and entities subject to European Union financial sanctions maintained by the European Union External Action Committee, (iv) the Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets in the UK maintained by Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom, (v) the Compendium of United Nations Security Council Sanctions Lists and (vi) any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Government of Canada pursuant to, or as described in, any applicable Canadian Economic Sanctions and Export Control Laws, (b) any Person located, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country, or (c) any Person 50% or more owned by any Person or Persons in (a) (i) of this definition.

“Sanctions” means any economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced by OFAC, the U.S. Department of State, the European Union, the United Nations Security Council, Her Majesty’s Treasury or the Government of Canada.

“Secured Parties” has the meaning set forth in the Collateral Agreements.

“Separation Agreement” means the Separation and Distribution Agreement, dated as of [ ], 2021 between BBW and the Company.

“Specified Date” means the date that is 180 days after the Maturity Date.

“Specified Event of Default” means an Event of Default (a) arising under clause (a) of Section 6.01, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration or otherwise, (b) arising with respect to any Loan Party under clause (e) of Section 6.01, (c) resulting from the Company’s failure to comply with Section 5.01(a)(iii) or from any representation or warranty contained in any Borrowing Base Certificate proving to have been incorrect in any material respect in a manner adverse to the interests of the Lenders when made or deemed made or (d) resulting from the Company’s failure to comply with Section 5.06 or 5.22.

“Specified Excess Availability” means, at any time, the sum of (a) Excess Availability at such time, plus (b) Suppressed Availability at such time.

“Specified OA Payment Obligation Reserves” means, at any time, an amount (to the extent positive) equal to (x) the aggregate amount owing to the counterparty or lender (together with its Affiliates) under any Open Account Agreement with respect to OA Payment Obligations at such time minus (y) 5% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount at such time.

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“Specified Receivables Facility” means any Receivables Facility that meets the following conditions: (a) the Company shall have determined in good faith that such Receivables Facility (including financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions) is in the aggregate economically fair, reasonable and beneficial to the Company; (b) all sales or other conveyances of Receivables Facility Assets by the Company or applicable Consolidated Subsidiary to any Receivables Subsidiary are made for fair market value; (c) the financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions thereof shall be on market terms and may include Standard Receivables Undertakings; (d) the obligations under such Receivables Facility shall not be guaranteed by, or secured by assets of, the Company or any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries, other than a Receivables Subsidiary (it being agreed that the foregoing shall not prohibit Standard Receivables Undertakings, or precautionary financing statements or similar filings, in respect of Receivables Facility Assets); and (e) the aggregate amount of such Receivables Facility, together with all other Specified Receivables Facilities, shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$120,000,000 and (y) 60% of the aggregate Accounts excluded from Eligible Accounts pursuant to clauses (g)(i) and (l) of the definition thereof.

“Spot Rate” for a currency means the arithmetic average of the spot rates of exchange determined by the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Bank, as applicable, to be the rate quoted by the Person acting in such capacity as the spot rate for the purchase by such Person of such currency with another currency through its foreign currency exchange operations in respect of such currency are then being conducted, at or about such time as the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Bank shall elect after determining that such rates shall be the basis for determining the Exchange Rate, on such date for the purchase of US Dollars for delivery two Business Days later; provided that the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Bank may obtain such spot rate from another financial institution designated by the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Bank if the Person acting in such capacity does not have as of the date of determination a spot buying rate for any such currency; and provided further that if at the time of any such determination, for any reason, no such spot rate is being quoted, the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Bank may use any reasonable method it deems appropriate to determine such rate, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

“Standard Receivables Undertakings” means any Receivables Facility Guarantee and/or any representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities entered into by the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary which the Company has determined in good faith to be customary in a Receivables Facility, including, without limitation, those relating to the servicing of the assets of a Receivables Subsidiary.

“Statutory Reserve Percentage” means for any day the percentage (expressed as a decimal) that is in effect on such day, as prescribed by the Board, for determining the maximum reserve requirement for a member bank of the Federal Reserve System for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as “Eurocurrency Liabilities” in Regulation D of the Board). Such reserve percentage shall include those imposed pursuant to such Regulation D. The Statutory Reserve Percentage shall be adjusted automatically on and as of the effective date of any change in any reserve percentage.

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“subsidiary” means, with respect to any Person (the “parent”) at any date, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of the parent in the parent’s consolidated financial statements if such financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP as of such date, as well as any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity (a) of which securities or other ownership interests representing more than 50% of the equity or more than 50% of the ordinary voting power or, in the case of a partnership, more than 50% of the general partnership interests are, as of such date, owned, controlled or held, or (b) that is, as of such date, otherwise Controlled, by the parent or one or more subsidiaries of the parent or by the parent and one or more subsidiaries of the parent.

“Subsidiary” means any subsidiary of the Company.

“Subsidiary Loan Party” means, at any time, any Material Subsidiary that is a party to a Collateral Agreement and has satisfied the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement at such time. A Consolidated Subsidiary that has satisfied the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement shall cease to be a Subsidiary Loan Party at such time as its Guarantee of the Obligations, and the security interests in its assets securing the Obligations, in each case under the applicable Collateral Agreement, are released, subject to reinstatement as a Subsidiary Loan Party if and when it subsequently satisfies the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement.

“Supermajority Lenders” means, at any time, Lenders having Credit Exposures and unused Commitments representing at least 66.7% of the sum of the Aggregate Credit Exposure and total unused Commitments at such time.

“Supported QFC” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.21.

“Suppressed Availability” means, at any time, an amount, if positive, by which the Borrowing Base at such time exceeds the Aggregate Commitments at such time; provided that Suppressed Availability at any time shall not exceed 2.5% of the Aggregate Commitments at such time.

“Taxes” means any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, charges or withholdings imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“Term Loan Credit Agreement” means that certain First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of [ ], 2021, among the Company, the financial institutions party thereto from time to time and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as administrative agent.

“Term SOFR” means, for the applicable Corresponding Tenor as of the applicable Reference Time, the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

“Term SOFR Notice” means a notification by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders and the Borrower of the occurrence of a Term SOFR Transition Event.

“Term SOFR Transition Event” means the determination by the Administrative Agent that (a) Term SOFR has been recommended for use by the Relevant Governmental Body, (b) the administration of Term SOFR is administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent and (c) a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, has previously occurred resulting in a Benchmark Replacement in accordance with Section 2.13 that is not Term SOFR.

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“Test Date” means the date of any Borrowing hereunder (other than a Borrowing made hereunder solely for the purpose of paying maturing commercial paper of the applicable Borrower) or the date of any issuance, amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit; provided that any such date shall not be a “Test Date” if, on such date, (a) if both rating agencies shall have a Credit Rating then in effect, the Credit Ratings are Baa3 and BBB- or better or (b) if only one rating agency shall have a Credit Rating then in effect, the Credit Rating from such rating agency is Baa3 or BBB- or better.

“Test Period” means, for any date of determination under this Agreement, the then most recently ended period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company.

“Transactions” means the execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is to be a party, the borrowing of Loans, the use of the proceeds thereof and the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder.

“Type”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether the rate of interest on such Loan, or on the Loans comprising such Borrowing, is determined by reference to CDOR Rate, the LIBO Rate, the Alternate Base Rate or the Canadian Prime Rate.

“UCC” means the Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the State of New York; provided, however, that, at any time, if by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any or all of the perfection or priority of the Secured Parties’ security interest in any item or portion of the Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term “UCC” shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect, at such time, in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such perfection or priority and for the purposes of definitions relating to such provisions.

“UCP” means the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (2007 Revision, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600), as from time to time in effect.

“U.K. Financial Institution” means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulatory Authority) or any Person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain Affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

“U.K. Resolution Authority” means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any U.K. Financial Institution.

“Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

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“Unfunded Liabilities” means, with respect to any Plan at any time, the amount (if any) by which (a) the present value of all benefits under such Plan exceeds (b) the fair market value of all assets of such Plan allocable to such benefits, all determined as of the then most recent valuation date for such Plan, but only to the extent that such excess represents a potential liability of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate to the PBGC or any other Person under Title IV of ERISA.

“Unrestricted Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary listed on Schedule 1.01(a) or designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in a written notice sent at any time after the date of this Agreement by the Company to the Administrative Agent which is engaged (a) primarily in the business of making or discounting loans, making advances, extending credit or providing financial accommodation to, or purchasing the obligations of, others; (b) primarily in the business of insuring property against loss and subject to regulation as an insurance company by any Governmental Authority; (c) exclusively in the business of owning or leasing, and operating, aircraft and/or trucks; (d) primarily in the ownership, management, leasing, development or operation of real estate, other than parcels of real estate with respect to which 51% or more of the rentable space is used by the Company or a Consolidated Subsidiary in the normal course of business; or (e) primarily as a carrier transporting goods in both intrastate and interstate commerce; provided that (i) the Company may by notice to the Administrative Agent change the designation of any Subsidiary described in subparagraphs (a) through (e) above, but may do so only once during the term of this Agreement, (ii) the designation of a Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary more than 30 days after the creation or acquisition of such Subsidiary where such Subsidiary was not specifically so designated within such 30 days shall be deemed to be the only permitted change in designation and (iii) immediately after the Company designates any Subsidiary whether now owned or hereafter acquired or created as an Unrestricted Subsidiary or changes the designation of a Subsidiary from an Unrestricted Subsidiary to a Consolidated Subsidiary, the Company and all Consolidated Subsidiaries would be in compliance with all of the provisions of this Agreement.

“Upfront Payments” has the meaning set forth in Section 2.08.

“U.S. Person” means any Person that is a “United States Person” as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“U.S. Special Resolution Regime” has the meaning set forth in Section 8.21.

“US Dollar Equivalent” means, on any date of determination, (a) with respect to any amount in US Dollars, such amount and (b) with respect to any amount in Canadian Dollars, the equivalent in US Dollars of such amount, determined by the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 1.05 using the Exchange Rate with respect to such currency at the time in effect for such amount under the provisions of such Section.

“US Dollars”, “USD” or “\$” means the lawful money of the United States of America.

“Utilization” means, on any day, an amount equal to (i) the Aggregate Credit Exposure on such day, divided by (ii) the Aggregate Commitments in effect on such day.

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“VS Transaction” means (i) the Separation of the Spin Business (each as defined in the Registration Statement) from BBW as described in the Registration Statement, (ii) the Distribution (as defined in the Separation Agreement), (iii) the payment of the Special Cash Payment (as defined in the Separation Agreement), (iv) the consummation of the other ancillary transactions described in the Separation Agreement and the Registration Statement and (v) the payment of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the foregoing.

“Withdrawal Liability” means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

“Withholding Agent” means any Loan Party and the Administrative Agent.

“Write-Down and Conversion Powers” means (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any U.K. Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of such Person or any other Person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

SECTION 1.02. Classification of Loans and Borrowings. For purposes of this Agreement, Loans may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “Revolving Loan”) or by Type (e.g., a “Eurodollar Loan”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “Eurodollar Revolving Loan”). Borrowings also may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “Revolving Borrowing”) or by Type (e.g., a “Eurodollar Borrowing”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “Eurodollar Revolving Borrowing”).

SECTION 1.03. Terms Generally. (a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include”, “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation”. The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall”. Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein), (b) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and assigns, (c) the words “herein”, “hereof” and “hereunder”, and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (d) all references herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement and (e) the words “asset” and “property” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

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(b) All terms used in this Agreement which are defined in Article 8 or Article 9 of the UCC and which are not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings herein as set forth therein, provided that terms used herein which are defined in the UCC on the date hereof shall continue to have the same meaning notwithstanding any replacement or amendment of such statute except as the Administrative Agent may otherwise determine, and when used to define a category or categories of the Collateral which is subject to the PPSA, such terms shall include the equivalent category or categories of property set forth in the applicable PPSA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and where the context so requires, (i) any term defined in this Agreement by reference to the “Code”, the “UCC” or the “Uniform Commercial Code” shall also have any extended, alternative or analogous meaning given to such term in the applicable PPSA, in all cases for the extension, preservation or betterment of the security and rights of the Collateral, (ii) all references in this Agreement to Article 8 of the UCC shall be deemed to refer also to applicable Canadian securities transfer laws (including, without limitation, the *Securities Transfer Act, 2006* (Ontario)) and (iii) all references in this Agreement to a financing statement, continuation statement, amendment or termination statement shall be deemed to refer also to the analogous documents used under applicable Canadian personal property security laws, including, without limitation, where applicable, financing change statements.

(c) For purposes of any Collateral located in the Province of Quebec or charged by any deed of hypothec (or any other Loan Document) and for all other purposes pursuant to which the interpretation or construction of a Loan Document may be subject to the laws of the Province of Quebec or a court or tribunal exercising jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec, (i) “personal property” shall be deemed to include “movable property”, (ii) “real property” shall be deemed to include “immovable property”, (iii) “tangible property” shall be deemed to include “corporeal property”, (iv) “intangible property” shall be deemed to include “incorporeal property”, (v) “security interest” and “mortgage” shall be deemed to include a “hypothec”, (vi) all references to filing, registering or recording under the UCC or the PPSA or otherwise shall be deemed to include publication by registration under the Civil Code of Québec, (vii) all references to “perfection of” or “perfected” Liens shall be deemed to include a reference to the “opposability” of such Liens to third parties, (viii) any “right of offset”, “right of setoff” or similar expression shall be deemed to include a “right of compensation”, (ix) “goods” shall be deemed to include “corporeal movable property” other than chattel paper, documents of title, instruments, money and securities, (x) an “agent” shall be deemed to include a “mandatary”, (xi) “construction liens” shall be deemed to include “legal hypothecs in favor of persons having taken part in the construction or renovation of an immovable”, (xii) “joint and several” shall be deemed to include “solidary”, (xiii) “gross negligence or willful misconduct” shall be deemed to be “intentional or gross fault”, (xiv) “beneficial ownership” shall be deemed to include “ownership on behalf of another as mandatary”, (xv) “easement” shall be deemed to include “servitude”, (xvi) “priority” shall be deemed to include “prior claim” or “ranking”, as applicable, (xvii) “survey” shall be deemed to include “certificate of location and plan”, (xviii) “state” shall be deemed to include “province”, (xix) “fee simple title” and “fee interest” shall be deemed to include “absolute ownership”, (xx) “accounts” shall be deemed to include “claims”, (xxi) “leasehold interest” shall be deemed to include “rights resulting from a lease”, (xxii) “lease” shall be deemed to include a “lease” or a “contract of leasing (crédit-bail)”, as applicable, and (xxiii) “deposit account” shall be deemed to include a “financial account” (within the meaning of Article 2713.6 of the Civil Code of Québec).

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SECTION 1.04. Accounting Terms; GAAP. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature shall be construed in accordance with GAAP, as in effect from time to time; provided that (a) for purposes of determining compliance with any provision of this Agreement, accounting for leases shall be made in accordance with GAAP as in effect prior to January 1, 2019 without giving effect to any change in accounting for leases resulting from Accounting Standards Codification Topic 842, Leases, (b) all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made, without giving effect to any election under Accounting Standards Codification Topic 825, Financial Instruments, or any successor thereto, to value any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary at “fair value”, as defined therein and (c) if the Company notifies the Administrative Agent that the Company requests an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any change occurring after the date hereof in GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision (or if the Administrative Agent notifies the Company that the Required Lenders request an amendment to any provision hereof for such purpose), regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in GAAP or in the application thereof, then such provision shall be interpreted on the basis of GAAP as in effect and applied immediately before such change shall have become effective until such notice shall have been withdrawn or such provision amended in accordance herewith.

SECTION 1.05. Exchange Rates. The Administrative Agent shall determine the US Dollar Equivalent of all Borrowings denominated in Canadian Dollars as of the date of any Borrowing Request, as of the date of the delivery of any Borrowing Base Certificate, as of the date of each Interest Election Request in respect thereof (or, if an Interest Election Request has not been made within three months since the last date of determination, the three month anniversary of the last date of determination) and as of any date determined by the Administrative Agent, in each case using the Exchange Rate for such currency in relation to US Dollars in effect on the date that is two Business Days prior to the applicable date, and each such amount shall, except as provided in the last sentence of this Section, be the US Dollar Equivalent of such Borrowing until the next required calculation thereof pursuant to this sentence. The Administrative Agent shall determine the US Dollar Equivalent of all Letters of Credit denominated in Canadian Dollars as of the date any Letter of Credit is requested pursuant to Section 2.05(b), a request is made to amend any Letter of Credit to increase its face amount or to extend such Letter of Credit or such Letter of Credit is paid by the Issuing Bank, as of the date of the delivery of any Borrowing Base Certificate and as of any date determined by the Administrative Agent, in each case using the Exchange Rate for such currency in relation to US Dollars in effect on the date that is two Business Days prior to such date, as the case may be, and each such amount shall, except as provided in the last sentence of this Section, be the US Dollar Equivalent of such Letter of Credit until the next required calculation thereof pursuant to this sentence. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders of each calculation of the US Dollar Equivalent of each Borrowing. Borrowings of the applicable Class denominated in Canadian Dollars will reduce availability for Borrowings of such Class denominated in US Dollars based on the Exchange Rate with respect to Canadian Dollars at the time in effect for each such Borrowing. For purposes of (x) determining the Borrowing Base or (y) any dollar basket limitation in Sections 5.08(b)(ix), Sections 5.10(i), (j) and (k), Sections 5.13(f) and Section 5.17(a), the amount of any component of the Borrowing Base or any amount of Indebtedness, Investment, or Lien, applicable, in currencies other than US Dollars shall be translated into US Dollars at currency exchange rates in effect on the date of such determination, and, solely in the case of clause (y), such limitation or cap therein shall not be deemed to have been exceeded if such excess amount is solely as a result of currency fluctuations occurring after the time such Indebtedness, Investment or Lien is incurred or made.

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SECTION 1.06. Letter of Credit Amounts. Unless otherwise specified herein, the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the stated amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time; provided, however, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any letter of credit application or any other document, agreement or instrument entered into by the applicable Issuing Bank and any Borrower in respect of such Letter of Credit, provides for one or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum stated amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum stated amount is in effect at such time.

SECTION 1.07. Divisions. For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized and acquired on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.

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SECTION 1.08. Interest Rates; LIBOR Notification. The interest rate on a Loan denominated in US Dollars or Canadian Dollars may be derived from an interest rate benchmark that is, or may in the future become, the subject of regulatory reform. Regulators have signaled the need to use alternative benchmark reference rates for some of these interest rate benchmarks and, as a result, such interest rate benchmarks may cease to comply with applicable laws and regulations, may be permanently discontinued, and/or the basis on which they are calculated may change. The London interbank offered rate (“LIBOR”) is intended to represent the rate at which contributing banks may obtain short-term borrowings from each other in the London interbank market. On March 5, 2021, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority (“FCA”) publicly announced that: (a) immediately after December 31, 2021, publication of the 1-week and 2-month US Dollar LIBOR settings will permanently cease; and immediately after June 30, 2023, the overnight, 1-month, 3-month, 6-month and 12-month US Dollar LIBOR settings will cease to be provided or, subject to the FCA’s consideration of the case, be provided on a synthetic basis and no longer be representative of the underlying market and economic reality they are intended to measure and that representativeness will not be restored. There is no assurance that dates announced by the FCA will not change or that the administrator of LIBOR and/or regulators will not take further action that could impact the availability, composition, or characteristics of LIBOR or the currencies and/or tenors for which LIBOR is published. Each party to this agreement should consult its own advisors to stay informed of any such developments. Public and private sector industry initiatives are currently underway to identify new or alternative reference rates to be used in place of LIBOR. Upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, a Term SOFR Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, Section 2.13(b) and (c) provide a mechanism for determining an alternative rate of interest. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Company, pursuant to Section 2.13(e), of any change to the reference rate upon which the interest rate on Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loans is based. However, the Administrative Agent does not warrant or accept any responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to, the administration, submission, performance or any other matter related to the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the CDOR Rate or with respect to any alternative or successor rate thereto, or replacement rate thereof (including, without limitation, (i) any such alternative, successor or replacement rate implemented pursuant to Section 2.13(b) or (c), whether upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, a Term SOFR Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, and (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes pursuant to Section 2.13(d)), including without limitation, whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement reference rate will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of, the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the CDOR Rate, as applicable, or have the same volume or liquidity as did the London interbank offered rate or the Canadian Dollar offered rate, as applicable, prior to its discontinuance or unavailability. The Administrative Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the CDOR Rate, any component thereof, or any successor rate thereto, in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to any Loan Party, any Lender or any other person or entity for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or calculation of any such rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service.

## ARTICLE II

### The Credits

SECTION 2.01. Commitments. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (i) each Revolving Lender agrees to make Revolving Loans denominated in US Dollars to the Company and any Additional Borrower borrowing in US Dollars, (ii) each Revolving Lender agrees to make Revolving Loans denominated in Canadian Dollars to any Additional Borrower borrowing in Canadian Dollars and (iii) Lenders of any other Class agree to make Loans of such Class to the applicable Borrower in US Dollars or Canadian Dollars, as applicable, in each case from time to time during the Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount that (after giving effect to the making of such Loans and any other Loans being made or Letters of Credit being issued on the same date and any concurrent repayment of Loans and reimbursement of LC Disbursements) will not result in (A) such Lender’s Credit Exposure of the applicable Class exceeding such Lender’s Commitment of such Class, (B) the total Credit Exposures of the applicable Class exceeding the total Commitments of such Class or any other limitation set forth in the applicable Incremental Facility Agreement, (C) the Aggregate Credit Exposure exceeding the Maximum Borrowing Amount and (D) the total Loans denominated in Canadian Dollars exceeding the CAD Sublimit.

(b) Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrowers may borrow, prepay and reborrow Loans.

SECTION 2.02. Loans and Borrowings. (a) Each Loan (other than a Protective Advance) shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Loans of the same Class, Type and currency made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments of the applicable Class. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan required to be made by it shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligations hereunder; provided that the Commitments of the Lenders are several and no Lender shall be responsible for any other Lender's failure to make Loans as required.

(b) Subject to Section 2.13, (i) each Borrowing denominated in US Dollars shall be comprised entirely of ABR Loans or Eurodollar Loans as the applicable Borrowers may request in accordance herewith and (ii) each Borrowing denominated in Canadian Dollars shall be comprised entirely of Canadian Prime Rate Loans or CDOR Rate Loans as the applicable Borrowers may request in accordance herewith. Each Protective Advance shall be an ABR Loan. Each Lender at its option may make any Loan or issue any Letter of Credit by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender to make such Loan or issue such Letter of Credit; provided that any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the applicable Borrower to repay such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(c) At the commencement of each Interest Period for any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and not less than \$5,000,000 (or in the case of Loans denominated in Canadian Dollars, an integral multiple of CAD1,000,000 and not less than CAD5,000,000). At the time that each ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing is made, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and not less than \$5,000,000 (or in the case of Loans denominated in Canadian Dollars, an integral multiple of CAD1,000,000 and not less than CAD5,000,000); provided that (i) an ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing may be in an aggregate amount that is equal to (A) the lesser of the entire unused balance of the Commitments of the applicable Class and the amount of Excess Availability, (B) an aggregate amount that is required to finance the repayment of a Protective Advance as contemplated by Section 2.04(a) or (C) an aggregate amount that is required to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.05(e) or to provide cash collateral as contemplated by Section 2.19 and (ii) each Protective Advance may be in such principal amount as shall be determined by the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 2.04. Borrowings of more than one Class or Type may be outstanding at the same time; provided that there shall not at any time be more than a total of 12 Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowings outstanding.

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SECTION 2.03. Requests for Borrowings. To request a Borrowing, the applicable Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such request by telephone (a) in the case of a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, three Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing, (b) in the case of a Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, one Business Day before the date of the proposed Borrowing and (c) in the case of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date of the proposed Borrowing. Each such telephonic Borrowing Request shall be irrevocable and shall be confirmed promptly by hand delivery or telecopy to the Administrative Agent of a written Borrowing Request in a form approved by the Administrative Agent and signed by the applicable Borrower. Each such telephonic and written Borrowing Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

- (i) the name of the applicable Borrower;
  - (ii) whether such Borrowing is to be a Revolving Borrowing or a Borrowing of another Class;
  - (iii) the currency in which such Borrowing is to be denominated (which shall be a currency in which the requesting Borrower is entitled to make Borrowings under this Agreement);
  - (iv) the aggregate amount (expressed in the currency in which such Borrowing is to be denominated) of the requested Borrowing;
  - (v) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;
  - (vi) whether such Borrowing is to be an ABR, Canadian Prime Rate, Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing;
  - (vii) in the case of a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, the initial Interest Period to be applicable thereto, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period"; and
  - (viii) the location and number of the applicable Borrower's account to which funds are to be disbursed, which shall comply with the requirements of Section 2.06.
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If no election as to the Type of Borrowing is specified, then the requested Borrowing shall be (i) in the case of a Loan denominated in US Dollars, an ABR Borrowing and (ii) in the case of a Loan denominated in Canadian Dollars, a Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, then the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. Promptly following receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of the amount of such Lender's Loan to be made as part of the requested Borrowing.

SECTION 2.04. Protective Advances. (a) Subject to the limitations set forth below, the Administrative Agent is authorized by the Company and the Lenders, from time to time during the Availability Period, in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion (but with no obligation), to make Loans in US Dollars to the Company, on behalf of all Lenders, which the Administrative Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, deems necessary or desirable (i) to preserve or protect the Collateral or any portion thereof, (ii) to enhance the likelihood of, or maximize the amount of, repayment of the Loans and other Obligations or (iii) to pay any other amount chargeable to or required to be paid by the Borrowers pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including payments of reimbursable expenses (including costs, fees, and expenses described in Section 8.03) and other sums payable under the Loan Documents (any such Loans are herein referred to as "Protective Advances"); provided that the aggregate principal amount of Protective Advances outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$50,000,000; provided further that the making of any Protective Advance shall not cause the Aggregate Credit Exposure to exceed the Aggregate Commitments. Protective Advances may be made when a Default exists or the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02 are not otherwise satisfied. The Protective Advances shall be secured by the Liens created by the Collateral Documents and shall constitute Obligations. The Company shall be required to repay (or, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02, refinance with the proceeds of a Borrowing) each Protective Advance within 45 days after such Protective Advance is made. Without affecting Protective Advances already made, the Administrative Agent's authorization to make future Protective Advances may be revoked at any time by the Required Lenders. Any such revocation must be in writing and shall become effective prospectively upon the Administrative Agent's receipt thereof. At any time that there is sufficient Excess Availability and the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02 have been satisfied, the Administrative Agent may request, on behalf of the Company, the Lenders to make ABR Loans to repay any Protective Advance. At any other time the Administrative Agent may require the Lenders to acquire participations in any Protective Advance as described in Section 2.04(b).

(b) The Administrative Agent may by notice given not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on any Business Day require the Lenders to acquire participations on such Business Day in all or a portion of the Protective Advances outstanding. Such notice shall specify the aggregate principal amount of Protective Advances in which the Lenders will be required to participate and each Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Protective Advances. Each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay, promptly upon receipt of notice as provided above (and in any event, if such notice is received by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Business Day, no later than 2:00 p.m., New York City time on such Business Day and if received after 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Business Day, no later than 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the immediately succeeding Business Day), to the Administrative Agent such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Protective Advances. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations in Protective Advances pursuant to this paragraph is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including nonsatisfaction of any of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02, the occurrence and continuance of a Default or any reduction or termination of the Commitments, and that each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each Lender shall comply with its obligation under this paragraph by wire transfer of immediately available funds, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.06 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.06 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the payment obligations of the Lenders pursuant to this paragraph). Any amounts received by the Administrative Agent from the Company (or other Person on behalf of the Company) in respect of a Protective Advance after receipt by the Administrative Agent of the proceeds of a sale of participations therein shall be promptly remitted by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders that shall have made their payments pursuant to this paragraph to the extent of their interests therein; provided that any such payment so remitted shall be repaid to the Administrative Agent if and to the extent such payment is required to be refunded to a Borrower for any reason. The purchase of participations in a Protective Advance pursuant to this paragraph shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve the Company of its obligation to repay such Protective Advance.

SECTION 2.05. Letters of Credit. (a) General. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, a Borrower may request the issuance of Letters of Credit of any Class that provides for the issuance of Letters of Credit, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the applicable Issuing Bank, at any time and from time to time during the Availability Period, which Letter of Credit may be denominated in (x) in the case of the Company, US Dollars and (y) in the case of any Canadian Borrower, Canadian Dollars. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of any form of letter of credit application or other agreement submitted by the applicable Borrower to, or entered into by the applicable Borrower with, an Issuing Bank relating to any Letter of Credit, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (i) Letters of Credit may be issued to support obligations of Subsidiaries of the Borrowers as well as the Borrowers; (ii) Letters of Credit issued to support obligations of a Subsidiary may state that they are issued for such Subsidiary's account, and the applicable Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of Letters of Credit for the account of its Subsidiaries inures to the benefit of such Borrower, and that such Borrower's business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of such Subsidiaries; and (iii) regardless of any such statement in any Letter of Credit, the applicable Borrower is the "account party," in respect of all Letters of Credit issued at its request and will be responsible for reimbursement of LC Disbursements as provided herein. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that, except as separately agreed between such Issuing Bank and the applicable Borrower, no Issuing Bank shall have an obligation hereunder to issue any Letter of Credit.

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(b) Notice of Issuance, Amendment, Extension; Certain Conditions. To request the issuance of a Letter of Credit of any Class (or the amendment or extension of an outstanding Letter of Credit of any Class), the applicable Borrower shall hand deliver or telecopy (or transmit by electronic communication, if arrangements for doing so have been approved by the relevant Issuing Bank) to the relevant Issuing Bank and the Administrative Agent (reasonably in advance of the requested date of issuance, amendment or extension) a notice requesting the issuance of a Letter of Credit of such Class, or identifying the Letter of Credit of such Class to be amended or extended, and specifying the name of the requesting Borrower, the date of issuance, amendment or extension (which shall be a Business Day), the date on which such Letter of Credit is to expire (which shall comply with paragraph (c) of this Section), the Class and amount of such Letter of Credit, the currency in which such Letter of Credit shall be denominated (which shall be a currency in which the requesting Borrower is entitled to make Borrowings of such Class under this Agreement), the name and address of the beneficiary thereof and such other information as shall be necessary to prepare, amend or extend such Letter of Credit. If requested by the relevant Issuing Bank, the applicable Borrower also shall submit a letter of credit application on such Issuing Bank's standard form in connection with any request for a Letter of Credit. A Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended or extended only if (and upon issuance, amendment or extension of each Letter of Credit the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to represent and warrant that), after giving effect to such issuance, amendment or extension (i) the LC Exposure shall not exceed \$100,000,000, (ii) the portion of the LC Exposure attributable to Letters of Credit issued by an Issuing Bank will not exceed such Issuing Bank's LC Commitment, (iii) no Lender's Credit Exposure of the applicable Class shall exceed its Commitment of such Class, (iv) the total Credit Exposures of the applicable Class shall not exceed the total Commitments of such Class or any other limitation set forth in the applicable Incremental Facility Agreement, (v) the Aggregate Credit Exposure shall not exceed the Maximum Borrowing Amount and (vi) the total Credit Exposures denominated in Canadian Dollars shall not exceed the CAD Sublimit.

(c) Expiration Date. Each Letter of Credit shall expire at or prior to the close of business on the earlier of (i) the date one year after the date of the issuance of such Letter of Credit (or, in the case of any extension thereof, one year after such extension); provided that a Letter of Credit may be subject to customary "evergreen" provisions pursuant to which the expiration date thereof shall be automatically extended for a period of up to one year (subject to clause (ii) of this sentence) unless notice to the contrary shall have been given by any Issuing Bank in respect thereof by a specified date, and (ii) the date that is five Business Days prior to the Maturity Date.

(d) Participations. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit of any Class (or an amendment to a Letter of Credit of any Class increasing the amount thereof) and without any further action on the part of the relevant Issuing Bank or the Lenders of such Class, such Issuing Bank hereby grants to each Lender of such Class, and each Lender of such Class hereby acquires from such Issuing Bank, a participation in such Letter of Credit equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage with respect to such Class of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit, subject to any LC Exposure Reallocation. In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Lender of any Class hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of such Issuing Bank, such Lender's Applicable Percentage in respect of such Class of each LC Disbursement made by such Issuing Bank in respect of a Letter of Credit of such Class and not reimbursed by the applicable Borrower on the date due as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section, or of any reimbursement payment required to be refunded to the applicable Borrower for any reason, subject to any LC Exposure Reallocation. Each Lender of any applicable Class acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations pursuant to this paragraph in respect of Letters of Credit of such Class is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including any amendment or extension of any such Letter of Credit or the occurrence and continuance of a Default or reduction or termination of the Commitments, and that each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever.

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(e) Reimbursement. Upon receipt from the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit of any Class of any notice of a drawing under such Letter of Credit, the Issuing Bank shall notify the Company, the applicable Borrower and the Administrative Agent thereof. The applicable Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement by paying to the Administrative Agent an amount equal to such LC Disbursement in the currency in which such LC Disbursement was made not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the next Business Day after the date that the applicable Borrower shall have received notice of such LC Disbursement; provided that the applicable Borrower may, subject to the conditions to borrowing set forth herein, request in accordance with Section 2.03 that such payment be financed with an ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing of the applicable Class in an equivalent amount, and, to the extent so financed, the applicable Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing. If the applicable Borrower fails to make such payment when due, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the applicable Class of the applicable LC Disbursement, the payment then due from the applicable Borrower in respect thereof and such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof (subject to any LC Exposure Reallocation). Promptly following receipt of such notice, each Lender of the applicable Class shall pay to the Administrative Agent its Applicable Percentage (subject to any LC Exposure Reallocation) of the payment then due from the applicable Borrower, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.06 with respect to Loans made by such Lender and in the applicable currency (and Section 2.06 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the payment obligations of the Lenders) and within the same timeframe as provided after a request for a Borrowing in Section 2.03, and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay such Issuing Bank the amounts so received by it from the Lenders of such Class. Promptly following receipt by the Administrative Agent of any payment from the applicable Borrower pursuant to this paragraph, the Administrative Agent shall distribute such payment to such Issuing Bank or, to the extent that Lenders of the applicable Class have made payments pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse such Issuing Bank, then to such Lenders and such Issuing Bank as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Lender pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse such Issuing Bank for any LC Disbursement (other than the funding of ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Loans as contemplated above) shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve the applicable Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such LC Disbursement.

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(f) Obligations Absolute. The applicable Borrower's obligation to reimburse LC Disbursements as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever and irrespective of (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Letter of Credit or any other term or provision in this Agreement, (ii) any draft or other document presented under a Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect, (iii) payment by any Issuing Bank under a Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit, or (iv) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this Section, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, the applicable Borrower's obligations hereunder. Neither the Administrative Agent, the Lenders nor any Issuing Bank, nor any of their Related Parties, shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit or any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), or any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms or any consequence arising from causes beyond the control of any Issuing Bank; provided that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse any Issuing Bank from liability to the applicable Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to consequential, special, indirect and punitive damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the applicable Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by the applicable Borrower that are caused by such Issuing Bank's failure to exercise care when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof or such Issuing Bank's failure to make an LC Disbursement under a Letter of Credit upon presentation to it of documents strictly complying with such Letter of Credit. The parties hereto expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of any Issuing Bank (as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction), such Issuing Bank shall be deemed to have exercised care in each such determination. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, the parties agree that, with respect to documents presented which appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit, such Issuing Bank may, in its sole discretion, either accept and make payment upon such documents without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, or refuse to accept and make payment upon such documents if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit.

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(g) Disbursement Procedures. Any Issuing Bank shall, within the period of time stipulated by the terms and conditions of the applicable Letter of Credit, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under such Letter of Credit. After such examination, such Issuing Bank shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the applicable Borrower by telephone (confirmed by telecopy) of such demand for payment and whether such Issuing Bank has made or will make an LC Disbursement thereunder; provided that any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve such Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such Issuing Bank and the applicable Lenders with respect to any such LC Disbursement.

(h) Interim Interest. If any Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement, then, unless the applicable Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement in full on the later of (i) the date when such LC Disbursement is made and (ii) the date upon which such Borrower receives notice of such LC Disbursement pursuant to paragraph (g) above (such later date, the “Interest Commencement Date”), the unpaid amount thereof shall bear interest, for each day from and including the Interest Commencement Date to but excluding the date that reimbursement of such LC Disbursement is due pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section, at the rate provided in Section 2.12 with respect to (x) in the case of LC Disbursements denominated in US Dollars, ABR Loans and (y) in the case of LC Disbursements denominated in Canadian Dollars, Canadian Prime Rate Loans, and, if not so reimbursed on the date due pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section, then from and including such date so due to but excluding the date that such Borrower reimburses such LC Disbursement, at the rate provided in Section 2.12(g) with respect to such Loans. Interest accrued pursuant to this paragraph shall be for the account of such Issuing Bank, except that interest accrued on and after the date of payment by any Lender pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section, to reimburse such Issuing Bank shall be for the account of such Lender to the extent of such payment.

(i) Replacement of an Issuing Bank. Any Issuing Bank may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Company and the successor Issuing Bank. The Company shall notify the Administrative Agent, the replaced Issuing Bank and the Lenders of any such replacement of any Issuing Bank. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the applicable Borrowers shall pay all unpaid fees payable by the applicable Borrowers that have accrued for the account of any replaced Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 2.11(b). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (i) the successor Issuing Bank shall have all the rights and obligations of an Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued thereafter and (ii) references herein to the term “Issuing Bank” shall be deemed to refer to such successor or to any previous Issuing Bank, or to such successor and all previous Issuing Banks, as the context shall require. After the replacement of any Issuing Bank hereunder, the replaced Issuing Bank shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit.

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(j) Cash Collateralization. If any Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, on the Business Day that the Company receives notice from the Administrative Agent or a majority in interest of the Lenders (or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated, Lenders with LC Exposure representing greater than 50% of the total LC Exposure) demanding the deposit of cash collateral pursuant to this paragraph, each applicable Borrower shall deposit in an account with the Administrative Agent, in the name of the Administrative Agent and for the benefit of the Lenders of each applicable Class, an amount in cash equal to the portion of the LC Exposure attributable to outstanding Letters of Credit of such Class issued for the account of such Borrower as of such date plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, which shall be deposited in the applicable currencies; provided that the obligation to deposit such cash collateral shall become effective immediately, and such deposit shall become immediately due and payable, without demand or other notice of any kind, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default with respect to the Borrowers described in clause (e) of Section 6.01. The applicable Borrower also shall deposit cash collateral pursuant to this paragraph as and to the extent required by Section 2.19(a). Each such deposit shall be held by the Administrative Agent as collateral for the payment and performance of the obligations of such Borrower under this Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over such account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made at the option and sole discretion of the Administrative Agent and at the applicable Borrower's risk and expense, such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall (i) in the case of cash collateral deposited pursuant to the first sentence of this Section 2.05(j), accumulate in such account and (ii) in the case of cash collateral deposited pursuant to Section 2.19(a), be remitted to the applicable Borrower promptly by the Administrative Agent unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Cash collateral deposited by any Borrower pursuant to the first sentence of this Section 2.05(j) (and interest and profits in respect thereof accumulated in such account pursuant to clause (i) of the preceding sentence) shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to reimburse any Issuing Bank for LC Disbursements in respect of Letters of Credit of the applicable Class issued for the account of such Borrower for which it has not been reimbursed and, to the extent not so applied, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of such Borrower for the LC Exposure relating to Letters of Credit of such Class issued for the account of such Borrower that are outstanding at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated (but subject to the consent of Lenders with LC Exposure representing greater than 50% of the total LC Exposure and, in the case of cash collateral required by Section 2.19(a), the consent of the Issuing Banks with outstanding Letters of Credit), be applied to satisfy other obligations of such Borrower under this Agreement. Cash collateral deposited pursuant to Section 2.19(a) in respect of any Lender that is a Defaulting Lender shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage in respect of the applicable Class of any LC Disbursements of such Class for which it has not been reimbursed. If any Borrower is required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default or pursuant to Section 2.19(a), such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to such Borrower within three Business Days after all Events of Default have been cured or waived or such amount is no longer required in order to comply with Section 2.19(a) (and no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing), as applicable.

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(k) Applicability of ISP and UCP; Limitation of Liability. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the applicable Issuing Bank when a Letter of Credit is issued (i) the rules of the ISP shall apply to each Letter of Credit that is a standby Letter of Credit, and (ii) the rules of the UCP shall apply to each Letter of Credit that is a commercial Letter of Credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the applicable Issuing Bank shall not be responsible to any Borrower for, and the Issuing Bank's rights and remedies against the Borrowers shall not be impaired by, any action or inaction of such Issuing Bank with respect to its obligations under a Letter of Credit expressly required under any law, order, or practice that is expressly required to be applied to such Letter of Credit, including the law of a jurisdiction, or any order of a Governmental Authority of a jurisdiction, where the Issuing Bank or the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit is located, the practice stated in the ISP or UCP, as applicable, or, unless expressly provided otherwise by the terms of such Letter of Credit, the decisions, opinions, practice statements, or official commentary of the ICC Banking Commission, the Bankers Association for Finance and Trade (BAFT), or the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice applicable to letters of credit of the same type as such Letter of Credit, whether or not any Letter of Credit expressly provides that it is governed by such law or practice.

SECTION 2.06. Funding of Borrowings. (a) Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the proposed date thereof by wire transfer of immediately available funds (i) in the case of CDOR Rate Loans and ABR Loans by 12:00 noon, New York City time, (ii) in the case of Eurodollar Loans by 12:00 noon, London time and (iii) in the case of Canadian Prime Rate loans, 3:00 p.m., New York City time, to the account of the Administrative Agent most recently designated by it for such purpose by notice to the Lenders; provided that Protective Advances shall be made as provided in Section 2.04. The Administrative Agent will make such Loans available to the applicable Borrower by promptly crediting the amounts so received, in like funds, to an account of the applicable Borrower maintained with the Administrative Agent in New York City and designated by the applicable Borrower in the applicable Borrowing Request; provided that (i) ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Loans made to finance (A) the repayment of a Protective Advance as provided in Section 2.04(a) shall be applied by the Administrative Agent for such purpose and (B) the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.05(e) shall be remitted by the Administrative Agent to the applicable Issuing Bank and (ii) the proceeds of any Protective Advance shall be retained by the Administrative Agent and applied, on behalf of the Company, for the purpose for which such Protective Advance has been made.

(b) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing (or, in the case of a Borrowing that is being made on same-day notice, prior to the time at which such Borrowing is required to be funded) that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the applicable Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the applicable Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the applicable Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of such Lender, the greater of (A) (x) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in the case of Loans denominated in US Dollars and (y) the rate reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent to be the cost of funding such amount, in the case of Loans denominated in Canadian Dollars and (B) a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation or (ii) in the case of the applicable Borrower, the greater of the interest rate applicable to the Loans of the other Lenders included in the applicable Borrowing and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent to equal its cost of funds for funding such amount. If such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing.

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SECTION 2.07. Interest Elections. (a) Each Borrowing initially shall be of the Type specified in the applicable Borrowing Request and, in the case of a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, shall have an initial Interest Period as specified in such Borrowing Request. Thereafter, the applicable Borrower may elect to convert such Borrowing to a different Type or to continue such Borrowing and, in the case of a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, may elect Interest Periods therefor, all as provided in this Section. The applicable Borrower may elect different options with respect to different portions of the affected Borrowing, in which case each such portion shall be allocated ratably among the Lenders holding the Loans comprising such Borrowing, and the Loans comprising each such portion shall be considered a separate Borrowing. This Section shall not apply to Protective Advances, which may not be converted or continued.

(b) To make an election pursuant to this Section, the applicable Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such election by telephone by the time that a Borrowing Request would be required under Section 2.03 if such Borrower were requesting a Borrowing of the Type resulting from such election to be made on the effective date of such election. Each such telephonic Interest Election Request shall be irrevocable and shall be confirmed promptly by hand delivery or telecopy to the Administrative Agent of a written Interest Election Request in a form approved by the Administrative Agent and signed by the applicable Borrower. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, no Borrower may (i) change the currency of any Borrowing or (ii) elect an Interest Period that does not comply with Section 2.03.

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(c) Each telephonic and written Interest Election Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.03:

- (i) the Borrowing to which such Interest Election Request applies and, if different options are being elected with respect to different portions thereof, the portions thereof to be allocated to each resulting Borrowing (in which case the information to be specified pursuant to clauses (iii) and (iv) below shall be specified for each resulting Borrowing);
- (ii) the effective date of the election made pursuant to such Interest Election Request, which shall be a Business Day;
- (iii) whether the resulting Borrowing is to be an ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing or a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing;  
and
- (iv) if the resulting Borrowing is to be a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, the Interest Period to be applicable thereto after giving effect to such election, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period".

If any such Interest Election Request requests a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing but does not specify an Interest Period, then the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration.

(d) Promptly following receipt of an Interest Election Request, the Administrative Agent shall advise each participating Lender of the applicable Class of the details thereof and of such Lender's portion of each resulting Borrowing.

(e) If the applicable Borrower fails to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing prior to the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto, then, unless such Borrowing is repaid as provided herein, at the end of such Interest Period such Borrowing shall be converted to (x) in the case of a Loan denominated in US Dollars, an ABR Borrowing and (y) in the case of a Loan denominated in Canadian Dollars, a Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing.

SECTION 2.08. Termination, Reduction and Increase of Commitments; Incremental Revolving Commitments. (a) Unless previously terminated, the Commitments shall terminate on the Maturity Date.

(b) The Company may at any time terminate, or from time to time reduce, the Commitments of any Class; provided that (i) each reduction of the Commitments of any Class shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and not less than \$5,000,000 or, in each case, the US Dollar Equivalent thereof at any such time, (ii) the Company shall not terminate or reduce the Revolving Commitments or the Commitments of any other Class if after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Loans or Protective Advances in accordance with Section 2.10 and, if applicable, reimbursement of LC Disbursements in accordance with Section 2.05(e), (A) the total Revolving Exposures or total Credit Exposures of any other Class, as applicable, would exceed the total Revolving Commitments or the total Commitments of such Class, as applicable, or (B) the Aggregate Credit Exposure would exceed the Maximum Borrowing Amount and (iii) the Company shall not terminate or reduce the Commitments if, after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Loans in accordance with Section 2.10 and, if applicable, reimbursement of LC Disbursements in accordance with Section 2.05(e), the Aggregate Credit Exposure would exceed the Aggregate Commitments.

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(c) The Company shall notify the Administrative Agent of any election to terminate or reduce the Commitments of any Class under paragraph (b) of this Section at least three Business Days prior to the effective date of such termination or reduction, specifying such election and the effective date thereof. Promptly following receipt of any notice, the Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each notice delivered by the Company pursuant to this Section shall be irrevocable; provided that a notice of termination of the Commitments of any Class delivered by the Company may state that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Company (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied. Any termination or reduction of the Commitments of any Class shall be permanent. Each reduction of the Commitments of any Class (other than a termination of the Commitment of a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.18(c)) shall be made ratably among the Lenders in accordance with their respective Commitments of such Class.

(d) So long as no Event of Default is continuing or would result therefrom, the Company may, by written notice to the Administrative Agent, executed by the Company and one or more financial institutions (any such financial institution referred to in this Section being called an “Increasing Lender”), which may include any Lender, as such Lender elects or declines in its sole discretion, cause Commitments of the Increasing Lenders of any Class to become effective (or, in the case of an Increasing Lender that is an existing Lender, cause its Commitment in respect of any Class to be increased, as the case may be) in an amount for each Increasing Lender set forth in such notice; provided that (i) the aggregate amount of all Commitments hereunder, after giving effect to new Commitments, increases in existing Commitments pursuant to this paragraph and all Incremental Revolving Commitments, shall not exceed \$1,000,000,000, (ii) each Increasing Lender, if not already a Lender hereunder, shall be subject to the approval of the Administrative Agent (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) and (iii) each Increasing Lender, if not already a Lender hereunder, shall become a party to this Agreement by completing and delivering to the Administrative Agent a duly executed accession agreement in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Company. New Commitments and increases in Commitments pursuant to this Section shall become effective on the date specified in the applicable notices delivered pursuant to this Section. Following any extension of a new Commitment in respect of any Class or increase of a Lender’s Commitment in respect of any Class pursuant to this paragraph, any Loans of such Class outstanding prior to the effectiveness of such increase or extension shall continue outstanding until the ends of the respective Interest Periods applicable thereto, and shall then be repaid or refinanced with new Loans of such Class made pursuant to Section 2.01. Following any increase in the Commitments of any Class pursuant to this paragraph, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to ensure that, to the extent there are outstanding Loans of such Class, each Lender’s outstanding Loans of such Class will be in accordance with such Lender’s pro rata portion of the Commitments of such Class.

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(e) In addition, so long as no Event of Default is continuing or would result therefrom, the Company may on one or more occasions, by written notice to the Administrative Agent, request the establishment of Incremental Revolving Commitments; provided that (i) Incremental Revolving Loans are to be denominated only in US Dollars and Canadian Dollars, (ii) the aggregate amount of all the Incremental Revolving Commitments then being requested shall not be less than \$25,000,000 or the US Dollar Equivalent thereof at any such time and (iii) the aggregate amount of all Commitments hereunder, after giving effect to new Commitments pursuant to this paragraph and the immediately preceding paragraph (and any concurrent reduction in any Class of Commitments pursuant to Section 2.08(b)), shall not exceed \$1,000,000,000. Each such notice shall specify (A) the date on which the Company proposes that the Incremental Revolving Commitments shall be effective, which shall be a date not less than 10 Business Days after the date on which such notice is delivered to the Administrative Agent, (B) the amount of the Incremental Revolving Commitments being requested and (C) the Borrower(s) or Additional Borrower(s), as applicable (it being agreed that (x) any Lender approached to provide any Incremental Revolving Commitment may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide such Incremental Revolving Commitment and (y) any Person that the Company proposes to become an Incremental Lender, if such Person is not then a Lender, must be an Eligible Assignee and must be approved by the Administrative Agent and each Issuing Bank in respect of the Class of such Incremental Revolving Commitments (such approvals not to be unreasonably withheld)).

(f) The Incremental Revolving Commitments shall be effected pursuant to one or more Incremental Facility Agreements executed and delivered by the Company, each Incremental Lender providing such Incremental Revolving Commitments, each Issuing Bank designated therein to issue Letters of Credit under such Incremental Revolving Commitments and the Administrative Agent. Each Incremental Facility Agreement may, without the consent of any Revolving Lender, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, to give effect to the provisions of this Section with respect to the Incremental Revolving Commitments. The Incremental Revolving Loans will have terms and conditions substantially identical to the Revolving Loans (other than with respect to pricing and maturity) and will otherwise be on terms and subject to conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(g) Each Incremental Facility Agreement shall specify the terms of the Incremental Revolving Loans to be made thereunder; provided that without the prior written consent of Lenders holding a majority in aggregate principal amount of then outstanding Loans, (i) the Incremental Revolving Loans shall mature no earlier than (and shall not require any mandatory commitment reductions prior to) the Maturity Date, (ii) the Incremental Revolving Loans shall constitute a separate tranche of Loans (which, at the Company's option, may be part of a tranche of "first in, last out" term loans or revolving commitments subject to customary terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent) and (iii) if the interest rate spread applicable to any Incremental Revolving Loans denominated in US Dollars (which, for this purpose, shall be deemed to include all upfront or similar fees and any pricing "floor" applicable to the Incremental Revolving Loans, but excluding any underwriting, arrangement, structuring or similar fees that are not generally shared with the Lenders (collectively, "Upfront Payments"), in each case paid to the Incremental Lenders in respect of the Incremental Revolving Commitments) exceeds (x) in cases other than in respect of "first in, last out" facilities, the interest rate spread applicable to Loans of another Class denominated in US Dollars (taking into account any Upfront Payments paid in respect of Loans of such other Classes) by more than 0.50%, then the interest rate spread applicable to the Loans of such other Class denominated in US Dollars shall be increased so it equals the interest rate applicable to such Incremental Revolving Loans less 0.50% and (y) in the case of any "first in, last out" facility, the interest rate spread exceeds the interest rate spread applicable to Loans of another Class denominated in US Dollars (taking into account any Upfront Payments paid in respect of Loans of such other Classes) by more than 1.50%, then the interest rate spread applicable to the Loans of such other Class denominated in US Dollars shall be increased so it equals the interest rate applicable to such "first in, last out" facility less 1.50%.

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SECTION 2.09. Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Indebtedness. (a) The applicable Borrower hereby unconditionally promises to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Loan on the Maturity Date and (ii) to the Administrative Agent the then unpaid principal amount of each Protective Advance on the earlier of the Maturity Date and demand by the Administrative Agent in respect of such Protective Advance.

(b) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the applicable Borrower to such Lender resulting from each Loan made by such Lender, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such Lender from time to time hereunder.

(c) The Administrative Agent shall maintain accounts in which it shall record (i) the amount of each Loan made hereunder, the Class and Type thereof and the Interest Period applicable thereto, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the applicable Borrower to each Lender hereunder and (iii) the amount of any sum received by the Administrative Agent hereunder for the account of the Lenders and each Lender's share thereof.

(d) The entries made in the accounts maintained pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of this Section shall be prima facie evidence of the existence and amounts of the obligations recorded therein; provided that the failure of any Lender or the Administrative Agent to maintain such accounts or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the applicable Borrower to repay the Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(e) Any Lender may request that Loans made by it be evidenced by a promissory note. In such event, the applicable Borrower shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender a promissory note payable to such Lender (and its registered assigns) and in a form approved by the Administrative Agent. Thereafter, the Loans evidenced by such promissory note and interest thereon shall at all times (including after assignment pursuant to Section 8.04) be represented by one or more promissory notes in such form payable to the payee named therein (and its registered assigns).

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(f) On each Business Day while a Cash Dominion Period is in effect, the Administrative Agent shall apply any and all funds credited to the ABL Collection Account on such Business Day or the immediately preceding Business Day (in the Permitted Discretion of the Administrative Agent), first, to prepay any Protective Advances that may be outstanding, second, to prepay the Borrowings and unreimbursed LC Disbursements and, third, to cash collateralize outstanding LC Exposure in the manner provided in Section 2.05(j) (to the extent such LC Exposure shall not have been theretofore cash collateralized in accordance with such Section). The Borrowers hereby direct the Administrative Agent to apply the funds credited to the ABL Collection Account as set forth above and authorize the Administrative Agent to determine the order of application of such funds as among the individual Protective Advances or Borrowings and unreimbursed LC Disbursements. Each prepayment of a Borrowing shall be applied ratably to the Loans included in such Borrowing. For the avoidance of doubt, funds used to prepay Borrowings or unreimbursed LC Disbursements may be reborrowed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

SECTION 2.10. Prepayment of Loans. (a) The Borrowers shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay any Borrowing in whole or in part, subject to prior notice in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Section. In the event and on such occasion that (i) the total Revolving Exposures exceeds the total Revolving Commitments, (ii) the total Credit Exposures of any other Class exceeds the total Commitments of such Class or (iii) the Aggregate Credit Exposure exceeds the lesser of (A) the sum of (1) the Borrowing Base then in effect and (2) the Protective Advance Exposures and (B) the Aggregate Commitments then in effect, the Company shall, on the third Business Day after notice thereof from the Administrative Agent has been delivered to the Company, first, prepay any Protective Advances that may be outstanding and, second, prepay such outstanding Borrowing or Borrowings of the applicable Class as the Company may elect in an aggregate amount equal to the amount of such excess; provided that if the total Credit Exposures of any Class exceeds the total Commitments of such Class solely as a result of currency fluctuations, the Company shall not be required to prepay the excess until such time as the total Credit Exposures of such Class exceeds 105% of the total Commitments of such Class, in which case such excess shall be paid on the third Business Day after notice from the Administrative Agent is delivered to the Company.

(b) [reserved].

(c) The applicable Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent by telephone (confirmed by telecopy) of any prepayment hereunder (i) in the case of prepayment of a Eurodollar, CDOR Rate or Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, one Business Day before the date of prepayment and (ii) in the case of prepayment of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the date of prepayment. Each such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the prepayment date and the principal amount of each Borrowing or portion thereof to be prepaid and the applicable currency of such Borrowing; provided that, if a notice of prepayment is given in connection with a conditional notice of termination of the Commitments as contemplated by Section 2.08, then such notice of prepayment may be revoked if such notice of termination is revoked in accordance with Section 2.08. Promptly following receipt of any such notice relating to a Borrowing, the Administrative Agent shall advise the participating Lenders of the contents thereof. Each partial prepayment of any Borrowing shall be in an amount that would be permitted in the case of an advance of a Borrowing of the same Class and Type as provided in Section 2.02. Each prepayment of a Borrowing (other than a prepayment of the Loans of a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.18(c)) shall be applied ratably to the Loans included in the prepaid Borrowing. Prepayments shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the extent required by Section 2.12.

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SECTION 2.11. Fees. (a) The Company agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a commitment fee in US Dollars, which shall accrue on the daily unused amount of the Commitment of such Lender during the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the date on which such Commitment terminates at a rate per annum equal to the applicable rate set forth in the table below based on Average Utilization during the most recently ended fiscal quarter of the Company, with each change in such rate effective on the first day of the first month immediately following the last day of such fiscal quarter; provided that prior to the end of the first full fiscal quarter of the Company after the Effective Date, the commitment fee shall accrue at 0.30% per annum.

Average Utilization	Commitment Fee
$\geq 50.0\%$	0.25%
$\leq 50.0\%$	0.30%

Accrued commitment fees shall be payable in arrears on the last day of March, June, September and December of each year and on the Maturity Date, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date hereof. All commitment fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). For purposes of computing commitment fees, the Commitment of a Lender shall be deemed to be used to the extent of the outstanding Loans and LC Exposure of such Lender (and the Protective Advance Exposures of such Lender shall constitute unused Commitments for such purpose).

(b) Each Borrower agrees to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender of any Class a participation fee with respect to its participations in Letters of Credit of such Class issued for the account of such Borrower, which shall accrue at the Applicable Rate on the daily amount of the LC Exposure of such Class (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements of such Class) during the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date on which such Lender's Commitment of such Class terminates and the date on which such Lender ceases to have any LC Exposure of such Class, and (ii) to the relevant Issuing Bank a fronting fee, which shall accrue at the rate or rates per annum separately agreed upon between the applicable Borrower and such Issuing Bank on the daily amount of the portion of the LC Exposure (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) attributable to outstanding Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank for the account of such Borrower during the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date of termination of the Commitments and the date on which there ceases to be any LC Exposure in respect of Letters of Credit issued for the account of such Borrower, as well as such Issuing Bank's standard fees with respect to the issuance, amendment or extension of any Letter of Credit or processing of drawings thereunder. Participation and fronting fees accrued through and including the last day of March, June, September and December of each year shall be payable on the third Business Day following such last day, commencing on the first such date to occur after the Effective Date; provided that all such fees shall be payable on the date on which the Commitments terminate and any such fees accruing after the date on which the Commitments terminate shall be payable on demand. Any other fees payable by any Borrower to any Issuing Bank pursuant to this paragraph shall be payable within 10 days after demand. All participation and fronting fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). In addition to the fees referred to above, each Issuing Bank (i) may collect customary drawing fees from beneficiaries of Letters of Credit issued by it and (ii) may require that Letters of Credit issued by it contain customary provisions for such drawing fees.

(c) The Company agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for its own account and for the account of the initial Lenders, fees in the amounts and at the times separately agreed upon between the Company and the Administrative Agent.

(d) All fees payable by the Borrowers hereunder shall be paid in US Dollars on the dates due, in immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent (or to the relevant Issuing Bank, in the case of fees payable by the Borrowers to it) for distribution to the parties entitled thereto. Fees paid by the Borrowers shall not be refundable under any circumstances.

SECTION 2.12. Interest. (a) The Loans comprising each ABR Borrowing and each Protective Advance shall bear interest at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate.

(b) The Loans comprising each Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing shall bear interest at the Canadian Prime Rate plus the Applicable Rate.

(c) The Loans comprising each CDOR Rate Borrowing shall bear interest at the CDOR Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus the Applicable Rate.

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(d) The Loans comprising each Eurodollar Borrowing shall bear interest at the LIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus the Applicable Rate.

(e) [Reserved.]

(f) [Reserved.]

(g) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any principal of or interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable by the applicable Borrower hereunder is not paid when due, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration or otherwise, such overdue amount shall bear interest, after as well as before judgment, at a rate per annum equal to (i) in the case of overdue principal of any Loan, 2% plus the rate otherwise applicable to such Loan as provided in the preceding paragraphs of this Section or (ii) in the case of any other amount, 2% plus the rate applicable to ABR Loans as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section.

(h) (i) For so long as any Lender maintains reserves against “Eurocurrency liabilities” (or any other category of liabilities which includes deposits by reference to which the interest rate on Eurodollar Loans is determined or any category of extensions of credit or other assets which includes loans by a non-United States office of any Lender to United States residents), and as a result the cost to such Lender (or its lending office for Eurodollar Loans) of making or maintaining its Eurodollar Loans is increased, then such Lender may require the applicable Borrower to pay, contemporaneously with each payment of interest on any Eurodollar Loan of such Lender, additional interest on such Eurodollar Loan for the Interest Period of such Eurodollar Loan at a rate per annum up to but not exceeding the excess of (A) (x) the applicable LIBO Rate divided by (y) one minus the Statutory Reserve Percentage over (B) the rate specified in the preceding clause (x).

(ii) Any Lender wishing to require payment of additional interest (x) shall so notify the applicable Borrower and the Administrative Agent, in which case such additional interest on the Eurodollar Loans of such Lender shall be payable to such Lender at the place indicated in such notice with respect to each Interest Period commencing at least three Business Days after the giving of such notice and (y) shall furnish to the applicable Borrower at least five Business Days prior to each date on which interest is payable on the Eurodollar Loans an officer’s certificate setting forth the amount to which such Lender is then entitled under this Section (which shall be consistent with such Lender’s good-faith estimate of the level at which the related reserves are maintained by it). Each such certificate shall be accompanied by such information as the applicable Borrower may reasonably request as to the computation set forth therein.

(i) Accrued interest on each Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Loan and, in the case of a Revolving Loan or a Protective Advance, upon termination of the Commitments; provided that (i) interest accrued pursuant to paragraph (g) of this Section and interest accrued on any Protective Advance shall be payable on demand, (ii) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan (other than a prepayment of an ABR or Canadian Prime Rate Loan prior to the end of the Availability Period), accrued interest on the principal amount repaid or prepaid shall be payable on the date of such repayment or prepayment and (iii) in the event of any conversion of any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loan prior to the end of the current Interest Period therefor, accrued interest on such Loan shall be payable on the effective date of such conversion.

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(j) All interest hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that (i) interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate and (ii) interest on Borrowings denominated in Canadian Dollars shall each be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year), and in each case shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day). The applicable Alternate Base Rate, Canadian Prime Rate, CDOR Rate or LIBO Rate shall be determined by the Administrative Agent, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(k) For purposes of disclosure pursuant to the *Interest Act* (Canada), the annual rates of interest or fees to which the rates of interest or fees provided in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (and stated herein or therein, as applicable, to be computed on the basis of 360 days or any other period of time less than a calendar year) are equivalent are the rates so determined multiplied by the actual number of days in the applicable calendar year and divided by 360 or such other period of time, respectively.

(l) If any provision of this Agreement or of any of the other Loan Documents would obligate any Canadian Loan Party to make any payment of interest or other amount payable to the Lenders in an amount or calculated at a rate which would be prohibited by law or would result in a receipt by the Lenders of interest at a criminal rate (as such terms are construed under the *Criminal Code* (Canada)) then, notwithstanding such provisions, such amount or rate shall be deemed to have been adjusted with retroactive effect to the maximum amount or rate of interest, as the case may be, as would not be so prohibited by law or so result in a receipt by the Lenders of interest at a criminal rate, such adjustment to be effected, to the extent necessary, as follows: (1) firstly, by reducing the amount or rate of interest required to be paid to the Lenders under this Section, and (2) thereafter, by reducing any fees, commissions, premiums and other amounts required to be paid to the Lenders which would constitute "interest" for purposes of Section 347 of the *Criminal Code* (Canada). Notwithstanding the foregoing, and after giving effect to all adjustments contemplated thereby, if the Lenders shall have received an amount in excess of the maximum permitted by that section of the *Criminal Code* (Canada), the Canadian Loan Parties shall be entitled, by notice in writing to the Administrative Agent, to obtain reimbursement from the Lenders in an amount equal to such excess and, pending such reimbursement, such amount shall be deemed to be an amount payable by the Lenders to the Borrower. Any amount or rate of interest referred to in this Section shall be determined in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practices and principles as an effective annual rate of interest over the term that the applicable Loan remains outstanding on the assumption that any charges, fees or expenses that fall within the meaning of "interest" (as defined in the *Criminal Code* (Canada)) shall, if they relate to a specific period of time, be pro-rated over that period of time and otherwise be pro-rated over the period from the closing date to the Maturity Date and, in the event of a dispute, a certificate of a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries appointed by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive for the purposes of such determination.

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SECTION 2.13. Alternate Rate of Interest. (a) If prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing:

- (i) the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error), that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the CDOR Rate (including because the LIBO Screen Rate or the CDO Screen Rate, as applicable, is not available or published on a current basis) for such Interest Period; or
- (ii) the Administrative Agent is advised by the Required Lenders that the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the CDOR Rate for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing for such Interest Period;

then the Administrative Agent shall give notice thereof to the Company and the Lenders by telephone or telecopy as promptly as practicable thereafter, but not later than 10:00 a.m. (London time, or in the case of a CDOR Rate Borrowing, New York City time) on the first day of such Interest Period, and, until the Administrative Agent notifies the Company and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist, (A) any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Borrowing to, or continuation of any Borrowing as, an affected Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing shall be ineffective, (B) any affected Eurodollar Borrowing that is requested to be continued shall be converted to an ABR Borrowing on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, (C) any affected CDOR Rate Borrowing that is requested to be continued shall be converted to a Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto and (D) if any Borrowing Request requests an affected Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Borrowing, then, unless the applicable Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent by 2:00 p.m. (London time, or in the case of a CDOR Rate Borrowing, New York City time) on the date of such Borrowing that it elects not to borrow on such date, such Borrowing shall (1) in the case of a Borrowing denominated in US Dollars, be deemed a request for an ABR Borrowing or (2) in the case of a Borrowing denominated in Canadian Dollars, be deemed a request for a Canadian Prime Rate Borrowing.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, if a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then (x) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (1) or (2) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" with respect to US Dollars for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document and (y) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (3) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" with respect to US Dollars or CAD for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in respect of any Benchmark setting at or after 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date notice of such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such Benchmark Replacement from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

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(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document and subject to the proviso below in this paragraph, with respect to a Loan denominated in US Dollars, if a Term SOFR Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then the applicable Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder or under any Loan Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings, without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document; provided that, this clause (c) shall not be effective unless the Administrative Agent has delivered to the Lenders and the Borrower a Term SOFR Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to deliver a Term SOFR Notice after the occurrence of a Term SOFR Transition Event and may do so in its sole discretion.

(d) In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(e) The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of (i) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (iii) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, (iv) the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to clause (f) below and (v) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this Section 2.13, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 2.13.

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(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (i) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the CDOR Rate) and either (a) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (b) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is or will be no longer representative, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of “Interest Period” for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (ii) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (i) above either (a) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (b) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is or will no longer be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of “Interest Period” for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

(g) Upon the Company’s receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, any Borrower may revoke any request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of affected Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loans to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, such Borrower will be deemed to have converted (x) any request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of affected Eurodollar Loans into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to ABR Loans and (y) any request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of affected CDOR Rate Loans into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to Canadian Prime Rate Loans. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, (x) with respect to US Dollars, the component of ABR based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of ABR and (y) with respect to CAD, the component of the Canadian Prime Rate based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of the Canadian Prime Rate. Furthermore, if any Eurodollar Loan or CDOR Rate Loan is outstanding on the date of the Borrower’s receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period with respect to the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the CDOR Rate, as applicable, then until such time as the applicable Benchmark Replacement is implemented pursuant to this Section 2.13, (i) in the case of a Eurodollar Loan, on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan (or the next succeeding Business Day if such day is not a Business Day), such Loan shall be converted by the Administrative Agent to, and shall constitute, an ABR Loan and (ii) in the case of a CDOR Rate Loan, such Loan shall, on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to such Loan (or the next succeeding Business Day if such day is not a Business Day), such Loan shall be converted by the Administrative Agent to, and shall constitute, a Canadian Prime Rate Loan.

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SECTION 2.14. Increased Costs. (a) If any Change in Law shall:

- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended by, any Lender (except any such reserve requirement reflected in the Statutory Reserve Percentage) or any Issuing Bank; or
- (ii) impose on any Lender or any Issuing Bank or the London or Canadian interbank market any other condition affecting this Agreement or Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein (other than an imposition or change in Indemnified Taxes, Other Taxes or Excluded Taxes, or any Change in Law relating to capital or liquidity requirements or the rate of return on capital, with respect to which Section 2.16 and paragraph (b) of this Section, respectively, shall apply);

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender or such other Recipient of making or maintaining, or reduce the amount receivable by any Lender with respect to, any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan) or to increase the cost to such Lender or such Issuing Bank of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit or Protective Advance, then the Company will pay to such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) If any Lender or any Issuing Bank determines that any Change in Law regarding capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit or Protective Advances held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank, to a level below that which such Lender or such Issuing Bank or such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's policies and the policies of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's holding company with respect to capital adequacy), then from time to time the Company will pay to such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such Issuing Bank or such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) A certificate of a Lender or an Issuing Bank setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or such Issuing Bank or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section shall be delivered to the Company and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Company shall pay such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 15 days after receipt thereof.

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(d) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or any Issuing Bank to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Company shall not be required to compensate a Lender or an Issuing Bank pursuant to this Section for any increased costs or reductions incurred more than 180 days prior to the date that such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, notifies the Company of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's intention to claim compensation therefor; provided further that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the 180-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof.

SECTION 2.15. Break Funding Payments. In the event of (a) the payment of any principal of any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loan other than on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto (including as a result of an Event of Default), (b) the conversion of any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, (c) the failure to borrow, convert, continue or prepay any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate Loan on the date specified in any notice delivered pursuant hereto (regardless of whether such notice may be revoked under Section 2.10(c) and is revoked in accordance therewith) or (d) the assignment of any Eurodollar or CDOR Rate other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto as a result of a request by a Borrower pursuant to Section 2.18, then, in any such event, the applicable Borrower shall compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and expense attributable to such event which, in the reasonable judgment of such Lender, such Lender (or an existing or prospective participant in a related Loan) incurred, including any loss incurred in obtaining, liquidating or employing deposits from third parties, but excluding loss of margin for the period after any such payment. A certificate of any Lender setting forth any amount or amounts that such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to the applicable Borrowers and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The applicable Borrower shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 15 days after receipt thereof.

SECTION 2.16. Taxes. (a) Each payment by any Loan Party under any Loan Document shall be made without withholding for any Taxes, unless such withholding is required by any law. If any Withholding Agent determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it is so required to withhold Taxes, then such Withholding Agent may so withhold and shall timely pay the full amount of withheld Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law. If such Taxes are Indemnified Taxes, then the amount payable by such Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that, net of such withholding (including such withholding applicable to additional amounts payable under this Section), the applicable Recipient receives the amount it would have received had no such withholding been made.

(b) In addition, the Loan Parties shall pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.

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(c) Each Loan Party shall jointly and severally indemnify each Recipient within 15 days after written demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes paid by such Recipient on or with respect to any payment by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party hereunder (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority; provided, that the Loan Parties shall not be obligated to make payment to such Recipient for penalties, interest or expenses attributable to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Recipient. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the applicable Loan Party by a Recipient, or by the Administrative Agent on behalf of another Recipient, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after written demand therefor, for the full amount of any Taxes (but, in the case of any Indemnified Taxes, only to the extent that the Loan Parties have not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so) attributable to such Lender that are paid or payable by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Loan Document and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Excluded Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate setting forth and explaining in reasonable detail the amount of such payment or liability delivered to a Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(e) As soon as practicable after any payment of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes by a Loan Party to a Governmental Authority, the Company shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

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(f) (A) Any Foreign Lender that is entitled to an exemption from, or reduction of withholding Tax under the law of the United States of America, or any treaty to which the United States of America is a party, with respect to payments under this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), on or prior to the date of this Agreement (or, in the case of any Lender that becomes a party to this Agreement pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption, on or about the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement) either (a) two properly executed originals of Form W-8ECI or Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or any successor forms) prescribed by the IRS or other documents satisfactory to the Company and the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, certifying (i) that all payments to be made to such Foreign Lender under the Loan Documents are exempt from United States withholding Taxes because such payments are effectively connected with the conduct by such Lender of a trade or business within the United States and are included in such Lender's gross income or (ii) that all payments to be made to such Foreign Lender under the Loan Documents are completely exempt from Taxes or are subject to such Taxes at a reduced rate by an applicable Tax treaty, (b)(i) a certificate executed by such Lender certifying that such Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code and that such Lender qualifies for the portfolio interest exemption under Section 881(c) of the Code, and (ii) two properly executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or any successor form) or (c) in the case of a Foreign Lender that is not the beneficial owner of payments made under this Agreement (including a partnership or a participating Lender) (i) an IRS Form W-8IMY on behalf of itself and (ii) the relevant forms prescribed in this paragraph (f)(A) that would be required of each such beneficial owner or partner of such partnership if such beneficial owner or partner were a Lender; provided, however, that if the Lender is a partnership and one or more of its partners are claiming the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, such Lender may provide a certificate described in clause (b)(i) on behalf of such partners, in each case, certifying such Lender's entitlement to an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax with respect to payments of interest to be made hereunder or under this Agreement or any other Loan Document. In the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party, the IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, shall (x) with respect to payments of interest under the Loan Documents, establish an exemption from U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under the Loan Documents, establish an exemption from U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty. Each Lender that is not a Foreign Lender shall deliver to the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) two properly executed originals IRS Form W-9 (or any successor form). Each Lender agrees (but only to the extent it is legally entitled to do so) to provide the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) with new forms prescribed by the IRS upon the expiration or obsolescence of any previously delivered form, after the occurrence of any event requiring a change in the most recent forms delivered by it to the Company and the Administrative Agent, or at any other time reasonably requested by the Company or promptly notify the Company or the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(B) If a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Withholding Agent, at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Withholding Agent, such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Withholding Agent as may be necessary for the Withholding Agent to comply with its obligations under FATCA, to determine that such Lender has or has not complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA and, as necessary, to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this Section 2.16(f)(B), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

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(C) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from, or reduction of withholding Tax under the laws of a country other than the United States of America, or any treaty to which such country is a party, with respect to payments under this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Company (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at the time or times reasonably requested by the Company or the Administrative Agent, (A) such properly completed and duly executed documentation prescribed by applicable laws as will permit the Company or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to establish such Lender's entitlement to any available exemption from, or reduction of, applicable Taxes (other than United States Taxes), and (B) such other documentation and reasonably requested information as will permit the Company or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to determine, if applicable, the required rate of withholding or deduction for any applicable Taxes and any required information reporting requirements, in each case, in respect of any payments to be made to such Lender pursuant to any Loan Document. The completion, execution and submission of any documentation contemplated by this Section 2.16(f)(C) shall not be required if in the Lender's judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender. Each Lender shall deliver to the Company and the Administrative Agent two further original copies of any previously delivered form or certification (or any applicable successor form) on or before the date that any such form or certification expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate and promptly after the occurrence of any event requiring a change in the most recent form previously delivered by it to the Company or the Administrative Agent, or promptly notify the Company and the Administrative Agent that it is unable to do so. Each Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent at any time it determines that it is no longer in a position to provide any previously delivered form or certification under this Section 2.16(f)(C) to the Company or the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2.16(f)(C), a Lender or Agent shall not be required to deliver any form pursuant to this Section 2.16(f)(C) that it is not legally able to deliver.

(g) If the Administrative Agent or a Lender determines, in its sole discretion, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by a Loan Party or with respect to which a Loan Party has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall pay over such refund to the Loan Party (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Loan Party under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of the Administrative Agent or such Lender and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided, that the Loan Party, upon the request of the Administrative Agent or such Lender, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Loan Party (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Administrative Agent or such Lender in the event the Administrative Agent or such Lender is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. This Section shall not be construed to require the Administrative Agent or any Lender to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes which it deems confidential) to the Loan Party or any other Person.

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(h) [Reserved.]

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(j) Each party's obligations under this Section 2.16 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under this Agreement and any other Loan Document.

SECTION 2.17. Payments Generally; Pro Rata Treatment; Sharing of Set-offs. (a) Each Borrower shall make each payment required to be made by it hereunder (whether of principal, interest, fees or reimbursement of LC Disbursements, or of amounts payable under Section 2.14, 2.15 or 2.16, or otherwise) on the date when due, in immediately available funds, without set-off or counterclaim, and each Borrower agrees to instruct its bank which will be transmitting such funds with respect to such payments not later than 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the date when due. All such payments shall be made to the Administrative Agent at its offices at 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, except payments to be made directly to an Issuing Bank as expressly provided herein and except that payments pursuant to Sections 2.14, 2.15, 2.16 and 8.03 shall be made directly to the Persons entitled thereto. The Administrative Agent shall distribute any such payments received by it for the account of any other Person to the appropriate recipient promptly following receipt thereof. If any payment hereunder shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the date for payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day, and, in the case of any payment accruing interest, interest thereon shall be payable for the period of such extension. Payments of principal and interest on any Loan shall be in the currency in which such Loan is denominated. Reimbursement of LC Disbursement and interest thereon shall be paid in the currency in which such LC Disbursement was made. All other payments hereunder shall be made in US Dollars.

(b) If at any time insufficient funds are received by and available to the Administrative Agent to pay fully all amounts of principal, unreimbursed LC Disbursements, interest and fees then due from an applicable Borrower hereunder, such funds shall be applied (i) first, towards payment of interest and fees then due from such Borrower hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of such interest and fees then due to such parties by such Borrower, and (ii) second, towards payment of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due from such Borrower hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due to such parties by such Borrower.

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(c) If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of set-off or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its (i) Revolving Loans or participations in LC Disbursements in respect of Letters of Credit or Protective Advances or (ii) Loans or participations in LC Disbursements or Protective Advances of any other Class resulting in such Lender receiving payment of a greater proportion of the aggregate amount of its (i) Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Protective Advances or (ii) Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Protective Advances of any other Class and, in each case, accrued interest thereon than the proportion received by any other Lender of the applicable Class, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the (i) Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements in respect of Letters of Credit and Protective Advances or (ii) Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Protective Advances of any other Class of other Lenders of the applicable Class to the extent necessary so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders of the applicable Class ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective (i) Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements in respect of Letters of Credit and Protective Advances or (ii) Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Protective Advances of any other Class; provided that (i) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest, and (ii) the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to apply to any payment made by a Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or participations in LC Disbursements or Protective Advances to any assignee or participant, other than to the Company or any Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply). The Borrowers consent to the foregoing and agree, to the extent they may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against the Borrowers rights of set-off and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Borrowers in the amount of such participation.

(d) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the applicable Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of any Lenders or any Issuing Bank hereunder that such Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the applicable Lenders or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if such Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the applicable Lenders or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or such Issuing Bank with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of (A) (x) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in the case of Loans denominated in US Dollars and (y) the rate reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent to be the cost of funding such amount, in the case of Loans denominated in Canadian Dollars and (B) a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

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(e) If any Lender shall fail to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to Section 2.05(d) or (e), 2.06(b) or 2.17(d), then the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion (notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof), apply any amounts thereafter received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender to satisfy such Lender's obligations under such Sections until all such unsatisfied obligations are fully paid.

SECTION 2.18. Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders. (a) If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.14 or 2.21, or additional interest under Section 2.12(h) or if a Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16 or 2.21, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.12(h), 2.14, 2.16 or 2.21, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The applicable Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(b) If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.14 or 2.21, or additional interest under Section 2.12(h), or if a Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16 or 2.21, or if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the Company may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 8.04), all its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); provided that (i) the Company shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (and, if a Commitment is being assigned, the Issuing Banks), which consents shall not unreasonably be withheld, (ii) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Protective Advances, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts, in each case payable to it by the applicable Borrower hereunder, from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the applicable Borrower (in the case of all other amounts) and (iii) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 2.14 or 2.21, additional interest under Section 2.12(h) or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 2.16 or 2.21, such assignment will result in a material reduction in such compensation or payments. A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment and delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the applicable Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

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(c) If any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, and at any time thereafter while such Lender continues to be a Defaulting Lender, the Company may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Commitment of such Lender and prepay all Loans of such Lender then outstanding, together with interest thereon to the date of such prepayment; provided that such termination and prepayment shall be permitted only if, after giving effect thereto (including the adjustment of Credit Exposures of the Lenders to give effect to the allocation of LC Exposure in accordance with the Applicable Percentages of the Lenders after giving effect thereto), no Lender's Credit Exposure shall exceed its Commitment.

(d) In connection with any proposed amendment, modification or waiver of or with respect to any provision of this Agreement (a "Proposed Change") requiring the consent of all Lenders, if the consent of the Required Lenders to such Proposed Change is obtained, but the consent to such Proposed Change of other Lenders whose consent is required is not obtained, then the Company may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to each Non-Consenting Lender and the Administrative Agent, require each Non-Consenting Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 8.04) all its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); provided that (i) the Company shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, (ii) such Non-Consenting Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Protective Advances, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts, in each case payable to it by the Company hereunder, from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Company (in the case of all other amounts) and (iii) the Company shall not be permitted to require any Non-Consenting Lender to make any such assignment unless all Non-Consenting Lenders are required to make such assignments and, as a result thereof, the Proposed Change will become effective.

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SECTION 2.19. Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender then the following provisions shall apply for so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender:

- (a) if any Protective Advance Exposures in respect of any Class exists at the time a Lender of such Class is a Defaulting Lender the Protective Advance Exposures of such Defaulting Lender shall be reallocated among the non-Defaulting Lenders at such time in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages but only to the extent that after giving effect to any such reallocation, (i) the Credit Exposure of each non-Defaulting Lender of such Class would not exceed its Commitments of such Class and (ii) the total Credit Exposure of all non-Defaulting Lenders of such Class would not exceed the total Commitments of such Lenders of such Class; provided that if such reallocation cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Company shall within one Business Day following notice by the Administrative Agent prepay the portion of such Defaulting Lender's Protective Advance Exposures that has not been reallocated; provided, further, that the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 are satisfied at the time of such reallocation (and, unless the Company shall have otherwise notified the Administrative Agent at such time, the Company shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such conditions are satisfied at such time);
  - (b) if any LC Exposure in respect of any Class exists at the time a Lender of such Class is a Defaulting Lender the Company shall within three Business Days following notice by the Administrative Agent either (i) cash collateralize such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure of such Class in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.05(j) for so long as such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure of such Class is outstanding, (ii) elect, by notice to the Administrative Agent, an LC Exposure Reallocation with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure of such Class, provided that the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 are satisfied at the time of such reallocation (and, unless the Company shall have otherwise notified the Administrative Agent at such time, the Company shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such conditions are satisfied at such time) or (iii) comply with a combination of clauses (i) and (ii) above with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure of such Class;
  - (c) no Issuing Bank shall be required to issue, amend or increase any Letter of Credit of any Class unless the Company provides cash collateral or elects an LC Exposure Reallocation (or a combination thereof) in accordance with clause (b) above in respect of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure of such Class in respect thereof;
  - (d) no commitment fees or participation fees shall accrue for the account of or be payable to such Defaulting Lender; and
  - (e) the Commitment and Credit Exposure of such Defaulting Lender shall not be included in determining whether the Required Lenders, the Supermajority Lenders or any other requisite Lenders have taken or may take any action hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including any consent to any amendment, waiver or other modification pursuant to Section 8.02 or Section 8.02A); provided that any amendment, waiver or other modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or all Lenders affected thereby shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 8.02, require the consent of such Defaulting Lender in accordance with the terms hereof.
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It is understood that, if the Commitment of a Defaulting Lender is assigned pursuant to Section 2.18(b) or terminated pursuant to Section 2.18(c), the provisions of this Section 2.19 shall cease to apply in respect of such Defaulting Lender and its Commitment.

SECTION 2.20. Additional Borrowers; Borrowing Subsidiary Terminations.

(a) After the Effective Date, the Company may designate any wholly-owned Domestic Subsidiary or Canadian Subsidiary acceptable to the Lenders of any Class of Commitments and the Administrative Agent as an Additional Borrower in respect of such Class by delivery to the Administrative Agent of (i) an Additional Borrower Agreement executed by such Subsidiary and the Company, substantially in the form of Exhibit B-1 hereto (each, an “Additional Borrower Agreement”) and (ii) a favorable written opinion (addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders) of counsel of such Subsidiary or Subsidiaries (which opinion shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent). Upon the written acceptance of the Additional Borrower Agreement by the Administrative Agent and all the Lenders of the applicable Class, in each applicable Lender’s sole discretion, such Subsidiary shall for all purposes of this Agreement be an Additional Borrower with respect to such Class and a party to this Agreement.

(b) If the Company wishes to terminate a Borrowing Subsidiary, the Company may execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent, at least ten Business Days prior to effectiveness, a Borrowing Subsidiary Termination substantially in the form of Exhibit B-2 hereto (each, a “Borrowing Subsidiary Termination”) with respect to any Borrowing Subsidiary, and such Subsidiary shall cease to be a Borrowing Subsidiary and a party to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Borrowing Subsidiary Termination will become effective as to any Borrowing Subsidiary at a time when any principal of or interest on any Loan to such Borrowing Subsidiary shall be outstanding hereunder. Promptly following receipt of any Additional Borrower Agreement or Borrowing Subsidiary Termination, the Administrative Agent shall send a copy thereof to each Lender.

SECTION 2.21. Canadian Borrower Costs.

(a) If the cost to any Lender of making or maintaining any Loan to any Additional Borrower that is a Canadian Borrower is increased, or the amount of any sum received or receivable by any Lender (or its lending office) from any such Canadian Borrower is reduced, by an amount deemed in good faith by such Lender to be material, by reason of the fact that such Additional Borrower is organized under the laws of, or principally conducts its business in, a jurisdiction or jurisdictions outside the United States of America, the Company shall indemnify such Lender for such increased cost or reduction within 30 days after demand by such Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent). A certificate of such Lender claiming compensation under this subsection (a) and setting forth the additional amount or amounts to be paid to it hereunder, together with calculations in reasonable detail supporting such amounts, shall be conclusive in the absence of clearly demonstrable error.

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(b) Each Lender will promptly notify the Company and the Administrative Agent of any event of which it has knowledge that will entitle such Lender to additional interest or payments pursuant to paragraph (a) above, but in any event within 45 days after such Lender obtains actual knowledge thereof; provided that (i) if any Lender fails to give such notice within 45 days after it obtains actual knowledge of such an event, such Lender shall, with respect to compensation payable pursuant to this Section in respect of any costs resulting from such event, only be entitled to payment under this Section for costs incurred from and after the date 45 days prior to the date that such Lender does give such notice and (ii) each Lender will designate a different applicable lending office, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation will avoid the need for, or reduce the amount of, such compensation and will not be otherwise disadvantageous to such Lender or to the Company or any Borrower.

(c) The foregoing provisions of this Section shall not apply to Taxes imposed on or with respect to payments made by the Borrowers hereunder or Other Taxes, which Taxes shall be governed in each case solely by Section 2.16.

### ARTICLE III

#### Representations and Warranties

The Company represents and warrants to the Lenders that:

SECTION 3.01. Corporate Existence and Power. Each Loan Party is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and has all corporate or other organizational power and authority required to carry on its business as now conducted.

SECTION 3.02. Corporate and Governmental Authorization; No Contravention. The Transactions to be entered into by each Loan Party are within such Loan Party's corporate or other organizational power, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any governmental body, agency or official (other than the filing of reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission and filings necessary to satisfy the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement) and do not contravene, or constitute a default under, any provision of applicable law or regulation or of the certificate of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational documents of such Loan Party or of any agreement, judgment, injunction, order, decree or other instrument binding upon such Loan Party, in each case where the failure to take such action, make such filing or contravention or default would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.03. Binding Effect. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrowers and constitutes, and each Collateral Agreement (at such times as the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement is required to be satisfied) has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and each Material Subsidiary party thereto and constitutes, a valid and binding obligation of the Company (and such Material Subsidiary, if applicable), enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, concepts of reasonableness and general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

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SECTION 3.04. Financial Information. (a) The consolidated balance sheet of the Company and the Subsidiaries and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows as of and for (i) Fiscal Year 2020, reported on by Ernst & Young LLP and set forth in the Registration Statement, a copy of which has been delivered to each of the Lenders, and (ii) the first fiscal quarter of Fiscal Year 2021, certified by a Financial Officer, in each case fairly present, in conformity with GAAP (except, in the case of the financial statements referred to in clause (ii) above, for normal year-end adjustments and the absence of footnotes), the consolidated financial position of the Company and the Subsidiaries as of such date and their consolidated results of operations and cash flows for such Fiscal Year or portion of such Fiscal Year, as applicable.

(b) From January 30, 2021 to the date hereof or any Test Date, as applicable, there has been no material adverse change in the business, financial position or results of operations of the Company and the Consolidated Subsidiaries, considered as a whole.

SECTION 3.05. Litigation and Environmental Matters. (a) Except for the Disclosed Matters, there is no action, suit or proceeding pending against, or to the knowledge of the Company threatened against or affecting, the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiaries before any court or arbitrator or any governmental body, agency or official in which there is, in the good faith judgment of the Company (which shall be conclusive), a reasonable possibility of an adverse decision, which would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Except with respect to any matters that, individually or in the aggregate, are not reasonably expected in the good faith judgment of the Company (which shall be conclusive) to have a Material Adverse Effect of the type referred to in clause (a) of the definition thereof, neither the Company nor any of the Consolidated Subsidiaries (i) has failed to comply with any Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law, (ii) has become subject to any Environmental Liability, (iii) has received notice of any claim with respect to any Environmental Liability or (iv) knows of any basis for any Environmental Liability.

(c) Since the date of this Agreement, there has been no change in the status of the Disclosed Matters that, individually or in the aggregate in the good faith judgment of the Company (which shall be conclusive), has resulted in a Material Adverse Effect.

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SECTION 3.06. Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions. The Company has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to promote compliance by the Company, its Subsidiaries (other than any Unrestricted Subsidiary) and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents (acting in their capacity as such) with the FCPA, the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 and applicable Sanctions, and the Company and each of its Subsidiaries (other than any Unrestricted Subsidiary), to the knowledge of the Company, is in compliance with all Anti-Corruption Laws, applicable Sanctions, and, to the extent applicable, the USA Patriot Act, in all material respects. None of the Company or any Subsidiary (other than any Unrestricted Subsidiary), or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, employee or agent with respect to the facility of the Company or any Subsidiary (other than any Unrestricted Subsidiary), is a Sanctioned Person. This Section applies, other than to the extent that such representation and warranty would result in a violation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96, as amended (or any implementing law or regulation in any member state of the European Union or the United Kingdom).

SECTION 3.07. Subsidiaries. (a) Each of the Consolidated Subsidiaries is a corporation, limited liability company or partnership duly organized, validly existing and, to the extent applicable, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, and has all requisite power and authority required to carry on its business as now conducted except to the extent that the failure of any such Consolidated Subsidiary to be so organized, existing or in good standing or to have such power and authority is not reasonably expected by the Company to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Schedule 3.07 hereto completely and accurately sets forth the names and jurisdictions of organization of each Consolidated Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary or a Canadian Subsidiary as of the Effective Date, indicating for each such Subsidiary whether it is a Material Subsidiary as of the Effective Date.

SECTION 3.08. Not an Investment Company. None of the Borrowers or the Subsidiary Loan Parties is required to register as an “investment company” under (and within the meaning of) the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

SECTION 3.09. ERISA. (a) The Company and its ERISA Affiliates (i) have fulfilled their material obligations, whether or not waived, under the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the Code with respect to each Plan, (ii) are in compliance in all material respects with the presently applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code and (iii) have not incurred any liability in excess of \$100,000,000 to the PBGC or a Plan under Title IV of ERISA other than a liability to the PBGC for premiums under Section 4007 of ERISA; provided, that this sentence shall not apply to (x) any ERISA Affiliate as described in Section 414(m) of the Code (other than the Company or a Subsidiary) or any Plan maintained by such an ERISA Affiliate or (y) any Multiemployer Plan. The Company and its Subsidiaries have made all material payments to Multiemployer Plans which they have been required to make under the related collective bargaining agreement or applicable law. As of the Effective Date, the Company and its Subsidiaries do not contribute to or have an obligation to contribute to a Multiemployer Plan, nor have they contributed or had an obligation to contribute to a Multiemployer Plan in the preceding six years.

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(b) Canadian Employee Benefit Plans. As of the Effective Date, none of the Canadian Pension Plans are Canadian Defined Benefit Pension Plans. All Canadian Pension Plans are duly registered under the ITA and applicable Canadian Pension Benefits Legislation and no event has occurred which would reasonably be expected to cause the loss of such registered status where the loss of such registered status could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Canadian Pension Plans have each been administered, funded and invested in accordance with the terms of the particular plan, all applicable laws including, where applicable, the ITA and Canadian Pension Benefits Legislation, and the terms of all applicable collective bargaining agreements and employment contracts, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. All material obligations of each of the Loan Parties (including fiduciary, funding, investment and administration obligations) required to be performed in connection with the Canadian Pension Plans and the funding agreements therefor have been performed on a timely basis, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. There are no outstanding disputes concerning the assets of the Canadian Pension Plans except for such disputes which would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. All employee and employer payments, contributions (including “normal cost”, “special payments” and any other payments in respect of any funding deficiencies or shortfalls) or premiums required to be withheld, made, remitted or paid to or in respect of each Canadian Pension Plan and all other amounts that are due to the pension fund of any Canadian Pension Plan from any Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates have been withheld, made, remitted or paid on a timely basis in accordance with the terms of such plans, any applicable collective bargaining agreement or employment contract and all applicable laws, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no improper withdrawal or application of the assets of the Canadian Pension Plans as of the Effective Date.

SECTION 3.10. Taxes. The Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries have filed all United States federal income tax returns and all other material tax returns which, in the opinion of the Company, are required to be filed by them and have paid all taxes due pursuant to such returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary, except for assessments which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in respect of taxes or other governmental charges are, in the opinion of the Company, adequate.

SECTION 3.11. Disclosure. The financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(i) and (ii), the registration statements delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(vii) (in each case in the form in which such registration statements were declared effective, as amended by any post-effective amendments thereto) and the reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(vii), do not, taken as a whole and in each case as of the date thereof, contain any material misstatement of fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not materially misleading; provided that, with respect to projected financial information, the Company represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time.

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SECTION 3.12. Credit Card Agreements. Schedule 3.12 (as updated from time to time as permitted by Section 5.24) sets forth a list of all Credit Card Agreements to which any Loan Party is a party. A true and complete copy of each Credit Card Agreement listed in Schedule 3.12 has been delivered to the Collateral Agent, together with all material amendments, waivers and other modifications thereto; provided that the Private Label Credit Card Program Agreement dated as of June 1, 2018 between Victoria's Secret Stores, LLC, Lone Mountain Factoring, LLC, L Brands Direct Marketing, Inc., L Brands Direct Fulfillment, Inc., Far West Factoring, LLC, Puerto Rico Store Operations LLC and Comenity Bank shall be delivered only to a field appraiser or examiner in connection with a field examination or Inventory appraisal conducted pursuant to Section 5.23. All such Credit Card Agreements are in full force and effect, currently binding upon each Loan Party that is a party thereto and, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties, binding upon other parties thereto in accordance with their terms. The Loan Parties are in compliance in all material respects with each such Credit Card Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Conditions

##### SECTION 4.01. Conditions Precedent to Effectiveness.

(a) The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received from the Company and each Lender either (i) a counterpart of this Agreement signed on behalf of such party or (ii) written evidence satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which may include facsimile or other electronic transmission of a signed signature page of this Agreement) that such party has signed a counterpart of this Agreement.

(b) The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received from the Company and each Subsidiary Loan Party either (i) a counterpart of the applicable Collateral Agreement signed on behalf of such party or (ii) written evidence satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which may include facsimile or other electronic transmission of a signed signature page of the US Collateral Agreement) that such party has signed a counterpart of the applicable Collateral Agreement.

(c) The Collateral and Guarantee Requirement shall have been satisfied with respect to clauses (b) and (h) of the definition thereof.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall have received a completed Perfection Certificate, in the form of Exhibit II to each Collateral Agreement, dated the Effective Date and signed by an authorized officer of the Company and each Subsidiary Loan Party.

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(e) The Administrative Agent shall have received a written opinion dated the Effective Date of (i) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York counsel for the Loan Parties, (ii) Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, Delaware counsel for the Loan Parties, and (iii) Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Canadian counsel for the Loan Parties, in each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and covering such matters relating to the Loan Parties, this Agreement, the Collateral Agreements and the other Loan Documents in effect on the date hereof as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request. The Company hereby requests such counsel to deliver such opinion.

(f) The Administrative Agent shall have received such documents and certificates as the Administrative Agent or its counsel may reasonably request relating to the organization, existence and good standing of the Loan Parties, the authorization by the Loan Parties of the transactions contemplated hereby and any other legal matters relating to the Loan Parties or the transactions contemplated hereby, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and its counsel.

(g) The Administrative Agent shall have received a Borrowing Base Certificate, dated the Effective Date and signed and certified as accurate and complete by the President, a Vice President, a Director or a Financial Officer of the Company.

(h) The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate, dated the Effective Date and signed by the President, a Vice President, a Director or a Financial Officer of the Company, confirming the representations and warranties set forth in Article 3 of this Agreement.

(i) The Administrative Agent shall have received all fees and other amounts due and payable on or prior to the Effective Date, including (i) for the account of each Lender, an upfront fee in an amount equal to either (x) in the case of each Lender that is a Joint Lead Arranger and Joint Bookrunner (as identified on the cover page of this Agreement), 0.30%, and (y) in case of each other Lender, 0.25%, in each case of the aggregate principal amount of the Commitment of such Lender as set forth on Schedule 2.01 on the Effective Date and (ii) to the extent invoiced at least one Business Day prior to the Effective Date, reimbursement or payment of all out-of-pocket expenses required to be reimbursed or paid by the Borrowers under any Loan Document.

(j) (i) No later than three Business Days prior to the Effective Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received all documentation and other information reasonably requested by it or any Lender at least 10 Business Days prior to the Effective Date to satisfy the requirements of bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act, and (ii) to the extent a Borrower qualifies as a "legal entity" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, no later than three Business Days prior to the Effective Date, any Lender that has requested at least 10 Business Days prior to the Effective Date a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to the Borrowers shall have received such Beneficial Ownership Certification.

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(k) An Intercreditor Agreement shall have been duly executed and delivered by the Administrative Agent and the Term Loan Agent (as defined therein) and shall be in full force and effect and acknowledged by the Loan Parties.

(l) (x) The Pre-Closing Reorganization Transactions shall have occurred or shall occur substantially simultaneously with the initial funding of the Initial Term Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) and (y) the Form 10 shall have been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Administrative Agent shall notify the Company and the Lenders of the Effective Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding.

SECTION 4.02. Each Credit Event. The obligation of each Lender to make a Loan on the occasion of any Borrowing, and of any Issuing Bank to issue, amend or extend any Letter of Credit, is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) The representations and warranties of the Company set forth in this Agreement shall be true and correct (i) in the case of representations and warranties that are qualified by materiality, in all respects and (ii) otherwise, in all material respects, and at such times as the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement is required to be satisfied, the representations and warranties of the Loan Parties as set forth in the Collateral Agreements shall be true and correct (i) in the case of representations and warranties that are qualified by materiality, in all respects and (ii) otherwise, in all material respects, in each case on and as of the date of such Borrowing or the date of issuance, amendment or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty expressly relates to a specified date or dates, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such specified date or dates).

(b) At the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Borrowing or the issuance, amendment or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

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(d) At the time of such Borrowing or the issuance, amendment or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, the Borrowing Base Certificate most recently delivered by the Company pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(iii) shall have been accurate in all material respects as of the date of such Borrowing Base Certificate.

Each Borrowing and each issuance, amendment or extension of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrowers on the date thereof as to the matters specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of this Section.

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## ARTICLE V

Covenants

The Company agrees that, so long as any Lender has any Commitment hereunder or any amount payable hereunder remains unpaid:

SECTION 5.01. Information. (a) The Company will deliver to the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders:

- (i) as soon as available and in any event within 90 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, the Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K for such Fiscal Year, containing financial statements reported on in a manner acceptable to the Securities and Exchange Commission by Ernst & Young LLP or other independent public accountants of nationally recognized standing selected by the Company (without a “going concern” or like qualification, exception or statement and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit);
  - (ii) as soon as available and in any event within 45 days after the end of each of the first three quarters of each Fiscal Year, a copy of the Company’s report on Form 10-Q for such quarter with the financial statements therein contained to be certified (subject to normal year-end adjustments) as to fairness of presentation, generally accepted accounting principles (except footnotes) and consistency, by a Financial Officer;
  - (iii) as soon as available but in any event within 15 Business Days after the end of each Fiscal Month, as of the last day of such Fiscal Month (or within three Business Days after the end of each week, as of the last day of such week, during any Enhanced Borrowing Base Reporting Period), a Borrowing Base Certificate and supporting information in connection therewith, together with any additional reports and supplemental documentation with respect to the Borrowing Base as the Collateral Agent may request in its Permitted Discretion;
  - (iv) simultaneously with the delivery of each set of financial statements referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) above, a certificate of a Financial Officer (1) setting forth in reasonable detail the calculations required to establish whether the Company was in compliance with the requirements of Section 5.06 on the date of such financial statements, (2) stating whether, to the best knowledge of such Financial Officer, any Default exists on the date of such certificate and, if any Default then exists, setting forth the details thereof and the action which the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto, (3) stating that all Material Subsidiaries have satisfied the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement and (4) unless (x) if both rating agencies shall have a Credit Rating then in effect, the Credit Ratings are BBB- and Baa3 (in each case, with stable outlook) or better or (y) if only one rating agency shall have a Credit Rating then in effect, the Credit Rating from such rating agency is BBB- or Baa3 (in each case, with stable outlook) or better, stating the aggregate amount of Investments and Restricted Payments made in reliance on Section 5.17(c) and Section 5.18(c) during the preceding fiscal quarter and confirming that the applicable Payment Conditions were satisfied with respect to each such Investment or Restricted Payment;
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(v) simultaneously with the delivery of each set of financial statements referred to in clause (i) above, a statement of the firm of independent public accountants which reported on such statements whether anything has come to their attention to cause them to believe that any Default existed on the date of such statements (insofar as such pertains to accounting matters);

(vi) promptly upon the mailing thereof to the stockholders of the Company generally, copies of all financial statements, reports and proxy statements so mailed;

(vii) promptly upon the filing thereof, copies of all registration statements (other than the exhibits thereto and any registration statements on Form S-8 or its equivalent) and reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K (or their equivalents) which the Company shall have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission;

(viii) promptly following a request therefor, any documentation or other information that a Lender reasonably requests in order to comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable “know your customer” and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation;

(ix) within four Business Days of any executive officer of the Company or any Financial Officer obtaining knowledge of any condition or event recognized by such officer to be a Default, a certificate of a Financial Officer setting forth the details thereof and the action which the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto;

(x) (1) if and when any executive officer of the Company or any Financial Officer obtains knowledge that any ERISA Affiliate (x) has given or is required to give notice to the PBGC of any “reportable event” (as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA) with respect to any Plan which would reasonably be expected to constitute grounds for a termination of such Plan under Title IV of ERISA, or knows that the plan administrator of any Plan has given or is required to give notice of any such reportable event, a copy of the notice of such reportable event given or required to be given to the PBGC, (y) has received notice of complete or partial Withdrawal Liability, a copy of such notice or (z) has received notice from the PBGC under Title IV of ERISA of an intent to terminate or appoint a trustee to administer any Plan, a copy of such notice or (2) the occurrence of any Canadian Pension Event that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

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(xi) from time to time such additional information regarding the financial position or business of the Company and Subsidiaries as the Administrative Agent, at the request of any Lender, may reasonably request;

(xii) as soon as available and in any event within 30 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, a financial forecast for the Company and the Consolidated Subsidiaries for the subsequent Fiscal Year, including a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the end of such fiscal year and each fiscal quarter thereof and consolidated statements of income and cash flows of the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal year and each fiscal quarter thereof; and

(xiii) promptly after the furnishing thereof and to the extent not otherwise required to be furnished to the Lenders pursuant to any clause of this Section 5.01, copies of any material requests or material notices received by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party (other than in the ordinary course of business) or material statements or material reports furnished by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party pursuant to the terms of any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness Documents.

(b) Certificates delivered pursuant to this Section shall be signed manually or shall be copies of a manually signed certificate.

(c) The Company may provide for electronic delivery of the financial statements, certificates, reports and registration statements described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii) of paragraph (a) of this Section by posting such financial statements, certificates, reports and registration statements on Intralinks or any similar service approved by the Administrative Agent, or delivering such financial statements, certificates, reports and registration statements to the Administrative Agent for posting on Intralinks (or any such similar service). Furthermore, any items required to be furnished pursuant to Sections 5.01(a)(i), (ii), (vi) or (vii) shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which the Administrative Agent receives notice that the Company has filed such item with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is available on the EDGAR website on the Internet at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or any successor government website that is freely and readily available to the Administrative Agent without charge; provided that the Company shall give notice of any such filing to the Administrative Agent (who shall then give notice of any such filing to the Lenders). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall deliver paper or electronic copies of any such financial statement to the Administrative Agent if the Administrative Agent requests the Company to furnish such paper or electronic copies until written notice to cease delivering such paper or electronic copies is given by the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 5.02. Maintenance of Properties. The Company will, and will cause each Consolidated Subsidiary to, maintain and keep in good condition, repair and working order all properties used or useful in the conduct of its business and supply such properties with all necessary equipment and make all necessary repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements thereof, all as in the judgment of the Company may be necessary so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly and advantageously conducted at all times; provided that nothing in this Section shall prevent the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary from discontinuing the operation and maintenance of any of such properties if such discontinuance is, in the judgment of the Company, desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary, as the case may be, and not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Lenders.

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SECTION 5.03. Maintenance of Insurance. Subject to the grace period in clause (g) of the definition of “Collateral and Guarantee Requirement”, the Company will, and will cause each Consolidated Subsidiary to, insure and keep insured, with reputable insurance companies, so much of its properties and such of its liabilities for bodily injury or property damage, to such an extent and against such risks (including fire), as companies engaged in similar businesses customarily insure properties and liabilities of a similar character; or, in lieu thereof, the Company will maintain, or cause each Consolidated Subsidiary to maintain, a system or systems of self-insurance which will be in accord with the customary practices of companies engaged in similar businesses in maintaining such systems.

SECTION 5.04. Preservation of Corporate Existence. Except pursuant to a transaction not prohibited by Section 5.12 or 5.13, each Loan Party shall preserve and maintain its corporate existence, rights, franchises and privileges in any State of the United States which it shall select as its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, and qualify and remain qualified as a foreign corporation or foreign organization in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is necessary, except such jurisdictions, if any, where the failure to preserve and maintain its corporate or other organizational existence, rights, franchises and privileges, or qualify or remain qualified will not have a Material Adverse Effect on the business or property of such Loan Party.

SECTION 5.05. Inspection of Property, Books and Records. The Company will, and will cause each Consolidated Subsidiary to, make and keep books, records and accounts in which transactions are recorded as necessary to (a) permit preparation of the Company’s consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP and (b) otherwise comply with the requirements of Section 13(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as in effect from time to time. At any reasonable time during normal business hours and from time to time, the Company will permit the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders or any agents or representatives thereof at their expense (to the extent not in violation of applicable law) to examine and make copies of and abstracts from the records and books of account of, and visit the properties of, the Company and any Consolidated Subsidiaries and to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and any Consolidated Subsidiaries with any of their respective officers or directors. Any information obtained pursuant to this Section or Section 5.01(a) shall be subject to Section 8.12.

SECTION 5.06. Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio. During any period (each, a “Covenant Period”) (a)(i) commencing on any day when Specified Excess Availability is less than the greater of (x) \$70,000,000 and (y) 10% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount and (ii) ending after Specified Excess Availability has been greater than the amount set forth in clause (i) above for 30 consecutive calendar days or (b) during which a Specified Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company will not permit the ratio of Consolidated EBITDAR to Consolidated Fixed Charges for any Test Period (commencing with the Test Period ended most recently prior to the commencement of such Covenant Period for which financial statements were required to be delivered pursuant to Section 5.01) to be less than 1.00 to 1.00.

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SECTION 5.07. [Reserved.]

SECTION 5.08. Limitation on Liens. (a) [Reserved.]

(b) The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary Loan Party to, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien on any Collateral now owned or hereafter acquired by it, or assign or sell any income or revenues (including accounts receivable) or rights in respect of any thereof, except:

(i) Permitted Encumbrances;

(ii) any Lien on any property or asset of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party existing on the Effective Date and set forth in Schedule 5.08; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or asset of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the Effective Date and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof;

(iii) Liens on fixed or capital assets acquired, constructed or improved by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party; provided that (i) such security interests secure Indebtedness permitted by clause (i) of Section 5.10, (ii) such security interests and the Indebtedness secured thereby are incurred prior to or within 120 days after such acquisition or the completion of such construction or improvement (or are incurred to extend, renew or replace security interests and Indebtedness previously incurred in compliance with this clause), (iii) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost of acquiring, constructing or improving such fixed or capital assets and (iv) such security interests shall not apply to any other property or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party;

(iv) Liens granted on the Collateral pursuant to the Collateral Documents;

(v) precautionary or purported Liens evidenced by the filing of UCC financing statements or similar financing statements under applicable law relating solely to the sale of Receivables Facility Assets and related assets in connection with any Specified Receivables Facility;

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(vi) Liens (including any precautionary UCC financing statements or similar financing statements under applicable law) on Receivables Facility Assets securing Specified Receivables Facilities;

(vii) licenses or sublicenses of, covenants not to sue under, or other rights to use any Intellectual Property granted in the ordinary course of business (including licenses or sublicenses by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party to any Foreign Subsidiary);

(viii) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 5.10(l);

(ix) other Liens on Non-ABL Priority Collateral securing Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$600,000,000; and

(x) second priority Liens on ABL Priority Collateral securing Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness; provided that such second priority Liens are subject to an Intercreditor Agreement providing that such Liens rank junior in priority to the Liens on the ABL Priority Collateral securing the Obligations.

SECTION 5.09. Compliance with Laws. The Company will, and will cause each Consolidated Subsidiary to, comply in all material respects with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and requirements of governmental authorities (including ERISA and the rules and regulations thereunder), except to the extent that (a) the necessity of compliance therewith is contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or (b) the failure to so comply would not result in any Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.10. Limitations on Indebtedness. The Company will not, and will not permit any Consolidated Subsidiary to, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness except:

(a) Indebtedness of any Consolidated Subsidiary which is, or the direct or indirect parent of which is, acquired by the Company or any other Consolidated Subsidiary after March 22, 2006, which Indebtedness is in existence at the time such Consolidated Subsidiary (or parent) is so acquired; provided that such Indebtedness was not created at the request or with the consent of the Company or any Subsidiary, and such Indebtedness may not be extended other than pursuant to the terms thereof as in existence at the time such Consolidated Subsidiary (or parent) was acquired;

(b) Indebtedness created under the Loan Documents;

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(c) Indebtedness existing on the Effective Date and set forth on Schedule 5.10 and extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof or result in an earlier maturity date or decreased weighted average life thereof;

(d) Indebtedness of the Company to any Consolidated Subsidiary and of any Consolidated Subsidiary to the Company or any other Consolidated Subsidiary; provided that (i) such Indebtedness shall not have been transferred to any Person other than the Company or any other Consolidated Subsidiary, (ii) any such Indebtedness owing by any Loan Party to a non-Loan Party shall be unsecured and subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations on terms customary for intercompany subordinated Indebtedness, as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent, and (iii) any such Indebtedness owing by any Consolidated Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party to any Loan Party shall be incurred in compliance with Section 5.17;

(e) Guarantees incurred in compliance with Section 5.17;

(f) the incurrence of Indebtedness under Hedging Agreements that are incurred for the bona fide purpose of hedging the interest rate, commodity, or foreign currency risks associated with the operations of the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary and not for speculative purposes;

(g) Indebtedness owed in respect of any overdrafts and related liabilities arising from treasury, depository and cash management services or in connection with any automated clearing-house transfers of funds; provided that such Indebtedness shall be repaid in full within five Business Days of the incurrence thereof;

(h) Indebtedness in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees and similar instruments issued for the account of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business supporting obligations under (i) workers' compensation unemployment insurance and other social security laws and (ii) bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and obligations of a like nature (other than in respect of other obligations for borrowed money), which obligations in each case shall not be secured except by Permitted Encumbrances;

(i) Indebtedness to finance the acquisition, construction or improvements of any fixed or capital assets, including Capital Lease Obligations and any Indebtedness assumed in connection with the acquisition of any such assets or secured by a Lien on any such assets prior to the acquisition thereof, and extensions, renewals and replacements of such Indebtedness that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof or result in an earlier maturity date or decreased weighted average life thereof, provided that the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness shall not exceed \$300,000,000 at any time outstanding;

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- (j) other Indebtedness of any Subsidiary (other than any Subsidiary Loan Party) in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$400,000,000;
- (k) other Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$600,000,000;
- (l) other Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party; provided that (i) after giving pro forma effect thereto, the ratio of Consolidated Debt to Consolidated EBITDAR for the most recently completed Test Period is less than 4.00 to 1.00; provided, further that the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate, dated the date such Indebtedness is incurred and signed by a Financial Officer of the Company, confirming compliance with the requirements set forth in this clause (l) and setting forth a reasonably detailed calculation of such ratio of Consolidated Debt to Consolidated EBITDAR;
- (m) other unsecured Indebtedness of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary; and
- (n) Indebtedness of Receivables Subsidiaries arising under Specified Receivables Facilities.

SECTION 5.11. Transactions with Affiliates. The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Consolidated Subsidiaries to, sell, lease or otherwise transfer any property or assets to, or purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any property or assets from, or otherwise engage in any other transactions with, any of its Affiliates, except (a) at prices and on terms and conditions not less favorable to the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary than could be obtained on an arm's-length basis from unrelated third parties, (b) any transaction determined by a majority of the disinterested directors of the Company's board of directors to be fair to the Company and its Subsidiaries, (c) transactions between or among the Company and its Consolidated Subsidiaries not involving any other Affiliate, (d) any transaction with respect to which neither the fair market value of the related property or assets, nor the consideration therefor, exceeds \$5,000,000, (e) any transaction contemplated by the Registration Statement, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any such transaction consummated after the Effective Date, (f) the VS Transactions, (g) any transactions with BBW or its subsidiaries, (h) any Investment permitted under Section 5.17 and (i) any Restricted Payment permitted under Section 5.18.

SECTION 5.12. Consolidations, Mergers. The Company will not (a) consolidate or merge with or into any other Person or (b) liquidate or dissolve; provided that the Company may consolidate or merge with another Person if (i) the corporation surviving the merger is the Company or a corporation organized under the laws of a State of the United States into which the Company desires to consolidate or merge for the purpose of becoming incorporated in such State (in which case such corporation shall assume all of the Company's obligations under this Agreement by an agreement reasonably satisfactory to the Required Lenders (and the Required Lenders shall not unreasonably withhold their consent to the form of such agreement) and shall deliver to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders such legal opinions and other documents as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request to evidence the due authorization, validity and binding effect thereof) and (ii) immediately after giving effect to such consolidation or merger, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing; provided, further, that this Section 5.12 shall not apply to any VS Transaction.

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SECTION 5.13. Sales of Assets. The Company will not, and will not permit any Consolidated Subsidiary to, sell, lease or otherwise transfer any property or assets, including any Equity Interest owned by it, except:

- (a) the consummation of the VS Transaction (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any sales or distributions of all or a portion of the equity interests in, or assets of, the Spin Business (as defined in the Registration Statement));
  - (b) sales, transfers, leases and other dispositions of Inventory or used or surplus equipment or of cash and permitted Investments, in each case in the ordinary course of business;
  - (c) sales in the ordinary course of business of immaterial assets;
  - (d) sales, transfers or other dispositions of accounts receivable in connection with the compromise or collection thereof in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and not as part of any accounts receivables financing transaction;
  - (e) [reserved];
  - (f) (A) sales, transfers, leases and other dispositions of assets pursuant to this clause (A) with an aggregate fair market value not to exceed (I) \$25,000,000 in any single transaction or series of related transactions and (II) \$100,000,000 in the aggregate in any 12-month period and (B) sales, transfers and other dispositions of assets if, after giving effect to any adjustment to the Borrowing Base arising from such sale, transfer or other disposition and for the previous 90 consecutive days, Specified Excess Availability is greater than the greater of (x) \$200,000,000 and (y) 30% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount; provided that (I) all such sales, transfers and other dispositions shall be made for fair value and at least 75% cash consideration, (II) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of, or would result from, any such sale, transfer or other disposition, (III) the Company shall have given the Administrative Agent written notice advising of such sale, transfer, lease or other disposition, together with such information as shall be required for the Administrative Agent to adjust the Borrowing Base to reflect such disposition, to the extent required by the definition of the term "Borrowing Base", and (IV) after giving effect to any adjustment to the Borrowing Base arising from such sale, transfer or other disposition, the Aggregate Credit Exposure at the time shall not exceed the Borrowing Base as so adjusted;
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(g) sales, transfers or other dispositions of Receivables Facility Assets or participations therein, directly or indirectly, to Receivables Subsidiaries in connection with any Specified Receivables Facility permitted pursuant to Section 5.10(n); provided that, any such disposition of Receivables Facility Assets by a Loan Party shall be made in exchange for fair market value consideration consisting only of cash;

(h) licenses or sublicenses of, covenants not to sue under, or other rights to use any Intellectual Property or assignments thereof in the ordinary course of business;

(i) sales, transfers or other dispositions or the lapse or abandonment (including failure to maintain) in the ordinary course of business of any Intellectual Property determined in the reasonable good faith judgment of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary to be no longer useful, necessary, otherwise not material in the operation of the business of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary or no longer economical to maintain;

(j) transfers by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party to any Foreign Subsidiary of any Intellectual Property that is usable primarily, or for use primarily, outside of the United States and Canada;

(k) sales, transfers or other dispositions (i) from any Loan Party to any other Loan Party, (ii) from any Consolidated Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party to any other Consolidated Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party and (iii) from any Consolidated Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party to any Loan Party provided that such sale, transfer or other disposition (x) is made for fair market value (as determined by such Loan Party in good faith) or (y) the excess (if any) of the consideration in respect of such sale, transfer or other disposition over fair market value (as determined by such Loan Party in good faith) is treated as an Investment and is otherwise made in compliance with Section 5.17; and

(l) sales, transfers, leases or other dispositions that constitute Investments permitted pursuant to Section 5.17 (other than Section 5.17(b)), Liens permitted pursuant to Section 5.08, and Restricted Payments permitted by Section 5.18; provided that (i) in connection with any such sale, transfer, lease or other disposition of assets with a fair market value in excess of \$10,000,000, the Company shall have given the Administrative Agent written notice advising of such sale, transfer, lease or other disposition, together with such information as shall be required for the Administrative Agent to adjust the Borrowing Base to reflect such disposition, to the extent required by the definition of the term "Borrowing Base", and (ii) after giving effect to any adjustment to the Borrowing Base arising from such sale, transfer or other disposition, the Aggregate Credit Exposure at the time shall not exceed the Borrowing Base as so adjusted.

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SECTION 5.14. Use of Proceeds. The Borrowers will use the proceeds of the Loans and issuance of Letters of Credit for general corporate purposes (including, without limitation, repurchases of, and dividends on, its equity securities). None of the Company, any Subsidiary or director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary will directly or knowingly indirectly use the proceeds of the Loans or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person for the purpose of (a) financing any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official governmental capacity in material violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws or (b) financing the activities of or any transactions with any Sanctioned Person or in any Sanctioned Country, except to the extent licensed or otherwise authorized under U.S. law. This Section applies, other than to the extent that such covenant would result in a violation of Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96, as amended (or any implementing law or regulation in any member state of the European Union or the United Kingdom).

SECTION 5.15. Information Regarding Collateral; Deposit and Securities Accounts. (a) The Company will furnish to the Collateral Agent prompt written notice of any change in (i) the legal name of any Loan Party, as set forth in its organizational documents, (ii) the jurisdiction of organization or the form of organization of any Loan Party (including as a result of any merger, amalgamation or consolidation), (iii) the location of the chief executive office of any Loan Party or (iv) the organizational identification number, if any, or, with respect to any Loan Party organized under the laws of a jurisdiction that requires such information to be set forth on the face of a UCC financing statement, the Federal Taxpayer Identification Number of such Loan Party. The Company agrees not to effect or permit any change referred to in the preceding sentence unless all filings have been made under the UCC or otherwise that are required in order for the Collateral Agent to continue at all times following such change to have a valid, legal and perfected security interest in all the Collateral.

(b) The Company will furnish to the Collateral Agent prompt written notice of the acquisition by any Loan Party of any (i) Mortgaged Property or any material assets after the Effective Date of the type that constitute, or are intended to constitute, Collateral, other than any assets constituting Collateral under the Collateral Documents in which the Collateral Agent shall have a valid, legal and perfected security interest (with the priority contemplated by the applicable Collateral Document) upon the acquisition thereof and (ii) material Intellectual Property.

(c) The Company will furnish to the Collateral Agent prompt written notice of the disposition of a Loan Party, or any disposition outside the ordinary course of business of, or any casualty or condemnation event affecting, assets reflected in the then-current Borrowing Base having a fair market value of \$5,000,000 or more, and such notice shall include such information as shall be required for the Collateral Agent to adjust the Borrowing Base to reflect such disposition.

(d) The Company will, in each case as promptly as practicable, notify the Collateral Agent of the existence of any deposit account or securities account maintained by a Loan Party in respect of which a Control Agreement is required to be in effect pursuant to the definition of the term "Collateral and Guarantee Requirement" but is not yet in effect.

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SECTION 5.16. Collateral and Guarantee Requirement. (a) If (i) any Material Subsidiary is formed or acquired after the Effective Date or (ii) any Consolidated Subsidiary shall become a Material Subsidiary after the Effective Date, in each case other than an Excluded Subsidiary, then the Company will promptly, but in no event later than 15 days after such formation or acquisition (in the case of clause (i)) or 15 days after any executive officer or Financial Officer of the Company obtains knowledge thereof (in the case of clause (ii)), but in each case of clause (i) and (ii), as such period may be extended by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion), notify the Administrative Agent and the Lenders thereof and cause the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement to be satisfied with respect to such Material Subsidiary.

(b) The Company will, and the Company will cause each of the Material Subsidiaries to, execute any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements), that may be required under any applicable law, or that the Collateral Agent or the Required Lenders may reasonably request, to cause the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement to be and remain satisfied, all at the expense of the Company.

SECTION 5.17. Investments. The Company will not, nor will the Company permit any Subsidiary Loan Party to, purchase, hold or acquire (including pursuant to any consolidation, amalgamation or merger with any Person that was not a Loan Party prior to such consolidation, amalgamation or merger, it being understood that any consolidation, amalgamation or merger of a Subsidiary Loan Party with any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party shall be treated as an investment in such Subsidiary if the survivor of such consolidation, amalgamation or merger is not a Subsidiary Loan Party) any Equity Interests in or evidences of Indebtedness or other securities of, make or permit to exist any loans or advances to, Guarantee any Indebtedness of, or make or permit to exist any other investment in, any Subsidiary that is not a Subsidiary Loan Party (each of the foregoing being an "Investment"), except:

(a) Investments by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party in any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

(b) Investments in existence on the Effective Date;

(c) any other Investment if, at the time thereof and after giving effect thereto, the Payment Conditions are satisfied (for the avoidance of doubt, an Investment made pursuant to this clause (c) shall be permitted notwithstanding that the conditions set forth in this clause (c) shall thereafter cease to be satisfied);

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(d) Investments in any Receivables Subsidiary in the form of (i) deferred purchase consideration for Receivables Facility Assets sold pursuant to a Specified Receivables Facility or (ii) a subordinated loan representing deferred consideration owed in respect of Receivables Facility Assets sold by the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary participating as a seller in a Specified Receivables Facility in an amount required to meet any true sale and risk retention requirements applicable in respect of the sale of Receivables Facility Assets by the Company or such Consolidated Subsidiary;

(e) contributions by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party of Equity Interests in any Foreign Subsidiary to any other Foreign Subsidiary;

(f) licenses by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party to any Consolidated Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party of intellectual property in the ordinary course of business;

(g) transfers or licenses by the Company or any Subsidiary Loan Party to any Foreign Subsidiary of any intellectual property that is usable primarily, or for use primarily, outside of the United States; and

(h) accounts receivable held by a Loan Party arising out of the sale of inventory or provision of services, in each case in the ordinary course of business, to a Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party.

SECTION 5.18. Restricted Payments. The Company will not, and will not permit any Consolidated Subsidiary to, declare or make, or agree to pay or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, except:

(a) any wholly-owned Consolidated Subsidiary may distribute any cash, property or assets to the Company or any other Consolidated Subsidiary that is its direct or indirect parent;

(b) any Consolidated Subsidiary may declare and pay dividends ratably with respect to its Equity Interests;

(c) the Company may make any Restricted Payment in cash if, at the time thereof and after giving effect thereto, the Payment Conditions are satisfied; and

(d) the Closing Date Payment, the Closing Date Distribution and any distribution, as a dividend, cash payment or otherwise, of all or any portion of the equity interest of the Spin Business (as defined in the Registration Statement) or assets thereof.

For the avoidance of doubt, a Restricted Payment made pursuant to Section 5.18(c) shall be permitted notwithstanding that the conditions set forth in Section 5.18(c) shall thereafter cease to be satisfied.

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SECTION 5.19. Restrictive Agreements. The Company will not, nor will it permit any Consolidated Subsidiary that is a wholly-owned Material Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary or a Canadian Subsidiary, other than an Excluded Subsidiary, to, directly or indirectly, enter into, incur or permit to exist any agreement or other arrangement that prohibits, restricts or imposes any condition upon the ability of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary or a Canadian Subsidiary to create, incur or permit to exist any Lien upon any of its property or assets to secure, or the ability of any Consolidated Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary or a Canadian Subsidiary to Guarantee, the Obligations (or the obligations under any credit facility that refinances or replaces this Agreement); provided that (a) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions imposed by law, any Loan Document or any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness, (b) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions existing on the Effective Date contained in any of the instruments, indentures and other agreements identified on Schedule 5.19 or any extension, renewal, supplement, amendment or other modification of any thereof or any additional such instrument, indenture or other agreement so long as, in each case, any such prohibition, restriction or condition contained therein is not, taken as a whole, more restrictive in any material respect than the prohibitions, restrictions and conditions contained in the instruments, indentures and other agreements identified on Schedule 5.19 as in effect on the Effective Date, (c) the foregoing shall not apply to customary restrictions and conditions contained in agreements relating to the sale of a Subsidiary or any assets pending such sale, provided that such restrictions and conditions apply only to the Subsidiary or assets to be sold, (d) the foregoing shall not apply to exclusive licenses or exclusivity covenants permitted under the Loan Documents with respect to Intellectual Property, (e) the foregoing provisions relating to Liens shall not apply to restrictions or conditions imposed by any agreement relating to secured Indebtedness permitted by this Agreement if such restrictions or conditions apply only to the property or assets securing such Indebtedness, (f) the foregoing provisions relating to Liens shall not apply to customary provisions in leases restricting the assignment thereof and (g) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions imposed on Receivables Subsidiaries pursuant to any Specified Receivables Facility.

SECTION 5.20. Credit Ratings. The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain Credit Ratings from each of S&P and Moody's at all times.

SECTION 5.21. Prepayment Avoidance. The Company will, and will cause each Consolidated Subsidiary to, either repay or prepay Loans, or make investments in assets to be used in their businesses, in each case as necessary to avoid any mandatory redemption, repurchase or prepayment (i) referred to in the proviso to clause (c) of the definition of "Disqualified Equity Interest" or (ii) pursuant to the terms of any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness.

SECTION 5.22. Control Agreements. Subject to the grace period in clause (c) of the definition of "Collateral and Guarantee Requirement", the Loan Parties shall at all times (except as agreed by the Collateral Agent pursuant to its authority as set forth herein or in any other Loan Document) (a) cause the available amount in each deposit account (other than an Excluded Deposit Account) of the Loan Parties to be swept to the Concentration Account at the end of each Business Day (whether directly or through local concentration accounts that are in turn swept to the Concentration Account on such Business Day) and (b) cause to be deposited directly into the Concentration Account (i) all payments in respect of Credit Card Receivables, (ii) all proceeds of Accounts and (iii) all cash swept from all Accounts of the Loan Parties.

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SECTION 5.23. Field Examinations and Appraisals.

(a) On not more than one occasion during any 12-month period, at the request of the Collateral Agent, the Loan Parties will permit, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours, the Collateral Agent (or its designee) to conduct a field examination of the Collateral included in the Borrowing Base and related reporting and control systems. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) an additional field exam may be conducted during any period in which Specified Excess Availability for three consecutive business days is less than or equal to the lesser of (x) \$70,000,000 and (y) 10% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount and (ii) if a Specified Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, there shall be no limitation on the number or frequency of field examinations and the number and frequency of field examinations shall be at the Permitted Discretion of the Collateral Agent. For purposes of this Section 5.23, it is understood and agreed that a single field examination may be conducted at multiple relevant sites and involve one or more Loan Parties and their assets. All such field examinations by the Collateral Agent (or its designee) shall be at the sole expense of the Loan Parties.

(b) On one occasion during each 12-month period, the Loan Parties will provide the Collateral Agent with an appraisal of their Inventory (or update thereof) from an appraiser selected and engaged by the Collateral Agent, and prepared on a basis reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent, such appraisal or update to include, without limitation, information required by applicable law and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) an additional inventory appraisal may be conducted during any period in which Specified Excess Availability for three consecutive business days is less than or equal to the lesser of (x) \$70,000,000 and (y) 10% of the Maximum Borrowing Amount and (ii) if a Specified Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, there shall be no limitation on the number or frequency of appraisals (or updates thereof) and the number and frequency of appraisals (or updates thereof) shall be at the Permitted Discretion of the Collateral Agent. For purposes of this Section 5.23, it is understood and agreed that a single appraisal (or update thereof) may be conducted at multiple relevant sites and involve one or more Loan Parties and their assets. All such appraisals and updates thereof shall be at the sole expense of the Loan Parties.

SECTION 5.24. Credit Card Agreements and Notifications. Subject to the grace period in clause (d) of the definition of “Collateral and Guarantee Requirement”, each Loan Party will (a) comply in all material respects with all its obligations under each Credit Card Agreement to which it is party and (b) maintain credit card arrangements solely with the credit card issuers and credit card processors identified in Schedule 3.12; provided, however, that the Company may amend Schedule 3.12 to remove any credit card issuer or credit card processor identified in such Schedule or to add additional credit card issuers and credit card processors that are satisfactory to the Collateral Agent in its reasonable discretion, and concurrently with the making of any such amendment the Company shall provide to the Collateral Agent evidence that a Credit Card Notification shall have been delivered to any credit card issuer or credit card processor added to such Schedule.

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SECTION 5.25. Canadian Defined Benefit Pension Plan. The Company will not, nor will it permit any other Loan Party to, contribute to, or assume, incur or have any liability under, any Canadian Defined Benefit Pension Plan without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

## ARTICLE VI

### Events of Default and Remedies

SECTION 6.01. Events of Default. Any of the following shall be an “Event of Default”:

(a) any Borrower shall fail to make any payment of principal of or interest on any Loan or any obligation in respect of any LC Disbursement when due or to pay any fees or other amounts payable by it hereunder when due, and such failure remains unremedied for three Business Days after the applicable Borrower’s actual receipt of notice of such failure from the Administrative Agent at the request of any Lender;

(b) any statement of fact or representation made or deemed to be made by (i) any Borrower in this Agreement or by any Borrower or any of its officers in any certificate delivered pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) at such times as the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement is required to be satisfied, any Loan Party in any Loan Document or by any Loan Party or any of its respective officers in any certificate delivered pursuant to any Loan Document, shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made or deemed made, and, if the consequences of such representation or statement being incorrect shall be susceptible of remedy in all material respects, such consequences shall not be remedied in all material respects within 30 days after any executive officer of any Borrower or any Financial Officer first becomes aware of or is advised that such representation or statement was incorrect in a material respect;

(c) (i) any Borrower shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Sections 5.04 (with respect to the existence of any Borrower), 5.08, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.17, 5.18, 5.19, 5.21, 5.23 and 5.24 and, if the consequences of such failure shall be susceptible of remedy in all material respects, such consequences shall not be remedied in all material respects within 20 days after any executive officer of any Borrower or any Financial Officer first becomes aware of or is advised of such failure or (ii) any Borrower shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Section 5.06 or 5.22;

(d) (i) any event or condition shall occur which enables the holder of any Material Indebtedness or any Person acting on such holder’s behalf to accelerate the maturity thereof or (ii) the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary shall fail to pay the principal of any Material Indebtedness;

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(e) the Company or any Material Subsidiary shall (i) make an assignment or general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (ii) apply for or consent (by admission of material allegations of a petition or otherwise) to the appointment of or the taking of possession by a receiver, interim receiver, receiver and manager, administrator, custodian, trustee or liquidator of the Company or any Material Subsidiary or for all or any substantial part of the properties of the Company or any Material Subsidiary or authorize such application or consent, or proceedings seeking such appointment shall be commenced (including the filing of any notice of intention in respect thereof) without such authorization, consent or application against the Company or any Material Subsidiary and continue undismissed for 30 days (or if such dismissal of such unauthorized proceedings cannot reasonably be obtained within such 30-day period, the Company or any Material Subsidiary shall fail either to proceed with due diligence to seek to obtain dismissal within such 30-day period or to obtain dismissal within 60 days), (iii) authorize or file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, suffer an order for relief under any Insolvency Law, or apply for or consent (by admission of material allegations of a petition or otherwise) to the application of any Insolvency Law or other bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment of debt, insolvency, dissolution, liquidation or other similar law of any jurisdiction, or authorize such application or consent, or proceedings to such end shall be instituted (including the filing of any notice of intention in respect thereof) against the Company or any Material Subsidiary without such authorization, application or consent which are not vacated within 30-days from the date thereof (or if such vacation cannot reasonably be obtained within such 30-day period, the Company shall fail either to proceed with due diligence to seek to obtain vacation within such 30-day period or to obtain vacation within 60 days), (iv) permit or suffer all or any substantial part of its properties to be sequestered, attached, or subjected to a Lien (other than a Lien expressly permitted by the exceptions in Section 5.08) through any legal proceeding or distraint which is not vacated within 30-days from the date thereof (or if such vacation cannot reasonably be obtained within such 30-day period, the Company shall fail either to proceed with due diligence to seek to obtain vacation within such 30 day period or to obtain vacation within 60 days), (v) generally not pay its debts as such debts become due or admit in writing its inability to do so, or is otherwise insolvent, or (vi) conceal, remove, or permit to be concealed or removed, any material part of its property, with intent to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors or any of them;

(f) (i) the Company or any ERISA Affiliate shall fail to pay when due an amount or amounts aggregating in excess of \$100,000,000 which it shall have become liable to pay to the PBGC or to a Plan under Title IV of ERISA; or notice of intent to terminate a Plan or Plans having aggregate Unfunded Liabilities in excess of \$100,000,000 (collectively "Material Plans") shall be filed under Title IV of ERISA by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate, any plan administrator or any combination of the foregoing; or the PBGC shall institute proceedings under Title IV of ERISA to terminate or to cause a trustee to be appointed to administer any Material Plan or a proceeding shall be instituted by a fiduciary of any Material Plan against the Company or any ERISA Affiliate to enforce Section 515 of ERISA or 4219(c)(5) of ERISA and such proceeding shall not have been dismissed within 30 days thereafter; or a condition shall exist by reason of which the PBGC would be entitled to obtain a decree adjudicating that any Material Plan must be terminated or (ii) the occurrence of any Canadian Pension Event that has a Material Adverse Effect;

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(g) any Borrower shall fail to perform or observe in any material respect any other term, covenant or agreement contained in any Loan Document (including without limitation Section 5.01 of this Agreement) on its part to be performed or observed and any such failure remains unremedied for 30 days after the applicable Borrower shall have received written notice thereof from the Administrative Agent at the request of any Lender;

(h) a Change in Control shall occur; or

(i) one or more judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$100,000,000, exclusive of amounts covered by third party insurance, shall be rendered against the Company, any Consolidated Subsidiary or any combination thereof and the same shall remain undischarged for a period of 60 consecutive days during which execution shall not be effectively stayed, or any action shall be legally taken by a judgment creditor to attach or levy upon any assets of the Company or any Consolidated Subsidiary to enforce any such judgment; provided that in calculating the amounts covered by third party insurance, amounts covered by third party insurance shall not include amounts for which the third party insurer has denied liability.

SECTION 6.02. Remedies. If any Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the Administrative Agent shall (a) if requested by the Required Lenders, by notice to the Borrowers terminate the Commitments and they shall thereupon terminate, and (b) if requested by Lenders holding more than 50% of the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Loans, by notice to the Borrowers declare the Loans (together with accrued interest thereon and all other amounts payable by the Borrowers hereunder) to be, and the Loans (together with accrued interest thereon and all other amounts payable by the Borrowers hereunder) shall thereupon become, immediately due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrowers; provided that in the case of any of the bankruptcy Events of Default specified in Section 6.01(e) with respect to the Borrowers, without any notice to the Borrowers or any other act by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, the Commitments shall thereupon terminate and the Loans (together with accrued interest thereon and all other amounts payable by the Borrowers hereunder) shall become immediately due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrowers.

SECTION 6.03. Notice of Default. The Administrative Agent shall give notice to the Borrowers under Section 6.01(a) or 6.01(g) promptly upon being requested to do so by any Lender and shall thereupon notify all the Lenders thereof.

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## ARTICLE VII

The AgentsSECTION 7.01. The Agents.

Each of the Lenders and each Issuing Bank hereby irrevocably appoints each of the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent as its agent and authorizes such Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to such Agent by the terms of the Loan Documents, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. In addition, to the extent required under the laws of any jurisdiction, each of the Lenders hereby grants to the Collateral Agent any required powers of attorney to execute and enforce any Collateral Document governed by the laws of such jurisdiction on such Lender's behalf.

Each of the banks serving as an Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an Agent, and such bank and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to and generally engage in any kind of business with the Company or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if it were not an Agent under the Loan Documents.

The Agents shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth in the Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (a) the Agents shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing, (b) the Agents shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated by the Loan Documents that the applicable Agent is required to exercise in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary under the circumstances as provided in Section 8.02 or Section 8.02A) or, in the case of the Collateral Documents, the Required Secured Parties, and (c) except as expressly set forth in the Loan Documents, the Agents shall not have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is communicated to or obtained by the banks serving as Agents or any of their respective Affiliates in any capacity. No Agent shall be liable for any action taken or not taken by it with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary under the circumstances as provided in Section 8.02 or Section 8.02A) or, in the case of the Collateral Documents, the Required Secured Parties, or in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Each Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice thereof is given to such Agent by the Company or a Lender, and the Agents shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement, (ii) the contents of any certificate (including any Borrowing Base Certificate), report or other document delivered hereunder or in connection with any Loan Document, (iii) qualification of (or lapse of any qualification of) any Account, Credit Card Receivable, Inventory or real property under the eligibility criteria set forth herein, other than eligibility criteria expressly referring to the matters described therein being acceptable or satisfactory to, or being determined by, the Collateral Agent, (iv) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth in any Loan Document, (v) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of any Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (vi) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere in any Loan Document, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the applicable Agent. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Agents shall not be liable for, or be responsible for any loss, cost or expense suffered by the Borrowers, any Lender or any Issuing Bank as a result of, any such determination of the Credit Exposure, Excess Availability, the Borrowing Base or the component amounts of any thereof.

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Each Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate (including any Borrowing Base Certificate), consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or sent by the proper Person. Each of the Agents also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to be made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. Each Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Company), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

Each Lender and Issuing Bank hereby agrees that (a) it has requested a copy of each Report prepared by or on behalf of any Agent; (b) the Agents (i) make no representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the completeness or accuracy of any Report or any of the information contained therein or any inaccuracy or omission contained in or relating to any Report and (ii) shall not be liable for any information contained in any Report; (c) the Reports are not comprehensive audits or examinations, and any Person performing any field examination will inspect only specific information regarding the Loan Parties and will rely significantly upon the Loan Parties' books and records, as well as on representations of the Loan Parties' personnel, and that the Agents undertake no obligation to update, correct or supplement the Reports; (d) it will keep all Reports confidential and strictly for its internal use and not share any Report with any other Person except as otherwise permitted pursuant to this Agreement; and (e) without limiting the generality of any other indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, it will pay and protect, and indemnify, defend and hold the Agents, each other Person preparing a Report and the Related Parties of any of the foregoing harmless from and against, the claims, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses and other amounts (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred by any of them as the direct or indirect result of any third parties who obtain all or part of any Report through the indemnifying Lender.

Each of the Agents may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by such Agent. Each of the Agents and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of each Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as an Agent.

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Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Agent as provided in this paragraph, either Agent may resign at any time by notifying the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Company. Upon any such resignation, the Required Lenders (or, in the case of the Collateral Agent, the Required Secured Parties) shall have the right, in consultation with the Company, to appoint a successor. In addition, if either Agent is a Defaulting Lender due to it having had a receiver, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with the reorganization or liquidation of its business or custodian appointed for it, the Required Lenders shall have the right, by notice in writing to the Company and such Agent, to remove such Agent in its capacity as such and, with the consent of the Company (not to be unreasonably withheld and except during the continuance of an Event of Default hereunder, when no consent shall be required), to appoint a successor. If no successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders (or, in the case of the Collateral Agent, the Required Secured Parties) and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, appoint a successor Agent which shall be a bank with an office in New York, New York, or an Affiliate of any such bank. Upon the acceptance of its appointment as an Agent by a successor, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Agent, and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under the Loan Documents. The fees payable by the Company to a successor Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Company and such successor. After such Agent's resignation hereunder, the provisions of this Article and Section 8.03 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while it was acting as an Agent.

Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agents or any other Lender and any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agents or any other Lender and any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon any Loan Document, any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder. The Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners, the Co-Syndication Agents and the Co-Documentation Agents (each as identified on the cover page of this Agreement) (each of the foregoing, in its capacity as such, a "Titled Person"), in their capacities as such, shall have no rights, powers, duties, liabilities, fiduciary relationships or obligations under any Loan Document or any of the other documents related hereto.

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Each of the Lenders hereby (a) agrees to be bound by the provisions of the Collateral Documents, including those terms thereof applicable to the Collateral Agent and the provisions thereof authorizing the Required Secured Parties to approve amendments or modifications thereto or waivers thereof, and to control remedies thereunder, and (b) irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent to (i) release any Liens on any Non-ABL Priority Collateral in accordance with an Intercreditor Agreement and (ii) release any Liens on any Collateral in accordance with the Collateral Documents, including any Liens on real property following the delivery of a Real Property Exclusion Notice.

Each of the Lenders hereby (a) authorizes and instructs the Collateral Agent to enter into an Intercreditor Agreement if Indebtedness is incurred that is secured by Liens contemplated by clause (b)(ix) or (b)(x) of Section 5.08 and (b) agrees that it will be bound by and will take no actions contrary to the provisions of such Intercreditor Agreement.

It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto, that as part of its duties and functions, the Collateral Agent shall serve as the hypothecary representative for itself and for all present and future Secured Parties, as contemplated by Article 2692 of the Civil Code of Québec (the “CCQ”). For greater certainty, and without limiting the powers of the Collateral Agent, each of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks hereby irrevocably appoints the Collateral Agent as hypothecary representative for all present and future Lenders, Issuing Banks and any other Secured Parties as contemplated under Article 2692 of the CCQ in order to hold the hypothecs granted under any Loan Document pursuant to the laws of the Province of Quebec to secure performance of all or part of the Obligations (as defined in each such Loan Document) and to exercise such powers and duties which are conferred upon the hypothecary representative thereunder. The appointment of the Collateral Agent as hypothecary representative shall be deemed to have been ratified and confirmed by each Person that accedes or has acceded to this Agreement as a Lender or Issuing Bank after the date hereof. The Loan Parties hereby acknowledge the appointment of the Collateral Agent as the hypothecary representative of the Secured Parties as contemplated under Article 2692 of the CCQ. In the event of the resignation of the Collateral Agent and appointment of a successor Collateral Agent, such successor Collateral Agent shall also act as hypothecary representative without further act or formality being required to appoint such successor Collateral Agent as the successor hypothecary representative for the purposes of any then existing deeds of hypothec. The execution by the Collateral Agent as the hypothecary representative of the relevant deeds of hypothec or other relevant documentation prior to the date hereof is hereby ratified and confirmed by each Lender and Issuing Bank. In its capacity of hypothecary representative, the Collateral Agent shall (a) have the sole and exclusive right and authority to exercise, except as may be otherwise specifically restricted hereunder, all rights and remedies given to the hypothecary representative pursuant to any hypothec, applicable law or otherwise, (b) benefit from and be subject to all provisions hereof with respect to the Collateral Agent, *mutatis mutandis*, including, without limitation, all such provisions with respect to the liability or responsibility to and indemnification by the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, and (c) be entitled to delegate from time to time any of its powers or duties under any deed of hypothec or other Loan Document, on such terms and conditions as it may determine from time to time.

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SECTION 7.02. Certain ERISA Matters.

Each of the Lenders hereby (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, each Agent and each Titled Person and their respective Affiliates and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of any Borrower or any other Loan Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

- (a) such Lender is not using “plan assets” (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments or this Agreement,
- (b) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement,
- (c) (i) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a “Qualified Professional Asset Manager” (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (ii) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement, (iii) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (iv) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement, or
- (d) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

In addition, unless either (1) clause (a) in the immediately preceding paragraph is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with clause (d) in the immediately preceding paragraph, such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, each Agent and each Titled Person and their respective Affiliates and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of any Borrower or any other Loan Party, that the Administrative Agent is not a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Commitments and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

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SECTION 7.03. Erroneous Payments. (a) Each Lender (which term shall for the purposes of this and the succeeding paragraphs of this Section 7.03 include the Issuing Banks) hereby agrees that (x) if the Administrative Agent notifies such Lender that the Administrative Agent has determined in its sole discretion that any funds received by such Lender from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (whether as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees or otherwise; individually and collectively, a "Payment") were erroneously transmitted to such Lender (whether or not known to such Lender), and demands the return of such Payment (or a portion thereof), such Lender shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect, and (y) to the extent permitted by applicable law, such Lender shall not assert, and hereby waives, as to the Administrative Agent, any claim, counterclaim, defense or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Administrative Agent for the return of any Payments received, including without limitation any defense based on "discharge for value" or any similar doctrine. A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender under this Section 7.03 shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

(b) Each Lender hereby further agrees that if it receives a Payment from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates (x) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment sent by the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such Payment (a "Payment Notice") or (y) that was not preceded or accompanied by a Payment Notice, it shall be on notice, in each such case, that an error has been made with respect to such Payment. Each Lender agrees that, in each such case, or if it otherwise becomes aware a Payment (or portion thereof) may have been sent in error, such Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent of such occurrence and, upon demand from the Administrative Agent, it shall promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent at the greater of the NYFRB Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect.

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(c) Each Borrower and each other Loan Party hereby agrees that (x) in the event an erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) is not recovered from any Lender that has received such Payment (or portion thereof) for any reason, the Administrative Agent shall be subrogated to all the rights of such Lender with respect to such amount to the maximum extent permitted by law and (y) an erroneous Payment shall not pay, prepay, repay, discharge or otherwise satisfy any Obligations owed by the Borrower or any other Loan Party; provided, that this clause (c) shall not be interpreted to increase (or accelerate the due date for), or have the effect of increasing (or accelerating the due date for), any Obligations of the Loan Parties in respect of principal and interest hereunder relative to the amount (and/or timing for payment) of the Obligations of the Loan Parties in respect of principal and interest hereunder that would have been payable had such erroneous Payment not been made by the Administrative Agent; provided, further, that for the avoidance of doubt, this clause (c) shall not apply to the extent any such Payment is, and solely with respect to the amount of such Payment that is, comprised of funds received by the Administrative Agent from any Borrower or any other Loan Party for the purpose of making such Payment, satisfying Obligations or from the proceeds of Collateral.

(d) Each party's obligations under this Section 7.03 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any transfer of rights or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Obligations under any Loan Document.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Miscellaneous

SECTION 8.01. Notices. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and subject to the last paragraph of this Section), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopy, as follows:

(a) if to the Borrowers, to the Company at Three Limited Parkway, P.O. Box 16000, Columbus, Ohio 43216, Attention of Treasurer (Telecopy No. 614-577-3180, email: [Treasury@lb.com](mailto:Treasury@lb.com) and [TreasuryCashManagement@lb.com](mailto:TreasuryCashManagement@lb.com)) with copy to General Counsel (Telecopy No. 614-415-7188, email: [generalcounsel@lb.com](mailto:generalcounsel@lb.com));

(b) [reserved;]

(c) if to either Agent for any other purpose, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Loan and Agency Services Group, Attention of James Campbell, 500 Stanton Christiana Rd, NCCS, Floor 01, Newark, DE 19713 (Telecopy No. 302-634-4250, email: [james.x.campbell@chase.com](mailto:james.x.campbell@chase.com)); and

(d) if to an Issuing Bank, as applicable, to it at (i) JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Attention of James Campbell, 500 Stanton Christiana Rd, NCCS, Floor 01, Newark, DE 19713 (Telecopy No. 302-634-4250, email: [james.x.campbell@chase.com](mailto:james.x.campbell@chase.com)), (ii) Citibank, N.A., Attention of Piotr Marciszewski, 388 Greenwich Street, New York, NY 10013 (Email: [piotr.marciszewski@citi.com](mailto:piotr.marciszewski@citi.com); Telecopy No. 646-737-0678) with a copy to Citibank, N.A., Attention Bank Loans Syndications Department, 1615 Brett Road #3, New Castle, DE 19720 (Email: [GLAgentOfficeOps@citi.com](mailto:GLAgentOfficeOps@citi.com); Telecopy No. 646-274-5080), (iii) Bank of America, N.A., Attention of Alfonso Malave, Standby L/C Department, MC: PA6-580-02-30, One Fleet Way, Scranton, PA 18507-1999 (Telecopy No. 1-800-370-8743), (iv) Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Attention of Lisa Mickelson, 90 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN, 55402 (Telecopy No. 877-302-0076), (v) HSBC Bank USA, N.A., Attention of Head of SBDC Operations- GTRF, 2 Hanson Place, 14th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11217 (Telecopy No. 1-866-327-0763, [gtrfscd@us.hsbc.com](mailto:gtrfscd@us.hsbc.com)) or (vi) its address (or telecopy number) specified in writing to the Company and the Administrative Agent in accordance with this Section 8.01.

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Any party hereto may change its address or telecopy number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient). Notices delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in the immediately subsequent paragraph below, shall be effective as provided in said paragraph.

Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to notices pursuant to Article II unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the applicable Lender. Either Agent or the Company may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications. Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgment from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgment), provided that if such notice or other communication is not given during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

SECTION 8.02. Waivers; Amendments. (a) No failure or delay by the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender in exercising any right or power hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right or power, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank and the Lenders hereunder are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement or consent to any departure by any Borrower therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by paragraph (b) of this Section, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the making of a Loan or issuance of a Letter of Credit shall not be construed as a waiver of any Default, regardless of whether the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank may have had notice or knowledge of such Default at the time.

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(b) Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof may be waived, amended or modified except pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Borrowers and the Required Lenders or by the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent with the consent of the Required Lenders; provided that no such agreement shall (i) increase the Commitment of any Lender without the written consent of such Lender, (ii) reduce the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement or reduce the rate of interest thereon, or reduce any fees payable by the Borrowers hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender affected thereby, (iii) postpone the scheduled date of payment of the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement, or any interest thereon, or any fees payable by the Borrowers hereunder, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment, or postpone the scheduled date of expiration of any Commitment, without the written consent of each Lender affected thereby, (iv) change Section 2.17(b) or (c) in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby, without the written consent of each Lender, or (v) change any of the provisions of this Section or the definition of "Required Lenders" or any other provision hereof to reduce the number or percentage of Lenders (or Lenders of any Class) required to waive, amend or modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender (or each Lender of such Class, as the case may be); provided further that (i) no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent or any Issuing Bank hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent or any Issuing Bank, as the case may be, and (ii) any waiver, amendment or modification of this Agreement that by its terms affects the rights or duties under this Agreement of the Lenders of any Class (but not the Lenders of other Classes) may be effected by an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Company and requisite percentage in interest of the affected Class of Lenders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any provision of this Agreement may be amended by an agreement in writing entered into by the Borrowers, the Required Lenders and the Administrative Agent (and, if their rights or obligations are affected thereby, any Issuing Bank) if (i) by the terms of such agreement the Commitment of each Lender not consenting to the amendment provided for therein shall terminate upon the effectiveness of such amendment and (ii) at the time such amendment becomes effective, each Lender not consenting thereto receives payment in full of the principal of and interest accrued on each Loan made by it and all other amounts owing to it or accrued for its account under this Agreement.

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(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Administrative Agent and the Company acting together identify any ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect in any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, then the Administrative Agent and the Company shall be permitted to amend, modify or supplement such provision to cure such ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect, and such amendment shall become effective without any further action by or consent of any other party to this Agreement.

SECTION 8.02A. Certain ABL Amendments. (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no agreement or agreements entered into by the Borrowers and the Required Lenders or by the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent with the consent of the Required Lenders shall (i) change any of the provisions of this Section, the definition of “Borrowing Base” or any of the component definitions thereof, or increase any advance rate used in computing the Borrowing Base, or add any new asset class to the Borrowing Base, in each case, in a manner that could result in increased borrowing availability, it being understood that changes in Reserves implemented by the Collateral Agent in its Permitted Discretion in accordance with the terms hereof shall not be subject to the consent of the Supermajority Lenders, (ii) release the Company or all or substantially all the value of the Guarantees provided by the Subsidiary Loan Parties (including, in each case, by limiting liability in respect thereof) under the Collateral Documents (except for any such release by the Collateral Agent in connection with any sale or other disposition of any Subsidiary Loan Party permitted hereunder), it being understood that an amendment or other modification of the types of obligations guaranteed under the Collateral Documents shall not be deemed to be a release or limitation of any Guarantee or (iii) release all or substantially all the Collateral from the Liens created under the Collateral Documents, or subordinate any such Liens (except as expressly provided in Article VII or Section 8.23 and except for any such release by the Collateral Agent in connection with any sale or other disposition of the Collateral upon the exercise of remedies under the Collateral Documents), it being understood that an amendment or other modification of the types of obligations secured by the Collateral Documents shall not be deemed to be a release of the Collateral from the Liens created thereunder, in each case of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), without the written consent of the Supermajority Lenders.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no agreement or agreements entered into by the Borrowers and the Required Lenders or by the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent with the consent of the Required Lenders shall change the definition of “Supermajority Lenders”, without the written consent of each Lender.

SECTION 8.03. Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver. (a) The Company shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Agents and their respective Affiliates, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of a single counsel for the Agents, as applicable, in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation and administration of the Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Agents in connection with field examinations and appraisals conducted in connection with the establishment of the credit facilities provided for herein or provided for in the Loan Documents and/or any internally allocated charges relating to any field examinations or appraisals conducted by either Agent and (iii) if an Event of Default occurs, all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by either Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for either Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights in connection with the Loan Documents.

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(b) The Company shall indemnify each Agent, any Issuing Bank and each Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an “Indemnatee”) against, and hold each Indemnatee harmless from, any and all Liabilities and related expenses, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnatee in connection with any investigative, administrative or judicial proceeding, whether or not such Indemnatee shall be designated a party thereto, which may be incurred by any Indemnatee, relating to or arising out of any actual or proposed use of proceeds of Loans hereunder for the purpose of acquiring equity securities of any Person or any exercise of remedies under the Loan Documents; provided that no Indemnatee shall have the right to be indemnified hereunder (i) with respect to the acquisition of equity securities of a wholly-owned Subsidiary, or of a Person who prior to such acquisition did not conduct any business or (ii) for its own gross negligence or willful misconduct determined by a final non appealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction. This Section 8.03(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.

(c) To the extent that the Company fails to pay any amount required to be paid by it to either Agent or any Issuing Bank under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, (i) each Lender, in the case of this Agreement, severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such Lender’s ratable share (determined in accordance with such Lender’s share of the Aggregate Commitments or, if the Commitments have terminated, the Aggregate Credit Exposure, in each case as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount and (ii) each Secured Party, in the case of the Collateral Agreements, severally agrees to pay to the Collateral Agent such Secured Party’s ratable share (determined in accordance with such Secured Party’s share of the Obligations) of such unpaid amount; provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against such Agent or Issuing Bank in its capacity as such.

(d) To the extent permitted by applicable law, (i) no Loan Party shall assert, and each Loan Party hereby waives, any claim against any Agent, any Joint Lead Arranger, any Issuing Bank, any Lender, and any Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called a “Lender-Related Person”) for any Liabilities arising from the use by others of information or other materials (including, without limitation, any personal data) obtained through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems (including the Internet); provided, that such waiver shall not apply to any claims against a Lender-Related Person attributable to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Lender-Related Person and (ii) no Loan Party shall assert, and each Loan Party hereby waives, any claim against any Lender-Related Person, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, the Loan Documents or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof; provided that (A) the waiver set forth in this clause (ii) shall not apply to special, indirect or consequential damages (but shall apply to punitive damages) attributable to the failure of a Lender to fund Loans, when required to do so hereunder, promptly after the receipt of notice of such failure and (B) nothing in this Section 8.03(d) shall relieve any Loan Party of any obligation it may have to indemnify an Indemnatee, as provided in Section 9.03(b), against any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages asserted against such Indemnatee by a third party.

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(e) All amounts due under this Section shall be payable promptly after written demand therefor.

SECTION 8.04. Successors and Assigns. (a) The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), except that (i) other than pursuant to a merger permitted under Section 5.12, no Borrower may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each Lender (and any attempted assignment or transfer by a Borrower without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder except in accordance with this Section. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), Participants (to the extent provided in paragraph (c) of this Section) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Agents, any Issuing Bank and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) (i) Subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph (b)(ii) below, any Lender may assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) of:

(A) the Company; provided that no consent of the Company shall be required for an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender, an Approved Fund or, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any other assignee; provided, further, that the Company shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within ten (10) Business Days after having received notice thereof;

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(B) the Administrative Agent; and

(C) in the case of any assignment of all or a portion of the Commitments of any Class under which Letters of Credit may be issued hereunder, each Issuing Bank of such Class.

(ii) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) except in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment or Loans of any Class, the amount of the Commitment or Loans of any Class of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent) shall not be less than \$10,000,000 unless each of the Company and the Administrative Agent otherwise consents; provided that no such consent of the Company shall be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

(B) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement as such rights and obligations relate to the Class of Loans or Commitments being assigned;

(C) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500;

(D) the assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire; and

(E) no assignment shall be made to the Company or any of its Affiliates.

(iii) Subject to acceptance and recording thereof pursuant to paragraph (b)(iv) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption the assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.14, 2.15, 2.16, 2.21 and 8.03). Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this Section 8.04 shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Section.

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(iv) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as an agent of the Company, shall maintain at one of its offices a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitment of, and principal amount of the Loans and LC Disbursements owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the “Register”). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, in the absence of manifest error, and the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrowers, any Issuing Bank and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(v) Upon its receipt of a duly completed Assignment and Assumption executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee, the assignee’s completed Administrative Questionnaire (unless the assignee shall already be a Lender hereunder), the processing and recordation fee referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section and any written consent to such assignment required by paragraph (b) of this Section, the Administrative Agent shall accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information contained therein in the Register. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this paragraph.

(c) (i) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent or any Issuing Bank, sell participations to one or more banks or other entities (a “Participant”) in all or a portion of such Lender’s rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans owing to it); provided that (A) such Lender’s obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (B) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (C) the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender’s rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce the Loan Documents and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of the Loan Documents; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver described in clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) of the first proviso to Section 8.02(b) that affects such Participant. Subject to paragraph (c)(ii) of this Section, the Borrowers agree that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.14, 2.15, 2.16 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein) and 2.21 to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 8.08 as though it were a Lender, provided such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.17(c) as though it were a Lender.

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(ii) A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.14, 2.16 or 2.21 than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Company's prior written consent. A Participant that would be a Foreign Lender if it were a Lender shall not be entitled to the benefits of Section 2.16 unless the Company is notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the benefit of the Borrowers, to comply with Section 2.16(e) as though it were a Lender.

(iii) Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrowers, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register to any Person (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(d) Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank or other central banking authority, and this Section shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; provided that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

SECTION 8.05. Survival. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in the Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to any Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of any Loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement is outstanding and unpaid or any Letter of Credit is outstanding and so long as the Commitments have not expired or terminated. The provisions of Sections 2.14, 2.15, 2.16, 2.21 and 8.03 and Article VII shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof.

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SECTION 8.06. Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness; Electronic Execution. (a) This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to the Administrative Agent and the initial Lenders constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Administrative Agent and when the Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof which, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto, and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

(b) Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by telecopy, emailed pdf. or any other electronic means that reproduces an image of the actual executed signature page shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement. The words “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” “delivery,” and words of like import in or relating to any document to be signed in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, or the *Electronic Commerce Act* (Ontario) or other similar provincial legislation; provided that nothing herein shall require any Agent to accept electronic signatures in any form or format without its prior written consent. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company hereby (i) agrees that, for all purposes, including without limitation, in connection with any workout, restructuring, enforcement of remedies, bankruptcy proceedings or litigation among the Agents, the Lenders and the Loan Parties, electronic images of this Agreement or any other Loan Documents (in each case, including with respect to any signature pages thereto) shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as any paper original, and (ii) waives any argument, defense or right to contest the validity or enforceability of the Loan Documents based solely on the lack of paper original copies of any Loan Documents, including with respect to any signature pages thereto.

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SECTION 8.07. Severability. Any provision of this Agreement held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof; and the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 8.08. Right of Setoff. If any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender and each of its Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held and other obligations at any time owing by such Lender or Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of any Borrower against any and all the obligations then due of such Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement held by such Lender. The rights of each Lender under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) which such Lender may have.

SECTION 8.09. Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process. (a) This Agreement and any Letters of Credit issued hereunder shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of New York.

(b) Each Borrower hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of New York sitting in New York County and of the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York, and any appellate court from any thereof, in any suit, action, proceeding, claim or counterclaim arising out of or relating to any Loan Document, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, that all claims in respect of any such suit, action, proceeding, claim or counterclaim may be heard and determined in such New York State or Federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such suit, action, proceeding, claim or counterclaim shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in any Loan Document shall affect any right that either Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender may otherwise have to bring any suit, action, proceeding, claim or counterclaim relating to any Loan Document against any Borrower or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(c) Each Borrower hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action, proceeding, claim or counterclaim arising out of or relating to any Loan Document in any court referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such suit, action, proceeding, claim or counterclaim in any such court.

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(d) Each party to this Agreement irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 8.01. Nothing in any Loan Document will affect the right of any party to this Agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

SECTION 8.10. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY SUIT, ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM OR COUNTERCLAIM DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 8.11. Headings. Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

SECTION 8.12. Confidentiality. Each of the Agents, any Issuing Bank and the Lenders agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its and its Affiliates' directors, officers, employees and agents, including accountants, legal counsel, insurers, insurance brokers, service providers and other advisors (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority, (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party to this Agreement, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies under any Loan Document or any suit, action or proceeding relating to any Loan Document or the enforcement of rights thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement (or any of its agents or professional advisors), (g) on a confidential basis to the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of CUSIP numbers with respect to the credit facilities provided for herein, (h) in the case of information with respect to this Agreement that is of the type routinely provided by arrangers to such providers, to data service providers, including league table providers, that serve the lending industry, (i) with the consent of the Company or (j) to the extent such Information (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (ii) becomes available to either Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Company or the Subsidiaries. For the purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Company or any Subsidiary relating to the Company, the Company's business, a Subsidiary or a Subsidiary's business, other than any such information that is available to either Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by the Company or the Subsidiaries. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

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SECTION 8.13. Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the interest rate applicable to any Loan, together with all fees, charges and other amounts which are treated as interest on such Loan under applicable law (collectively the “Charges”), shall exceed the maximum lawful rate (the “Maximum Rate”) which may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the Lender holding such Loan in accordance with applicable law, the rate of interest payable in respect of such Loan hereunder, together with all Charges payable in respect thereof, shall be limited to the Maximum Rate and, to the extent lawful, the interest and Charges that would have been payable in respect of such Loan but were not payable as a result of the operation of this Section shall be cumulated and the interest and Charges payable to such Lender in respect of other Loans or periods shall be increased (but not above the Maximum Rate therefor) until such cumulated amount, together with interest thereon at the Federal Funds Effective Rate to the date of repayment, shall have been received by such Lender.

SECTION 8.14. Collateral. Each of the Lenders represents to the Agents and each of the other Lenders that it in good faith is not relying upon any “margin stock” (as defined in Regulation U of the Board) as collateral in the extension or maintenance of the credit provided for in this Agreement. In addition, no Borrower will use or permit any proceeds of the Loans to be used in any manner which would violate or cause any Lender to be in violation of Regulation U of the Board.

SECTION 8.15. USA Patriot Act and Beneficial Ownership Regulation. Each Lender hereby notifies the Borrowers that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the “Patriot Act”) and/or the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each Borrower, which information includes the name and address of each Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender to identify each Borrower in accordance with the Patriot Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

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SECTION 8.16. Canadian Anti-Money Laundering Legislation.

(a) The Loan Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act* (Canada) and other applicable anti-money laundering, anti-terrorist financing, government sanction and “know your client” laws (collectively, including any guidelines or orders thereunder, “AML Legislation”), the Lenders may be required to obtain, verify and record information regarding the Loan Parties, their directors, authorized signing officers, direct or indirect shareholders or other Persons in control of the Loan Parties, and the transactions contemplated hereby. The Loan Parties shall promptly provide all such information in their possession, including supporting documentation and other evidence, as may be reasonably requested by any Lenders, or any prospective assignee or participant of a Lender, in order to comply with any applicable AML Legislation, whether now or hereafter in existence.

(b) If the Administrative Agent has ascertained the identity of any Loan Party or any authorized signatories of any Loan Party for the purposes of applicable AML Legislation, then the Administrative Agent:

(i) shall be deemed to have done so as an agent for each Lender, and this Agreement shall constitute a “written agreement” in such regard between the Administrative Agent and each other Lender within the meaning of the applicable AML Legislation; and

(ii) shall provide to each Lender copies of all information obtained in such regard without any representation or warranty as to its accuracy or completeness.

(c) Notwithstanding the preceding sentence and except as may otherwise be agreed in writing, each of the Lenders agrees that the Administrative Agent has no obligation to ascertain the identity of any Loan Party or any authorized signatories of any Loan Party on behalf of any Credit Party, or to confirm the completeness or accuracy of any information it obtains from any Loan Party or any such authorized signatory in doing so.

SECTION 8.17. [Reserved.]

SECTION 8.18. Judgment Currency. (a) If, for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court, it is necessary to convert a sum owing hereunder in US Dollars into another currency, each party hereto agrees, to the fullest extent that it may effectively do so, that the rate of exchange used shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures in the relevant jurisdiction US Dollars could be purchased with such other currency on the Business Day immediately preceding the day on which final judgment is given.

(b) The obligations of each party hereto in respect of any sum due to any other party hereto or any holder of the obligations owing hereunder (the “Applicable Creditor”) shall, notwithstanding any judgment in a currency (the “Judgment Currency”) other than US Dollars, be discharged only to the extent that, on the Business Day following receipt by the Applicable Creditor of any sum adjudged to be so due in the Judgment Currency, the Applicable Creditor may in accordance with normal banking procedures in the relevant jurisdiction purchase US Dollars with the Judgment Currency; if the amount of US Dollars so purchased is less than the sum originally due to the Applicable Creditor in US Dollars, such party agrees, as a separate obligation and notwithstanding any such judgment, to indemnify the Applicable Creditor against such deficiency. The obligations of the parties contained in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of all other amounts owing hereunder.

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SECTION 8.19. Intercreditor Agreement. (a) Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the other Secured Parties acknowledges that obligations of the Company and the other Loan Parties under the Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness, upon incurrence thereof, may be secured by Liens on assets of the Company and the Subsidiary Loan Parties that constitute Collateral (and by fee-owned real property of the Company and the Subsidiary Loan Parties, whether or not such fee-owned real property constitutes Collateral), and that the relative Lien priority and other creditor rights of the Secured Parties and the secured parties in respect of Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness will be set forth in an Intercreditor Agreement. Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the other Secured Parties hereby irrevocably authorizes and directs the Collateral Agent to execute and deliver, in each case on behalf of such Secured Party and without any further consent, authorization or other action by such Secured Party, (i) from time to time upon the request of the Company, in connection with the establishment, incurrence, amendment, refinancing or replacement of any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness, any Intercreditor Agreement (it being understood and agreed that the Collateral Agent is hereby authorized and directed to determine the terms and conditions of each Intercreditor Agreement as contemplated by the definition of the term "Intercreditor Agreement", and that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Collateral Agent shall not be liable for, or be responsible for any loss, cost or expense suffered by any Lender, any Issuing Bank or any other Secured Party, or by any Loan Party, as a result of, any such determination) and (ii) any documents relating thereto.

(b) Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the other Secured Parties hereby irrevocably (i) consents to the subordination of the Liens on the Non-ABL Priority Collateral securing the Obligations on the terms set forth in each Intercreditor Agreement, (ii) agrees that, upon the execution and delivery thereof, such Secured Party will be bound by the provisions of each Intercreditor Agreement as if it were a signatory thereto and will take no actions contrary to the provisions thereof, (iii) agrees that no Secured Party shall have any right of action whatsoever against the Collateral Agent as a result of any action taken by the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Section or in accordance with the terms of any Intercreditor Agreement and (iv) authorizes and directs the Collateral Agent to carry out the provisions and intent of each such document.

(c) Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the other Secured Parties hereby irrevocably further authorizes and directs the Collateral Agent to execute and deliver, in each case on behalf of such Secured Party and without any further consent, authorization or other action by such Secured Party, any amendments, supplements or other modifications of each Intercreditor Agreement that the Company may from time to time request (i) to give effect to any establishment, incurrence, amendment, extension, renewal, refinancing or replacement of any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness, (ii) to confirm for any party that each Intercreditor Agreement is effective and binding upon the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties or (iii) to effect any other amendment, supplement or modification so long as the resulting agreement has terms and conditions consistent with the then existing market practice (it being understood and agreed that the Collateral Agent is hereby authorized and directed to determine the terms and conditions of any such amendments, supplements or modifications to each Intercreditor Agreement, and that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Collateral Agent shall not be liable for, or be responsible for any loss, cost or expense suffered by any Lender, any Issuing Bank or any other Secured Party, or by any Loan Party, as a result of, any such determination).

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(d) Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the other Secured Parties hereby irrevocably further authorizes and directs the Collateral Agent to execute and deliver, in each case on behalf of such Secured Party and without any further consent, authorization or other action by such Secured Party, any amendments, supplements or other modifications of any Collateral Document to add or remove any legend that may be required pursuant to any Intercreditor Agreement.

(e) Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the other Secured Parties acknowledges and agrees that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., or one or more of its Affiliates may (but is not obligated to) act as Collateral Agent, collateral agent or a similar representative for the holders of any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness (and may itself be a holder of any Permitted Non-ABL Indebtedness) and, in any such capacity, may be a party to any Intercreditor Agreement. Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the other Secured Parties waives any conflict of interest in connection therewith and agrees not to assert against JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. or any of its Affiliates any claims, causes of action, damages or liabilities of whatever kind or nature relating thereto.

(f) The Collateral Agent shall have the benefit of the provisions of Article VII and Section 8.03 with respect to all actions taken by it pursuant to this Section or in accordance with the terms of any Intercreditor Agreement to the full extent thereof.

(g) Each Secured Party, whether or not a party hereto, will be deemed, by its acceptance of the benefits of the Collateral and of the Guarantees of the Obligations provided under the Loan Documents, to have agreed to the provisions of this Section 8.19.

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SECTION 8.20. Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among the parties hereto, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

- (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and
- (b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:
  - (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;
  - (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in an Affected Financial Institution, its parent entity, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or
  - (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

SECTION 8.21. Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs. (a) To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for Hedging Agreements or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, “QFC Credit Support” and each such QFC, a “Supported QFC”), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the “U.S. Special Resolution Regimes”) in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States).

(b) In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a “Covered Party”) becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

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SECTION 8.22. MIRE Events. Each of the parties hereto acknowledges and agrees that, if there are any Mortgaged Properties, any increase, extension or renewal of any of the Commitments or Loans (including the provision of Incremental Revolving Loans) or any other incremental or additional credit facilities hereunder, but excluding (a) any continuation or conversion of borrowings, (b) the making of any Revolving Loans or (c) the issuance, renewal or extension of Letters of Credit shall be subject to and conditioned upon: (i) the prior delivery of all flood hazard determination certifications, acknowledgements and evidence of flood insurance and other flood-related documentation with respect to such Mortgaged Properties as required by the Flood Insurance Laws and as otherwise reasonably required by the Administrative Agent and (ii) the Administrative Agent shall have received written confirmation from the Lenders that flood insurance due diligence and flood insurance compliance have been completed by the Lenders (such written confirmation not to be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed).

SECTION 8.23. Release. (a) Notwithstanding anything in Section 8.02(b) to the contrary, (i) any Subsidiary Loan Party shall automatically be released from its obligations hereunder (and its Guarantee of the Obligations and any Liens on its property constituting Collateral shall be automatically released) (x) upon the consummation of any permitted transaction or series of related transactions or the occurrence of any other permitted event or circumstance if as a result thereof such Subsidiary Loan Party ceases to be a wholly-owned Material Subsidiary or becomes an Excluded Subsidiary (including by merger or dissolution) as a result of a single transaction or series of related transactions or other event or circumstance permitted hereunder, or (y) upon the occurrence of the Maturity Date and/or (ii) any Subsidiary Loan Party that qualifies as an "Excluded Subsidiary" shall be released from its obligations hereunder (and its Guarantee of the Obligations and any Liens on its property constituting Collateral shall be automatically released) by the Administrative Agent promptly following the request therefor by the Company; provided that, in each case of clauses (i)(x) and (ii), if any Material Subsidiary becomes an Excluded Subsidiary solely as a result of becoming a non-wholly-owned Consolidated Subsidiary, such release shall only be permitted if the transaction or event resulting in such Material Subsidiary becoming a non-wholly-owned Consolidated Subsidiary is with an unaffiliated third party (other than a bona fide joint venture) and was not entered into with the primary purpose of evading the Collateral and Guarantee Requirement (as determined by the Company in good faith).

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(b) Notwithstanding anything in Section 8.02(b) to the contrary, any Lien on any asset or property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Loan Document shall be automatically released without the need for further action by any Person (i) upon the occurrence of the Maturity Date, (ii) upon the sale or other transfer of such asset or property as part of or in connection with any disposition or Investment permitted under the Loan Documents to a Person that is not a Loan Party, (iii) upon such asset or property becoming an Excluded Property (as defined in the Collateral Agreements) or if such asset or property does not constitute (or ceases to constitute) Collateral, (iv) if the property subject to such Lien is owned by a Subsidiary Loan Party, upon the release of such Subsidiary Loan Party from its Guarantee of the Obligations otherwise in accordance with the Loan Documents, (v) as provided for under Article 7 or as provided for in any other Loan Document or (vi) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of Lenders as shall be necessary under the relevant circumstances as provided in Section 8.02A) in accordance with Section 8.02A. Without limiting the foregoing, in the event that Receivables Facility Assets become subject to a Specified Receivables Facility, whether by transfer or conveyance or by placing a security interest, trust or other encumbrance required by a Specified Receivables Facility with respect to such Receivables Facility Assets, the Liens under the Loan Documents on such Receivables Facility Assets (including proceeds thereof and any deposit accounts holding exclusively such proceeds) shall be automatically released (or such Receivables Facility Assets, proceeds or deposit accounts re-assigned). Each Secured Party hereby consents to any release or re-assignment contemplated by this Section 8.23 and any steps any Agent may take or request to give effect to such release or re-assignment under the governing law of such Lien.

(c) In connection with any such release described in this Section, the Administrative Agent shall promptly execute and deliver to the relevant Loan Party, at such Loan Party's expense, all documents that such Loan Party shall reasonably request to evidence termination or release. Any execution and delivery of any document pursuant to the preceding sentence of this Section 8.23 shall be without recourse to or warranty by the Administrative Agent (other than as to the Administrative Agent's authority to execute and deliver such documents).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

VICTORIA’S SECRET & CO., as the Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into by and between VS Service Company LLC, a Delaware LLC (hereinafter the "Company") and Martin Waters (the "Executive") (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties").

WHEREAS, the Company desires to obtain the benefit of the services of the Executive, and the Executive desires to render such services on the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Executive will be employed as the Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret & Company ("VS&Co.") and, in that capacity, will gain an intimate knowledge of the business and affairs of the Company, including but not limited to its policies, procedures, methods, personnel, sales and business plans and strategy, and trade secrets;

WHEREAS, the Company has determined that it is in its best interests to retain the services of key management personnel and to ensure their continued dedication and loyalty to the Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, and in view of the promises and other good and valuable consideration described in this Agreement (the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged) the Parties agree as follows:

1. Term. This Agreement shall commence on February 4, 2021 with the Company (the "Commencement Date") and continue until terminated pursuant to one of the provisions of Section 5 of this Agreement.
2. Employment.
  - a. Position. As of the Commencement Date, the Executive shall be employed as the Chief Executive Officer of VS&Co. The Executive shall perform the duties, undertake the responsibilities, and exercise the authority customarily performed, undertaken, and exercised by persons employed in a similar executive capacity for a similarly-sized company in the same or similar industry. During the period in which the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of L Brands, Inc. ("L Brands"), the Executive shall report to the Chief Executive Officer of L Brands. If the Company is no longer a wholly owned subsidiary of L Brands, the Executive shall report to the Board of Directors of any successor to L Brands in ownership or control of the Company, or any individual so designated by the successor.
  - b. Duty of Loyalty. The Executive agrees to devote full attention to the business and affairs of the Company. The foregoing, however, shall not preclude the Executive from serving on corporate, civic, or charitable boards or committees or managing personal investments, so long as such activities do not interfere with the performance of the Executive's responsibilities hereunder. The Executive will make all disclosures required by the conflict-of-interest and ethics policies of the Company, VS&Co. and/or L Brands (collectively, the "Company Parties") relating to these activities.

3. Compensation.

a. Base Salary. The Company agrees to pay the Executive an annual base salary ("Base Salary") of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000), less applicable withholding. This Base Salary will be subject to annual review and may be increased based upon personal performance and company performance/market conditions. Such Base Salary shall be payable in accordance with the Company's customary payroll practices applicable to its executives.

b. Incentive Compensation. The Executive shall be entitled to participate in the Company's applicable incentive compensation plan ("IC Plan"), beginning in the 2021 Spring selling season, at a target level of one hundred eighty percent (180%) of the Executive's Base Salary, with a potential payout of between 0% and 200% of the target level based on the achievement of actual performance. Incentive Compensation payouts are typically made in two installments, less applicable withholding, the first being for the Spring season (fiscal February through July) weighted at 40% of the total annual target payment and paid in the following August or September, and the second being for the Fall season (fiscal August through January) weighted at 60% of the total annual target payment and paid in the following March. Incentive compensation under the IC Plan is not guaranteed but will be based on the results of VS&Co.'s performance as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company's parent (the "Board").

c. Equity Compensation. Pursuant to the terms of the L Brands, Inc. 2020 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time ("2020 Stock Plan"), on February 5, 2021, the Executive was granted performance-based restricted stock units covering L Brands common stock having a target grant date value of Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) subject to the terms and conditions of the 2020 Stock Plan and the L Brands, Inc. 2020 Stock Option and Performance Plan Performance-Based Restricted Share Unit Award Agreement. The Executive may receive future grants under the 2020 Stock Plan as determined by the Human Capital and Compensation Committee of the Board and based on the Executive's position and performance.

d. Retention Bonus. The Executive shall receive a retention bonus in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), less applicable withholding, paid on or about January 31, 2022, subject to the Executive's continued employment through such payment date.

e. Reservation of Rights. Unless otherwise provided in a contractual agreement between Executive and the Company, the Company reserves the right to amend, vary or terminate any compensation, benefit, bonus, equity award or other such program at any time, in the sole discretion of the Company. All compensation, benefit, bonus, equity award and other such programs are governed by and subject to the official plan documents and award agreements as administered and interpreted by the Board.

4. Employee Benefits.

a. Employee Benefit Plans. The Executive shall be entitled to participate in all employee benefit plans, practices, and programs maintained by the Company Parties and made available to similarly situated executives generally and as may be in effect from time to time, including Paid Time Off programs. The Executive's participation in such plans, practices and programs shall be on the same basis and terms as are applicable to similarly situated executives of the Company generally.

b. Paid Time Off (PTO) Programs. The Executive shall be entitled to paid time off in accordance with the policies periodically established by the Company Parties for similarly-situated executives of the Company.

c. Expenses. Subject to applicable policies of the Company Parties, the Executive shall be entitled to receive prompt reimbursement of all expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the performance of the Executive's duties hereunder or for promoting, pursuing, or otherwise furthering the business or interests of the Company Parties.

d. Office and Facilities. The Executive shall be provided with appropriate offices and with such secretarial and other support facilities as are commensurate with the Executive's status with the Company and adequate for the performance of the Executive's duties hereunder.

e. Compensation Recoupment. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Agreement to the contrary, any incentive-based or other compensation paid to the Executive under this Agreement or any other agreement or arrangement with the Company Parties are subject to recovery and clawback in accordance with any applicable law, government regulation, or stock exchange listing requirement, or any policy (whether in existence as of the Commencement Date or later adopted by the Company Parties) established by the Company Parties providing for clawback or recovery of amounts paid to the Executive.

5. Termination of Employment.

a. Disability. The Executive's employment hereunder is subject to termination after having established the Executive's Disability. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" means a physical or mental infirmity which impairs the Executive's ability to substantially perform the Executive's duties under this Agreement for a period of at least six (6) months in any twelve (12)-month calendar period as determined in accordance with the Long-Term Disability Plan maintained by the Company Parties.

b. Cause. The Company shall be entitled to terminate the Executive's employment for "Cause" without prior written notice. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean that the Executive (1) was grossly negligent in the performance of the Executive's duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from the Executive's incapacity due to physical or mental illness); or (2) has pled "guilty" or "no contest" to, or has been convicted of, an act which is defined as a felony under federal or state law; or (3) engaged in misconduct in bad faith which could reasonably be expected to materially harm the Company's business or its reputation. The Executive shall be given written notice by the Company of a termination for Cause, which shall state in reasonable detail the particular act or acts or failures to act that constitute the grounds on which the termination for Cause is based.

c. Termination by the Executive. The Executive may terminate his employment, with or without “Good Reason,” by delivering to the Company, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the termination date, a written Notice of Termination. If purporting to terminate employment for “Good Reason,” the Executive must include reasonable detail of the facts and circumstances which constitute Good Reason within the written Notice of Termination. For purposes of this Agreement, “Good Reason” means (i) the failure to continue the Executive in a capacity contemplated by Section 2, above, which shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement; (ii) the assignment to the Executive of any duties materially inconsistent with and that constitute a material adverse change to the Executive’s positions, duties, authority, responsibilities or reporting requirements as set forth in Section 2, above; (iii) the failure of the Company to obtain the assumption in writing of its obligation to perform this Agreement by any successor to all or substantially all of the assets of the Company within fifteen (15) days after a merger, consolidation, sale, or similar transaction or (iv) a reduction in or a material delay in payment of the Executive’s total cash compensation and benefits from those required to be provided in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. “Good Reason” shall not include (i) acts that are cured by the Company in all material respects not later than thirty (30) days from the date of receipt by the Company of a written Notice of Termination identifying in reasonable detail the act or acts constituting “Good Reason” or (ii) acts taken by the Company by reason of the Executive’s physical or mental infirmity which infirmity impairs the Executive’s ability to substantially perform his duties under this Agreement.

d. Notice of Termination. The Company may terminate Executive’s employment for any reason other than Cause or Disability by delivering to Executive a written “Notice of Termination,” which indicates the date of termination and the termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, thirty (30) days prior to the termination date. The Notice of Termination shall set forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances providing a basis for the termination. The Company may elect to pay the Executive in lieu of the thirty (30) days written notice, but will still deliver a Notice of Termination.

6. Compensation Upon Termination Not Within the Protection Period.

a. If the Executive’s employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, by reason of the Executive’s death, or if the Executive gives the Company a written Notice of Termination other than one for Good Reason, the Company’s sole obligations shall be to pay the Executive the following amounts earned but not paid as of the termination date (collectively, the “Accrued Amounts”):

- Base Salary;
- Reimbursement for business expenses incurred by the Executive;
- Any earned, accrued benefits such as PTO; and
- Any earned compensation which the Executive had previously deferred until termination of employment or which, by operation of the applicable plan and/or deferral election, would cause distribution to occur upon termination of employment (including any interest earned or credited thereon).

The Executive’s entitlement to any other benefits shall be determined in accordance with the applicable employee benefit plans then in effect. The Executive expressly agrees that any amounts the Executive may owe to the Company at the time of termination may be deducted from the amounts (above) that the Company would otherwise owe to the Executive.

b. If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Cause or Disability or if the Executive resigns for Good Reason, in each case, other than within the Protection Period (as defined below), the Company will offer a severance agreement to the Executive, which will include the following severance benefits (collectively, the "No Release Severance Benefits"):

- i. Accrued Amounts.
- ii. The Company shall continue to pay the Executive's Base Salary for a period of one (1) year following the termination date, less applicable withholding, payable on the Company's regularly scheduled pay dates during such one (1)-year period.
- iii. For up to twelve (12) months following the termination date, and provided that the Executive pays the applicable contribution amount required to be paid by similarly-situated active employees for such coverage, the Company shall provide to the Executive and the Executive's covered dependents medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to the those provided to similarly-situated active employees; provided, however, that the Company's obligation to provide such benefits shall cease upon the Executive's becoming eligible for such benefits as the result of employment with another employer and provided, further, that the Company's contribution toward the cost of such coverage shall be treated as taxable income to the Executive and the Executive must continue to pay his portion of the cost of this coverage with after-tax dollars. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Executive is not eligible to continue to participate in the relevant plan(s) providing such benefits or if providing such benefits would violate the nondiscrimination rules under Section 105(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or the rules applicable to non-grandfathered health plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA"), or result in the imposition of penalties under the Code and/or PPACA and the related regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, the Parties agree to reform this section in a manner as necessary to comply with applicable law, while, to the extent permitted by applicable law, preserve intended economic benefit.

The No Release Severance Benefits provided for in this Section 6(b) are in lieu of, and not in addition to, unused PTO remaining upon termination or any salary continuation provided for under the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement referenced below in Section 8(b).

c. If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Cause or Disability or if the Executive resigns for Good Reason, in each case, other than within the Protection Period, subject to and in exchange for a full release of claims by the Executive in a form acceptable to the Company (the "Release"), the Company will offer a severance agreement to the Executive, which will include the following severance benefits in lieu of the No Release Severance Benefits (collectively, the "Release Severance Benefits"):

- i. Accrued Amounts.
- ii. The Company shall continue to pay the Executive's Base Salary for a period of two (2) years following the termination date, less applicable withholding, payable on the Company's regularly scheduled pay dates during such two (2)-year period.
- iii. For up to twenty four (24) months following the termination date, and provided that the Executive pays the applicable contribution amount required to be paid by similarly-situated active employees for such coverage, the Company shall provide to the Executive and the Executive's covered dependents medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to the those provided to similarly-situated active employees; provided, however, that the Company's obligation to provide such benefits shall cease upon the Executive's becoming eligible for such benefits as the result of employment with another employer and provided, further, that the Company's contribution toward the cost of such coverage shall be treated as taxable income to the Executive and the Executive must continue to pay his portion of the cost of this coverage with after-tax dollars. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Executive is not eligible to continue to participate in the relevant plan(s) providing such benefits or if providing such benefits would violate the nondiscrimination rules under Section 105(h) of the Code, or the rules applicable to non-grandfathered health plans under PPACA, or result in the imposition of penalties under the Code and/or PPACA and the related regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, the Parties agree to reform this section in a manner as necessary to comply with applicable law, while, to the extent permitted by applicable law, preserve intended economic benefit.
- iv. The Company shall pay the Executive any incentive compensation under the IC Plan that the Executive would have received if the Executive had remained employed with the Company for a period of one (1) year after the termination date based on actual performance, less applicable withholding, subject to the terms of the IC Plan. The foregoing payments shall be paid at the same time as payments under the IC Plan are typically paid, but in no event earlier than three (3) months following the Executive's termination date and in no event later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the applicable season is completed. For the purposes of clarity, under this subsection, the Executive shall be entitled to payments under the IC Plan pursuant to this provision only for performance periods that end during the one (1)-year period following the Executive's termination of employment.

- v. The treatment of any outstanding equity awards will be determined in accordance with the terms of the applicable plan and award agreements, provided that, no equity awards will be forfeited during the three (3)-month period commencing upon the Executive's termination of employment, and to the extent a VS Change in Control occurs during such three (3)-month period, such outstanding equity awards will instead be treated in accordance with Section 7.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not make or provide the Release Severance Benefits (other than the Accrued Amounts), unless the Executive timely executes and delivers to the Company the Release, and the Release remains in full force and effect, has not been revoked and is no longer subject to revocation, within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of termination. If the foregoing requirements are not satisfied by the Executive, then no Release Severance Benefits (other than the Accrued Amounts) shall be due to the Executive pursuant to this Agreement.

The Release Benefits provided for in this Section 6(c) are in lieu of, and not in addition to, unused PTO remaining upon termination or any salary continuation provided for under the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement referenced below in Section 8(b). In the event that the Executive has already commenced receiving payments and/or benefits under Section 6(b) and becomes entitled to payments and/or benefits under this Section 6(c), then the Executive will be entitled to the payments and benefits under this Section 6(c) in lieu of any additional payments or benefits under Section 6(b), but only to the extent an equivalent payment and/or benefit has not already been paid or provided pursuant to Section 6(b).

d. If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company by reason of the Executive's Disability, the Company's sole obligations hereunder shall be as follows:

- i. The Company shall pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts within sixty (60) days of the Executive's termination date.
- ii. The Executive shall be entitled to receive disability benefits available under the Company's Long Term Disability Plan.



7. Change in Control; Compensation for Termination Within the Protection Period.

a. For the purposes of this Agreement, “VS Change in Control” means, (i) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any sale of stock, merger, consolidation or spin-off), the result of which is that L Brands no longer owns, directly or indirectly, at least fifty percent (50%) of the voting securities of VS&Co. then outstanding; (ii) any Person (other than an Excluded Person) becomes, together with all “affiliates” and “associates” (each as defined under Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”)) the “beneficial owner” (as defined under Rule 13d-3 of the Act) of securities representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding, unless such Person becomes the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of such Voting Stock then outstanding solely as a result of an acquisition of such Voting Stock by VS&Co. which, by reducing the Voting Stock of VS&Co. outstanding, increases the proportionate Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person (together with all “affiliates” and “associates” of such Person) to fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding; provided that if a Person shall become the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding by reason of such Voting Stock acquisition by VS&Co. and shall thereafter become the “beneficial owner” of any additional Voting Stock of VS&Co. which causes the proportionate voting power of Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person to increase to fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding, such Person shall, upon becoming the “beneficial owner” of such additional Voting Stock of VS&Co., be deemed to have become the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock then outstanding other than solely as a result of such Voting Stock acquisition by VS&Co.; (iii) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of VS&Co.; or (iv) the consummation of a complete liquidation or dissolution of VS&Co. For the purposes of the foregoing definition, “Person,” “Excluded Person,” and “Voting Stock” shall have their respective meanings set forth in the 2020 Stock Plan as of the Commencement Date, provided that any reference therein to the Company shall be deemed a reference to VS&Co.

b. For the purposes of this Agreement, “LB Change in Control” means, a “Change in Control” under the 2020 Stock Plan or any successor to such plan.

c. Any outstanding unvested equity awards held by the Executive under any L Brands equity incentive plan (collectively, the “Stock Plans”) as of the first to occur of a VS Change in Control and an LB Change in Control (each, a “Change in Control”) that are settled in or measured by reference to shares of L Brands common stock (“Shares”) shall be treated as follows, notwithstanding anything in the applicable Stock Plan or award agreements, or any agreement governing the Change in Control to the contrary:

- i. Each Share underlying a full value equity award shall be converted into the right to receive a restricted cash award on the same terms and conditions (including applicable time and/or service vesting conditions and settlement provisions but excluding performance goals) applicable to such full value equity award under the Stock Plan and award agreement in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control, with respect to an amount of cash determined by multiplying (w) the total number of Shares underlying such full value equity award immediately prior to the Change in Control by (x) the Trading Price (as defined below). To the extent that a full value equity award vests based on the achievement of performance goals, the number of Shares underlying such full value equity award shall be determined as if target performance had been achieved if less than one-third of the applicable performance period has elapsed as of the date of the Change in Control, otherwise it shall be determined as if maximum performance had been achieved.

- ii. Each Share underlying stock options shall be converted into the right to receive a restricted cash award on the same terms and conditions (including applicable time and/or service vesting conditions) applicable to such Stock Options under the Stock Plan and award agreement in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control, with respect to an amount of cash determined by multiplying (y) the total number of Shares issuable upon the exercise of such Stock Options immediately prior to the Change in Control multiplied by (z) the excess, if any, of (A) the Trading Price over (B) the exercise price per Share issuable under such Stock Option.
- iii. Each such restricted cash award will be settled no later than thirty (30) days following its vesting date, provided that, to the extent that paying any portion of such amount in accordance with the foregoing would constitute an impermissible change in the time or form of payment under Section 409A of the Code, then such portion shall be payable at a time that would be permitted under Section 409A of the Code and that is as near as possible to the payment timing contemplated by the foregoing.
- iv. For the purposes of this Agreement, “Trading Price” means the average of the closing price of the Shares (as reported on the New York Stock Exchange) for the period beginning fifteen (15) trading days before the Change in Control and ending on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) trading day following, and including, the date of the Change in Control, provided that, to the extent that the Change in Control is a spin-off transaction, the Trading Price means the average of the closing price of the Shares (as reported on the New York Stock Exchange) for the fifteen (15) consecutive trading days ending with, and including, the trading day immediately prior to the date of the Change in Control.

d. For the purposes of this Agreement, the “Protection Period” means, (i) the period beginning three (3) months prior to a VS Change in Control and ending twenty four (24) months following a VS Change in Control, and (ii) only to the extent that an LB Change in Control occurs prior to a VS Change in Control, the period beginning on the date of an LB Change in Control and ending twenty four (24) months thereafter.

e. If the Executive is terminated other than for Disability or Cause or resigns for Good Reason, in each case, within the Protection Period, the Company will offer a severance agreement to the Executive in exchange for a Release which will include (collectively, the “Protection Period Severance Benefits”):

- i. Accrued Amounts.
- ii. The Company shall continue to pay the Executive’s Base Salary for a period of three (3) years following the termination date, less applicable withholding, payable as follows: (i) on the First Payment Date, the Company will pay the Executive, without interest, the number of missed payroll installments which would have been paid during the period beginning on the termination date and ending on the First Payment Date had the installments been paid on the Company’s regularly scheduled payroll dates, and (ii) each of the remaining installments shall be paid on the Company’s regularly scheduled pay dates during the remainder of such three (3)-year period.
- iii. For up to thirty six (36) months following the termination date, and provided that the Executive pays the applicable contribution amount required to be paid by similarly-situated active employees for such coverage, the Company shall provide to the Executive and the Executive’s covered dependents medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to the those provided to similarly-situated active employees; provided, however, that the Company’s obligation to provide such benefits shall cease upon the Executive’s becoming eligible for such benefits as the result of employment with another employer and provided, further, that the Company’s contribution toward the cost of such coverage shall be treated as taxable income to the Executive and the Executive must continue to pay his portion of the cost of this coverage with after-tax dollars. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Executive is not eligible to continue to participate in the relevant plan(s) providing such benefits or if providing such benefits would violate the nondiscrimination rules under Section 105(h) of the Code, or the rules applicable to non-grandfathered health plans under PPACA, or result in the imposition of penalties under the Code and/or PPACA and the related regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, the Parties agree to reform this section in a manner as necessary to comply with applicable law, while, to the extent permitted by applicable law, preserve intended economic benefit.

- iv. A payment equal to three (3) times the Executive's target annual incentive compensation payout under the IC Plan (the "Bonus Amount"). The Bonus Amount shall be payable in substantially equal bi-weekly payments over a period of three (3) years following the termination date, less applicable withholding, as follows: (i) on the First Payment Date (or, if later, sixty (60) days following the VS Change in Control), the Company will pay the Executive, without interest, the number of missed payroll installments which would have been paid during the period beginning on the termination date and ending on the First Payment Date (or, if later, sixty (60) days following the VS Change in Control) had the installments been paid on the Company's regularly scheduled payroll dates, and (ii) each of the remaining installments shall be paid on the Company's regularly scheduled pay dates during the remainder of such three (3)-year period.
- v. A payment equal to the product of (x) the IC Plan payment that the Executive would have earned for the season during which the Executive's termination of employment occurs, based on actual performance, multiplied by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the season (within the meaning of the IC Plan) in which the Executive's termination of employment occurs that elapsed through the Executive's termination of employment and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such season. The foregoing payment shall be paid at the same time as payments under the IC Plan are typically paid, but in no event earlier than the First Payment Date and in no event later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the applicable season is completed.
- vi. The Company shall reimburse the Executive for all documented legal fees and expenses reasonably incurred by the Executive in seeking to obtain or enforce any right or benefit provided by this Section 7(e); provided that, such reasonable legal fees and expenses incurred by the Executive within the first six (6) months following the Executive's termination date shall be reimbursed by the Company during the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) month after Executive's termination date. Expenses incurred thereafter shall be reimbursed on a monthly basis for expenses incurred in the preceding month by the Company in accordance with the Company's expense policies applicable to employees.
- vii. The vesting of any outstanding and unvested restricted cash awards converted pursuant to Section 7(c) will be accelerated and the underlying cash value of such restricted cash awards shall be paid on the First Payment Date (or, if later, sixty (60) days following the VS Change in Control), provided that, to the extent that paying any portion of such amount in accordance with the foregoing would constitute an impermissible change in the time or form of payment under Section 409A of the Code, then such portion shall be payable at a time that would be permitted under Section 409A of the Code and that is as near as possible to the payment timing contemplated by the foregoing.

- viii. The treatment of any equity awards granted following the Change in Control will be determined in accordance with the terms of the applicable plan and award agreements.

The Protection Period Severance Benefits provided for in this Section 7(b) are in lieu of, and not in addition to, unused PTO remaining upon termination or any salary continuation provided for under the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement referenced below in Section 8(b).

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not make or provide the Protection Period Severance Benefits (other than the Accrued Amounts), unless the Executive timely executes and delivers to the Company the Release, and the Release remains in full force and effect, has not been revoked and is no longer subject to revocation, within sixty (60) calendar days after the date of termination. If the foregoing requirements are not satisfied by the Executive, then no Protection Period Severance Benefits (other than the Accrued Amounts) shall be due to the Executive pursuant to this Agreement.

In the event that the Executive's termination occurs during the portion of the Protection Period that precedes a VS Change in Control and the Executive has already commenced receiving payments and/or benefits under Sections 6(b) and/or 6(c) prior to the VS Change in Control, then (i) the Executive will be entitled to the payments and benefits under this Section 7 in lieu of any additional payments or benefits under Sections 6(b) and/or 6(c), but only to the extent an equivalent payment and/or benefit has not already been paid or provided pursuant to Sections 6(b) and/or 6(c); and (ii) any payments that the Executive would have otherwise been entitled to under this Section 7 that have not otherwise been paid to the Executive as of the Change in Control will be paid to the Executive in a single lump sum payment as soon as administratively practicable, but no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the occurrence of the Change in Control.

8. Employee Representation and Covenants.

a. Representations. The Executive expressly represents and warrants to the Company that the Executive is not a party to any contract or agreement and is not otherwise obligated in any way, and is not subject to any rules or regulations, whether governmentally imposed or otherwise, which will or may restrict in any way the Executive's ability to fully perform the Executive's duties and responsibilities under this Agreement.

b. Other Covenants. The Executive agrees as a condition of continued employment to execute the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement and fully abide by its terms. A copy of that agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Executive acknowledges and agrees that the restrictions set forth in Exhibit A are reasonable and necessary to protect the legitimate business interests of the Company, and that they will not impair or infringe upon the Executive's right to work or earn a living. The Executive further acknowledges and agrees that his position is one of trust and responsibility with access to confidential and proprietary information, trade secrets, information concerning employees of the Company, information concerning customers and prospective customers of the Company, and information pertaining to the Company's Intellectual Property. The Executive understands and acknowledges that his obligations under this Agreement with regard to any particular Confidential Information (as that term defined in Exhibit A) shall commence immediately upon the Executive first having access to such Confidential Information (whether before or after he begins employment by the Company), and shall continue during and after his employment by the Company until such time as such Confidential Information has become public knowledge other than as a result of the Executive's breach of this Agreement or breach by those acting in concert with the Executive or on the Executive's behalf.

c. Notice of Immunity Under the Economic Espionage Act of 1996, as amended by the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 ("DTSA"). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Executive will not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law for any disclosure of a trade secret that: (A) is made in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney, and solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of the law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed under seal in a lawsuit or other proceeding. If the Executive files a lawsuit for retaliation by the Company for reporting a suspected violation of law, the Executive may disclose the Company's trade secrets to the Executive's attorney and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding so long as the Executive files any document containing trade secrets under seal, and does not disclose trade secrets, except pursuant to court order.

9. Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the Executive's consent to (i) an affiliate of the Company or (ii) in the event that the Company shall hereafter effect a reorganization, consolidate with, or merge into, any other entity or person, or transfer all or substantially all of its properties, stock, or assets to any other entity or person, to the acquirer or resulting entity in such transaction. This Agreement will be binding upon any successor of the Company (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise), in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be obligated under this Agreement if no succession had taken place. Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest hereunder shall be assignable or transferable by the Executive, the Executive's beneficiaries or legal representatives, except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal personal representative.

10. Compliance with Section 409A of the Code. This Agreement is intended to either avoid the application of, or comply with, Section 409A of the Code. To that end, this Agreement shall at all times be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to adopt such amendments to this Agreement or take such other actions (including amendments and actions with retroactive effect) as it determines is necessary or appropriate for this Agreement to comply with Section 409A of the Code. Further:

a. Any reimbursement of any costs and expenses by the Company to the Executive under this Agreement shall be made by the Company in no event later than the close of the Executive's taxable year following the taxable year in which the cost or expense is incurred by the Executive. The expenses incurred by the Executive in any calendar year that are eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement shall not affect the expenses incurred by the Executive in any other calendar year that are eligible for reimbursement hereunder and the Executive's right to receive any reimbursement hereunder shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

b. Any payment following a separation from service that would be subject to Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code as a distribution following a separation from service of a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code) shall be made on the first to occur of (i) ten (10) days after the expiration of the six (6)-month period following such separation from service, (ii) death, or (iii) such earlier date that complies with Section 409A of the Code.

c. Each payment that the Executive may receive under this Agreement shall be treated as a "separate payment" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code.

d. A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of this Agreement providing for the payment of any amounts or benefits upon or following a termination of employment unless such termination is also a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and, for purposes of any such provision of this Agreement, references to a "termination," "termination of employment," or like terms shall mean "separation from service."

e. Payments under this Agreement are intended to be exempt from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code to the maximum extent possible, whether pursuant to the short-term deferral exception described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4), the involuntary separation pay plan exception described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9) (iii), or otherwise. Any payments and benefits provided under this Agreement may be accelerated in time or schedule by the Company, in its sole discretion, to the extent permitted by Section 409A of the Code.

11. Arbitration.

a. The Parties agree that, subject to Section 11(b), any controversy or claim between the Company and the Executive arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its termination shall be settled and determined by a single arbitrator whose award shall be accepted as final and binding upon the parties. Arbitration costs and expenses, including the fees of the arbitrator, shall be paid by the Company, but each Party will be responsible for its/her own attorney's fees. The parties shall jointly select an arbitrator from the American Arbitration Association (AAA) with experience in employment disputes. The arbitration shall be conducted on a confidential basis by the AAA and administered under its Employment Arbitration Rules. The arbitrator shall have the authority to allow for appropriate discovery and exchange of information before a hearing, including, but not limited to, production of documents, information requests, depositions and subpoenas. The arbitration shall take place in Columbus, Ohio. Any decision or award as a result of any such arbitration proceeding shall be in writing and shall provide an explanation for all conclusions of law and fact and shall include the assessment of costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees. Judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

- b. *Claims Not Covered:* This Arbitration provision does not include:
- i. Any claim arising under or related to the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A;
  - ii. A claim for workers' compensation benefits;
  - iii. A claim for unemployment compensation benefits; and
  - iv. A claim based upon the Company's current (successor or future) employee benefits and/or welfare plans that contain an appeal procedure or other procedure for the resolution of disputes under the plan.
- c. Any dispute regarding the arbitrability of a particular claim shall be decided by the arbitrator.
- d. Any conflict between the rules and procedures set forth in the AAA rules and those set forth in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of those in this Agreement.
- e. The burden of proof at an arbitration shall at all times be on the party seeking relief.
- f. In reaching a decision, the arbitrator shall apply the governing substantive law applicable to the claims, causes of action and defenses asserted by the Parties, as applicable in Ohio. The arbitrator shall have the power to award all remedies that could be awarded by a court or administrative agency in accordance with the governing and applicable substantive law, including, without limitation, Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act.
- g. The aggrieved party must give written notice of any claim to the other party as soon as possible after the aggrieved first knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to the claim. The written notice shall describe the nature of all claims asserted, the facts upon which those claims are based, and shall set forth the aggrieved Party's intention to pursue arbitration. The notice shall be mailed to the other party by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the notice may be sent by electronic mail.



12. Notice. For the purposes of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in the Agreement (including the Notice of Termination and a notice of a claim for which a Party seeks arbitration) shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or upon receipt if overnight delivery service or facsimile is used, addressed as follows:

To the Executive:

Martin Waters

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To the Company:

L Brands, Inc.

Three Limited Parkway,

Columbus, Ohio 43230

Attn: Andrew Meslow – Chief Executive Officer, L Brands, Inc.

Deon N. Riley – Chief Human Resources Officer, L Brands, Inc.

VS Service Company LLC

Three Limited Parkway,

Columbus, Ohio 43230

Attn: Laura Miller – Chief Human Resources Officer, Victoria's Secret & Company

13. Miscellaneous. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived, or discharged unless such waiver, modification, or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by the Executive and the Company. No waiver by either party hereto at any time of any breach by the other party hereto of, or compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement to be performed by such other party shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time. No agreement or representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof have been made by either party which are not expressly set forth in this Agreement.

14. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, without giving effect to the conflict of law principles thereof.

15. Severability. The provision of this Agreement shall be deemed severable and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

16. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same original.

17. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, including, but not limited to, the Employment Agreement between L Brands, Inc. and L Brands Service Company, LLC and the Executive dated July 23, 2009, as amended, and the Retention and Performance Bonus Agreement between L Brands Service Company, LLC and the Executive dated July 14, 2020, understandings and arrangements, oral or written, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer and the Executive has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

THE FOLLOWING PAGE IS THE SIGNATURE PAGE

MARTIN WATERS

/s/ Martin Waters

DATE

5/22/2021

VS SERVICE COMPANY LLC

By: /s/ Andrew Meslow

DATE

5/22/2021

## RETENTION BONUS AGREEMENT

This Retention Bonus Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between L Brands, Inc. (the "Company") and Amy Hauk (the "Associate").

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that appropriate steps should be taken to ensure the Associate's continued employment and to ensure that the Associate devotes her best professional efforts, time and skill to the performance of her job responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Company agrees that if the Associate remains employed and continues to use her best efforts to satisfactorily perform her job duties, the Company will pay the Associate a Retention Bonus in the Total Amount of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,400,000.00), less applicable withholdings under the following schedule and conditions:
  - a. One-third of the Total Amount payable, which is the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00), will be paid to the Associate on January 31, 2021, provided that the Associate is employed on the date of the payment;
  - b. One-third of the Total Amount payable, which is the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00), will be paid to the Associate on July 31, 2021, provided that the Associate is employed on the date of the payment;
  - c. One-third of the Total Amount payable, which is the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00), will be paid to the Associate on January 31, 2022, provided that the Associate is employed on the date of the payment.
2. The Associate understands that receipt of the Total Amount of the Retention Bonus is contingent upon the Associate remaining employed with the Company as of each installment date and satisfactorily performing her duties in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
3. The Associate agrees to keep this Agreement confidential and not to reveal the existence of this Agreement, nor any of its terms, to any person, entity or organization.

/s/ Stuart Burgdoerfer  
Stuart Burgdoerfer

VOLUNTARILY AND KNOWINGLY AGREED  
AND ACCEPTED AS SPECIFIED ABOVE:

/s/ Amy Hauk

Amy Hauk

Date: 6/01/20

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**EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE AGREEMENT**

THIS EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of the last date of signature below (the “Effective Date”), by and between the Company and Amy Hauk (the “Executive”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Executive currently serves as a key employee of the Company and the Executive’s services and knowledge are valuable to the Company; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Executive’s continued employment, the Company has determined that it is in its best interests to provide the Executive with the severance protections in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, and in view of the promises and other good and valuable consideration described in this Agreement (the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged) the Parties agree as follows:

1. Effective Date and Term of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective on the Effective Date and will remain in effect unless and until (i) the Executive’s employment with the Company is terminated by either Party in accordance with Section 2, and (ii) all payments and/or benefits to which the Executive is entitled under this Agreement, if any, have been made or provided to the Executive in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2. Termination of Employment. The Executive’s employment with the Company shall terminate upon the earlier of: (i) automatically thirty (30) days after the Executive provides a written Notice of Termination of his or her resignation for any reason other than for Good Reason; (ii) thirty (30) days following the Executive providing a Notice of Termination indicating the existence of a condition(s) constituting Good Reason other than to the extent that such condition is cured; (iii) immediately upon the Executive’s Disability or death; (iv) automatically thirty (30) days after the Executive receives written Notice of Termination from the Company of his or her Termination without Cause; or (v) the date set forth in the Notice of Termination from the Company of the Executive’s termination of employment with the Company for Cause (collectively, the earlier of being the “Termination Date”). The Company may elect to pay the Executive in lieu of the thirty (30) days’ written notice, but will still deliver a Notice of Termination.

3. Non-Qualifying Termination.

(a) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, if the Executive’s employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, the Company’s sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts and the Executive shall not be entitled to severance benefits under this Agreement or any other agreement or severance plan, policy or program of the Company (or any of its affiliates).

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, to the extent that the Executive experiences a Termination for any reason while a Company-led internal investigation into facts that could reasonably give rise to the Executive’s Termination for Cause is pending: (i) the Executive shall not be entitled to receive any severance benefits under this Agreement (other than the Accrued Amounts) or any other agreement or severance plan, policy or program of the Company (or any of its affiliates); and (ii) the Executive shall not be entitled to vest in or receive any Variable Compensation, in either case, unless and until the Company concludes its investigation with a finding that grounds for a Termination for Cause did not in fact exist, and only to the extent provided for under the terms of the applicable agreement, plan, policy or program.

(c) If the Executive experiences a Termination by reason of the Executive's death or if the Executive gives the Company a written Notice of Termination other than for Good Reason, the Company's sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts.

(d) If the Executive's experiences a Termination by reason of the Executive's Disability, the Company's sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts and the Executive shall be entitled to receive disability benefits available under the Company's (or any affiliate's) long-term disability plan, to the extent applicable.

4. Severance Upon a Qualifying Termination Not Within the Protection Period. If the Executive experiences a Qualifying Termination not within the Protection Period, then, subject to Section 6, the Company will provide the Executive with the following (collectively, the "Severance Benefits"):

(a) Accrued Amounts;

(b) The Company shall continue to pay the Executive's Base Salary for a period of two (2) years following the Qualifying Termination, less applicable withholding, payable as follows: (i) on the Company's first regularly scheduled pay date falling on or after sixty (60) days from the Executive's Termination Date (the "First Payment Date"), the Company will pay the Executive, without interest, the number of missed payroll installments that would have been paid during the period beginning on the Termination Date and ending on the First Payment Date had the installments been paid on the Company's regularly scheduled payroll dates, and (ii) each of the remaining installments shall be paid on the Company's regularly scheduled pay dates during the remainder of such two (2)-year period;

(c) For up to two (2) years following the Termination Date, and provided that the Executive pays the applicable contribution amount required to be paid by similarly-situated active employees for such coverage, the Company shall provide to the Executive and the Executive's covered dependents, medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to the those provided to similarly-situated active employees, provided that the Company's contribution toward the cost of such coverage shall be treated as taxable income to the Executive and the Executive must continue to pay his or her portion of the cost of this coverage with after- tax dollars (the "Benefit Continuation"). The Company's obligation to provide the Benefit Continuation shall cease upon the Executive becoming eligible for similar benefits as the result of employment with another employer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Executive is not eligible to continue to participate in the relevant plan(s) providing the Benefit Continuation or if providing the Benefit Continuation would violate the nondiscrimination rules under Section 105(h) of the Code, or the rules applicable to non-grandfathered health plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 ("PPACA"), or result in the imposition of penalties under the Code and/or PPACA and the related regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, the Parties agree to reform this section in a manner as necessary to comply with applicable law, while, to the extent permitted by applicable law, preserve its intended economic benefit;

(d) If, prior to a Retention Date (as defined in the Retention Agreement by and between one of the subsidiaries of L Brands, Inc. and the Executive dated August 1, 2020 (the “Retention Agreement”)), the Retention Payment (as defined in the Retention Agreement) scheduled to be paid for the Retention Date immediately following the Termination Date shall be paid, less applicable withholding, on the First Payment Date;

(e) The Company shall pay the Executive any incentive compensation under the IC Plan that the Executive would have received if the Executive had remained employed with the Company for a period of one (1) year after the Termination Date based on actual performance, less applicable withholding, subject to the terms of the IC Plan. The foregoing payments shall be paid at the same time as payments under the IC Plan are typically paid, but in no event earlier than three (3) months following the Executive’s Qualifying Termination and in no event later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the applicable season is completed. For the purposes of clarity, under this subsection, the Executive shall not be entitled to payments under the IC Plan pursuant to this provision for partial performance periods that are not then-completed on the first anniversary of the Termination Date; and

(f) The treatment of any outstanding equity awards will be determined as follows:

(i) A pro-rata portion of the outstanding unvested equity awards that are held by the Executive as of the Termination Date and vest only based on the passage of time shall vest and be settled on the First Payment Date, which pro-rata vesting shall be determined by (A) multiplying (x) the number of shares subject to the award by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete months between the first day of the applicable time-based vesting period and the Termination Date, and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of months in the time-based vesting period, less (B) the number of shares subject to the award that had already vested pursuant to the award’s terms prior to the Termination Date, if any;

(ii) A pro-rata portion of the outstanding unvested equity awards that are held by the Executive as of the Termination Date and vest based, at least in part, on the satisfaction of performance goals shall vest and be settled by the later of the First Payment Date and sixty (60) days following the end of the applicable performance period, which pro-rata vesting shall be determined by (A) multiplying the number of shares that the Executive would have earned for the entire performance period based on the level of performance determined in accordance with the applicable plan and award agreements by (B) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete months between the first day of the applicable performance period and the Termination Date, and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of months in the performance period;

(iii) To the extent that any outstanding unvested equity award that is held by the Executive as of the Termination Date would vest at a greater percentage under the terms of the applicable plan and award agreement than as provided for under Sections 4(f)(i)-(ii), the terms of such award agreement shall instead to determine the number of shares covered by such equity award that will vest under this Section 4(f), subject to Sections 4(f)(iv)-(v);



(iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no equity awards that are outstanding as of the Termination Date will be forfeited during the three (3)-month period commencing upon the Termination Date, provided, that, (x) to the extent a VS Change in Control occurs during such three (3)-month period, any such equity awards that are outstanding and unvested as of the VS Change in Control will instead be treated in accordance with Section 5; and (y) to the extent a VS Change in Control does not occur during such three (3)-month period, any portion of the equity awards outstanding as of Termination Date that do not vest pursuant to Sections 4(f)(i)-(iii) shall be forfeited; and

(v) To the extent that the payment or settlement of any equity awards in accordance with the foregoing would constitute an impermissible change in the time or form of payment under Section 409A of the Code, then such portion shall be payable at a time that would be permitted under Section 409A of the Code and that is as near as possible to the payment timing contemplated by the foregoing.

5. Severance Upon a Qualifying Termination Within the Protection Period. If the Executive has a Qualifying Termination within the Protection Period, then, subject to Section 6, the Company will provide the Executive with the following (collectively, the “Change in Control Severance Benefits”):

(a) The payments and benefits described in Sections 4(a), (b), (c) and (d);

(b) A payment equal to the sum of the incentive compensation payouts that the Executive actually received under the IC Plan for the four (4) completed seasons immediately preceding the Termination Date (the “Bonus Amount”). The Bonus Amount shall be paid, less applicable withholding, in a lump sum cash payment on the First Payment Date;

(c) A payment equal to the product of (i) the IC Plan payment that the Executive would have earned for the season during which the Executive’s Qualifying Termination occurs, based on actual performance, multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the season (within the meaning of the IC Plan) in which the Termination Date occurs that elapsed through the Termination Date and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such season. The foregoing payment, less applicable withholding, shall be paid at the same time as payments under the IC Plan are typically paid, but in no event earlier than the First Payment Date and in no event later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the applicable season is completed; and

(d) All of the outstanding and unvested equity awards held by the Executive immediately before such Qualifying Termination will immediately become fully vested and payable on the First Payment Date, provided that, to the extent that paying any portion of such amount in accordance with the foregoing would constitute an impermissible change in the time or form of payment under Section 409A of the Code, then such portion shall be payable at a time that would be permitted under Section 409A of the Code and that is as near as possible to the payment timing contemplated by the foregoing. To the extent that an equity award vests based on the achievement of performance goals, performance goals will be deemed to be achieved at target levels if less than one-third of the applicable performance period has elapsed as of the date of the Change in Control, otherwise performance goals will be deemed achieved at maximum levels.

In the event that the Termination Date occurs during the portion of the Protection Period that precedes a VS Change in Control and the Executive has already commenced receiving payments and/or benefits under Section 4 prior to the VS Change in Control, then (i) the Executive will be entitled to the payments and benefits under this Section 5 in lieu of any additional payments or benefits under Section 4, but only to the extent an equivalent payment and/or benefit has not already been paid or provided pursuant to Section 4; and (ii) any payments that the Executive would have otherwise been entitled to under this Section 5 that have not otherwise been paid to the Executive as of the VS Change in Control will be paid to the Executive in a single lump sum payment as soon as administratively practicable, but no later than sixty (60) calendar days following the occurrence of the VS Change in Control.

6. Release Requirement. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not make or provide the Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits (in each case, other than the Accrued Amounts), unless the Executive timely executes and delivers to the Company a release of claims in favor of the Company, its affiliates and their respective officers and directors in a form provided by the Company (the "Release") and such Release becomes effective and irrevocable within sixty (60) days following the Executive's Termination Date. If the foregoing requirements are not satisfied by the Executive, then no Severance Benefits nor Change in Control Severance Benefits (in each case, other than the Accrued Amounts) shall be due to the Executive pursuant to this Agreement.

7. Effect on Other Plans, Agreements and Benefits.

(a) Any severance benefits payable to the Executive under this Agreement will be in lieu of and not in addition to: (i) any severance benefits to which the Executive would otherwise be entitled under any general severance policy or severance plan maintained by the Company (or any of its affiliates) or any agreement between the Executive and the Company (or any of its affiliates) that provides for severance benefits; (ii) unused PTO remaining upon the Termination Date; and (iii) salary continuation provided for under the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement.

(b) Any severance benefits payable to the Executive under this Agreement will not be counted as compensation for purposes of determining benefits under any other benefit policies or plans of the Company (or any of its affiliates), except to the extent expressly provided therein.

(c) The Executive's entitlement to any other benefits not expressly referenced herein shall be determined in accordance with the applicable employee benefit plans then in effect.

(d) The Executive expressly agrees that any amounts the Executive may owe to the Company as of the Termination Date may be deducted from the amounts that the Company would otherwise owe to the Executive under this Agreement.

(e) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, if the Executive incurs a Termination for Cause, then all Variable Compensation shall be immediately canceled for no consideration. If the Executive incurs a Termination for Cause, or the Company becomes aware (after the Executive's Termination) of conduct on the part of the Executive that would have been grounds for a Termination for Cause, then, the Executive will be required to deliver to the Company, immediately upon request, the Variable Compensation (in shares and/or cash), granted on or after the Effective Date and paid or delivered to the Executive within the three (3) years prior to the Termination Date, including the profit the Executive realized upon the exercise of stock options.

8. Section 280G of the Code.

(a) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if the Executive is a "disqualified individual" (as defined in Section 280G(c) of the Code), and the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement, together with any other payments and benefits which the Executive has the right to receive from the Company or any other person, would constitute a "parachute payment" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code), then the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement will be either (a) reduced (but not below zero) so that the present value of such total amounts and benefits received by the Executive from the Company and/or such person(s) will be \$1.00 less than three (3) times the Executive's "base amount" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(3) of the Code) and so that no portion of such amounts and benefits received by the Executive will be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or (b) paid in full, whichever produces the better "net after-tax position" to the Executive (taking into account any applicable excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code and any other applicable taxes).

(b) The reduction of payments and benefits hereunder, if applicable, will be made by reducing, first, payments or benefits to be paid in cash hereunder in the order in which such payment or benefit would be paid or provided (beginning with such payment or benefit that would be made last in time and continuing, to the extent necessary, through to such payment or benefit that would be made first in time) and, then, reducing any benefit to be provided in-kind hereunder in a similar order.

(c) The determination as to whether any such reduction in the amount of the payments and benefits provided hereunder is necessary will be made applying principles, assumptions and procedures consistent with Section 280G of the Code by an accounting firm or law firm of national reputation that is selected for this purpose by the Company (the "280G Firm"). In order to assess whether payments under this Agreement or otherwise qualify as reasonable compensation that is exempt from being a parachute payment under Section 280G of the Code, the 280G Firm or the Company may retain the services of an independent valuation expert.

(d) If a reduced payment or benefit is made or provided and through error or otherwise that payment or benefit, when aggregated with other payments and benefits from the Company (or its affiliates) used in determining if a "parachute payment" exists, exceeds \$1.00 less than three (3) times the Executive's base amount, then the Executive must immediately repay such excess to the Company upon notification that an overpayment has been made. Nothing in this Section 8 will require the Company to be responsible for, or have any liability or obligation with respect to, the Executive's excise tax liabilities under Section 4999 of the Code.

9. Arbitration and Class and Representative Action Waiver.

(a) The Parties agree that, subject to Section 9(b), any controversy or claim between the Company and the Executive arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its termination shall be settled and determined by a single arbitrator whose award shall be accepted as final and binding upon the parties. If Executive initiates arbitration, Executive will be responsible for paying a filing fee of \$300 or the filing fee in federal court in Columbus, Ohio, whichever is lower. Each Party will be responsible for its/her own attorney's fees. The Parties shall jointly select an arbitrator from JAMS, Inc. ("JAMS") or the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") with at least ten (10) years of experience in employment disputes. The arbitration shall be conducted on a confidential basis by the AAA or JAMS and administered under their Employment Arbitration Rules, which are currently available at <http://www.adr.org> and <http://www.jamsadr.com>, respectively. The arbitrator shall have the authority to allow for appropriate discovery and exchange of information before a hearing, including, but not limited to, production of documents, information requests, depositions and subpoenas. Unless the arbitrator determines additional discovery is necessary to adequately arbitrate Executive's claims, discovery shall be conducted in accordance with the then-current version of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Those rules can be found at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp>. The arbitration shall take place in Columbus, Ohio. Notwithstanding the AAA or JAMS rules, all parties to the arbitration shall have the right to file a dispositive motion and shall not be required to seek permission from the arbitrator to do so. Any decision or award as a result of any such arbitration proceeding shall be in writing and shall provide an explanation for all conclusions of law and fact and shall include the assessment of costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees. Judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

(b) This Arbitration provision does not include:

- (i) Any claim arising under or related to the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement;
- (ii) A claim for workers' compensation benefits;
- (iii) A claim for unemployment compensation benefits;

(iv) A claim based upon the Company's current (successor or future) employee benefits and/or welfare plans that contain an appeal procedure or other procedure for the resolution of disputes under this Agreement; and

(v) A claim of sexual harassment, including hostile work environment, "sexual assault" (defined as actual or threatened unwelcomed touching of a sexual nature), gender discrimination, and retaliation related to same.

(c) This Agreement also does not prevent Executive from filing a claim or charge with a federal, state or local administrative agency, such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, or similar state or local agencies.

(d) This Agreement does not prohibit those limited circumstances under which either Party finds it necessary to seek emergency or temporary injunctive relief, such as a preliminary injunction or a temporary restraining order, from a court that may be necessary to protect any rights or property of either Party pending the establishment of the arbitral tribunal or its determination of the merits of the dispute.

(e) **CLASS ACTION WAIVER.** To the extent permissible by law, there shall be no right or authority for any dispute to be arbitrated as a class action or collective action (“Class Action Waiver”). **THIS MEANS THAT, EXCEPT AS EXPLICITLY PROVIDED HEREIN, ALL DISPUTES BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT ARISE, OR HAVE ARISEN, OUT OF EXECUTIVE’S EMPLOYMENT OR THE TERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE’S EMPLOYMENT SHALL PROCEED IN ARBITRATION SOLELY ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, AND THAT THE ARBITRATOR’S AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTE AND TO MAKE WRITTEN AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO EXECUTIVE’S INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS.**

(f) **REPRESENTATIVE ACTION WAIVER.** To the extent permissible by law, there shall be no right or authority for any dispute to be arbitrated as a representative action or as a private attorney general action, including but not limited to claims brought pursuant to the Private Attorney General Act of 2004, Cal. Lab. Code § 2698, et seq. (“Representative Action Waiver”). **THIS MEANS THAT, TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW, EXECUTIVE MAY NOT SEEK RELIEF ON BEHALF OF OTHERS IN ARBITRATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SIMILARLY AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES. THE ARBITRATOR’S AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTE AND TO MAKE WRITTEN AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO EXECUTIVE’S INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS.**

(g) The Parties agree that only a court of competent jurisdiction may interpret this Section 9 and resolve challenges to its validity and enforceability, including but not limited to the validity, enforceability and interpretation of the Class Action Waiver and Representative Action Waiver. The arbitrator shall have no jurisdiction or power to make such determinations. The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16, shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of the duty to arbitrate found in this Section 9 and all arbitration proceedings under this Agreement.

(h) Any conflict between the rules and procedures set forth in either the JAMS or AAA rules and those set forth in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of those in this Agreement.

(i) The burden of proof at an arbitration shall at all times be on the Party seeking relief.

(j) In reaching a decision, the arbitrator shall apply the governing substantive law applicable to the claims, causes of action and defenses asserted by the Parties, as applicable in Ohio. The arbitrator shall have the power to award all remedies that could be awarded by a court or administrative agency in accordance with the governing and applicable substantive law, including, without limitation, Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act.

(k) The aggrieved Party must give written notice of any claim to the other Party as soon as possible after the aggrieved Party first knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to the claim. The written notice shall describe the nature of all claims asserted, the facts upon which those claims are based, and shall set forth the aggrieved Party's intention to pursue arbitration. The notice shall be mailed to the other Party by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the notice may be sent by electronic mail.

10. Amendment. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived, or discharged unless such waiver, modification, or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by the Executive and the Company.

11. At-Will Employment. This Agreement does not alter the status of each Executive as an at-will employee of the Company. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to give the Executive the right to remain employed by the Company or to interfere with the rights of the Company to terminate the employment of the Executive at any time, with or without Cause.

12. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed modified, amended and narrowed to the extent necessary to render such provision legal, valid and enforceable, and the other remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds the Class Action Waiver and/or Representative Action Waiver in Section 9 is unenforceable for any reason, then the unenforceable waiver provision shall be severable from this Agreement, and any claims covered by any deemed unenforceable waiver provision may only be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction, but the remainder of the Agreement shall be binding and enforceable.

13. Headings and Subheadings. Headings and subheadings contained in this Agreement are intended solely for convenience and no provision of this Agreement is to be construed by reference to the heading or subheading of any section or paragraph.

14. Unfunded Obligations. The amounts to be paid to the Executive under this Agreement are unfunded obligations of the Company. The Company is not required to segregate any monies or other assets from its general funds with respect to these obligations. The Executive shall not have any preference or security interest in any assets of the Company other than as a general unsecured creditor.

15. Notice. For the purposes of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in this Agreement (including the Notice of Termination and a notice of a claim for which a Party seeks arbitration) shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or upon receipt if overnight delivery service or facsimile is used, addressed as follows:

To the Executive:

Amy Hauk  
7 New Albany Farms Rd.  
New Albany, OH 43054

To the Company:

VS Service Company, LLC  
Four Limited Parkway,  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Attn: Chief Legal Officer

16. Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the Executive's consent: to (i) an affiliate of the Company, or (ii) in the event that the Company shall hereafter effect a reorganization, consolidate with, or merge into, any other entity or person, or transfer all or substantially all of its properties, stock, or assets to any other entity or person, to the acquirer or resulting entity in such transaction. This Agreement will be binding upon any successor of the Company (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise), in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be obligated under this Agreement if no succession had taken place. Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest hereunder shall be assignable or transferable by the Executive, the Executive's beneficiaries or legal representatives, except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal personal representative.

17. Waiver. Any Party's failure to enforce any provision or provisions of this Agreement will not in any way be construed as a waiver of any such provision or provisions, nor prevent any Party from thereafter enforcing each and every other provision of this Agreement.

18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same original.

19. Governing Law. Unless otherwise noted in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of Ohio without regard to conflicts of law principles.

20. Withholding. The Company shall have the right to withhold from any amount payable hereunder any Federal, state and local taxes in order for the Company to satisfy any withholding tax obligation it may have under any applicable law or regulation.

21. Section 409A of the Code. This Agreement is intended to either avoid the application of, or comply with, Section 409A of the Code. To that end, this Agreement shall at all times be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to adopt such amendments to this Agreement or take such other actions (including amendments and actions with retroactive effect) as it determines is necessary or appropriate for this Agreement to comply with Section 409A of the Code. Further:

(a) Any reimbursement of any costs and expenses by the Company to the Executive under this Agreement shall be made by the Company in no event later than the close of the Executive's taxable year following the taxable year in which the cost or expense is incurred by the Executive. The expenses incurred by the Executive in any calendar year that are eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement shall not affect the expenses incurred by the Executive in any other calendar year that are eligible for reimbursement hereunder and the Executive's right to receive any reimbursement hereunder shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

(b) Any payment following a separation from service that would be subject to Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code as a distribution following a separation from service of a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code) shall be made on the first to occur of (i) ten (10) days after the expiration of the six (6)-month period following such separation from service, (ii) death, or (iii) such earlier date that complies with Section 409A of the Code.

(c) Each payment that the Executive may receive under this Agreement shall be treated as a "separate payment" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code.

(d) Payments under this Agreement are intended to be exempt from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code to the maximum extent possible, whether pursuant to the short-term deferral exception described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4), the involuntary separation pay plan exception described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii), or otherwise. Any payments and benefits provided under this Agreement may be accelerated in time or schedule by the Company, in its sole discretion, to the extent permitted by Section 409A of the Code.

22. Definitions. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in this Section 22.

(a) "2020 Stock Plan" means the L Brands, Inc. 2020 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

(b) "Accrued Amounts" means: (i) unpaid Base Salary through the Termination Date; and (ii) unreimbursed business expenses incurred by the Executive on behalf of the Company during the term of his or her employment in accordance with the Company's standard policies (including expense verification policies) regarding the reimbursement of business expenses, as the same may be modified from time to time.

(c) "Base Salary" means the Executive's annual base salary in effect as of the Termination Date (without giving effect to any reduction resulting in a Qualifying Termination for Good Reason).

(d) "Cause" means, as determined by the Company in its sole discretion, that the Executive (i) was grossly negligent in the performance of the Executive's duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from the Executive's incapacity due to physical or mental illness); (ii) has pled "guilty" or "no contest" to, or has been convicted of, an act which is defined as a felony under federal or state law; (iii) engaged in misconduct in bad faith that could reasonably be expected to materially harm the Company's business or its reputation; or (iv) commits or engages in Subject Conduct. No event of condition described in subsections (i), (iii) or (iv) of the immediately preceding sentence shall constitute Cause unless (x) the Company provides the Executive a Notice of Termination stating the grounds for such termination; (y) such grounds for termination (if susceptible to correction) are not corrected by the Executive within thirty (30) days of the Executive's receipt of the Notice of Termination; and (z) the Company terminates the Executive's employment with the Company (any its affiliates) immediately following expiration of such thirty-day (30) period. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if the Executive's experiences a Termination other than by the Company for Cause, the Company shall have the sole discretion to later use after-acquired evidence to retroactively re-characterize the prior Termination as a Termination for Cause if such after-acquired evidences supports such an action.



(e) “Change in Control” means a VS Change in Control and/or an LB Change in Control.

(f) “Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any reference to a section of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(g) “Company” means VS Service Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company or its successors and permitted assigns.

(h) “Disability” means a physical or mental infirmity that impairs the Executive’s ability to substantially perform the Executive’s duties for the Company for a period of at least six (6) months in any twelve (12)-month calendar period as determined in accordance with the Company’s (or any affiliate’s) long-term disability plan, to the extent applicable.

(i) “IC Plan” means the incentive compensation plan of the Company (or any of its affiliates) in which the Executive participates as of the Termination Date.

(j) “Good Reason” means (i) a material reduction in the Executive’s positions, duties, authority, responsibilities or reporting requirements; (ii) the failure of the Company to obtain the assumption in writing of its obligation to perform this Agreement by any successor to all or substantially all of the assets of the Company within fifteen (15) days after a merger, consolidation, sale, or similar transaction; (iii) a material reduction in the Executive’s Base Salary or annual bonus opportunity under the IC Plan other than pursuant to an across-the-board reduction applicable to all similarly-situated employees; or (iv) the relocation of the Executive’s principal place of employment from the Columbus, Ohio area. “Good Reason” shall not include acts taken by the Company by reason of the Executive’s physical or mental infirmity which impairs the Executive’s ability to substantially perform his or her duties. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, any assertion by the Executive of a termination for Good Reason shall not be effective unless all of the following conditions are satisfied: (x) the Executive has provided a Notice of Termination to the Company indicating the existence of the condition(s) providing grounds for termination for Good Reason within sixty (60) days of the initial existence of such condition becoming known (or should have become known) to him or her; (y) the condition(s) specified in such notice must remain uncorrected by the Company for thirty (30) days following the Company’s receipt of such written notice; and (x) the Executive terminates employment immediately following the expiration of such thirty-day (30) period.

(k) “LB Change in Control” means a “Change in Control” under the 2020 Stock Plan.

(l) “Notice of Termination” means a written notice that (i) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, if applicable, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for the Executive’s Termination under the provision so indicated, and (iii) if the Termination Date is other than the date of receipt of such notice, specifies the Termination Date.

(m) “Protection Period” means, (i) the period beginning three (3) months prior to a VS Change in Control and ending twenty-four (24) months following a VS Change in Control, and (ii) only to the extent that an LB Change in Control occurs prior to a VS Change in Control, the period beginning on the date of an LB Change in Control and ending twenty-four (24) months thereafter.

(n) “Qualifying Termination” means the Executive’s Termination either: (i) by the Company without Cause; or (ii) by the Executive for Good Reason.

(o) “Subject Conduct” means sexual harassment (including creation of a hostile work environment), gender discrimination and retaliation related to the foregoing or a violation of any policy of the Company (or any of its affiliates) relating to sexual harassment (including creation of a hostile work environment), gender discrimination and retaliation related to the foregoing.

(p) “Termination” means the Executive’s termination of employment with the Company, for any reason, whether voluntary or involuntary, provided that such termination constitutes a “separation from service” as defined and applied under Section 409A of the Code.

(q) “Variable Compensation” means any cash-based performance or incentive award paid by or any equity compensation awarded by the Company (or any of its affiliates), including, but not limited to, under the 2020 Stock Plan (and any successor thereto) and the IC Plan.

(r) “VS Change in Control” means, (i) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any sale of stock, merger, consolidation or spin-off), the result of which is that L Brands no longer owns, directly or indirectly, at least fifty percent (50%) of the voting securities of VS&Co. then outstanding; (ii) any Person (other than an Excluded Person) becomes, together with all “affiliates” and “associates” (each as defined under Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”)) the “beneficial owner” (as defined under Rule 13d-3 of the Act) of securities representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding, unless such Person becomes the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of such Voting Stock then outstanding solely as a result of an acquisition of such Voting Stock by VS&Co. which, by reducing the Voting Stock of VS&Co. outstanding, increases the proportionate Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person (together with all “affiliates” and “associates” of such Person) to fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding; provided that if a Person shall become the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding by reason of such Voting Stock acquisition by VS&Co. and shall thereafter become the “beneficial owner” of any additional Voting Stock of VS&Co. which causes the proportionate voting power of Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person to increase to fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding, such Person shall, upon becoming the “beneficial owner” of such additional Voting Stock of VS&Co., be deemed to have become the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock then outstanding other than solely as a result of such Voting Stock acquisition by VS&Co.; (iii) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of VS&Co.; or (iv) the consummation of a complete liquidation or dissolution of VS&Co. For the purposes of the foregoing definition, “Person,” “Excluded Person,” and “Voting Stock” shall have their respective meanings set forth in the 2020 Stock Plan as of the Effective Date, provided that any reference therein to the Company shall be deemed a reference to VS&Co.

(s) VS&Co. means Victoria’s Secret & Company.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer and the Executive has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

AMY HAUK  
/s/ Amy Hauk

DATE  
6/28/2021

VS SERVICE COMPANY, LLC  
By: /s/ Martin Waters

DATE  
6/28/2021



## RETENTION AGREEMENT

This Retention Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is entered into by and between one of the subsidiaries of L Brands, Inc. (the “Company”) and Greg Unis (the “**Associate**”).

WHEREAS, the Associate is serving as the CEO of Victoria's Secret Beauty and the parties wish to ensure the Associate's continued employment;

WHEREAS, the Associate agrees to devote his best professional efforts, time and skill to the performance of his job responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. *Severance Upon Termination.* The Company agrees that if Associate's employment is involuntarily terminated without Cause or the Associate resigns for Good Reason (both as defined in Exhibit A), Associate will continue to receive an amount equal to his base salary (in accordance with the Company's regular payroll practices) for a period of one (1) year (“**Severance Payment**”) from the date on which his employment is terminated (the “**Termination Date**”). In addition, subject to the Associate executing and not revoking a general waiver and release of all claims that the Associate may have against the Company and its affiliates, which release shall be in a form provided by the Company (the “**Release**”) by the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the Termination Date and the expiration of any revocation period applicable to the Release (the day following the last day of this period, the “**Release Effective Date**”) within 60 days after the Termination Date, the Company will pay an amount equal to Associate's base salary (in accordance with our regular payroll practices) for a period of one (1) year following the date on which the Severance Payment has ended. The payments provided for in this paragraph will be in lieu of, and not in addition to, the payments described in Section 5 of your Confidentiality, Non-Competition and Intellectual Property Agreement. The Severance Payment and additional year of severance described herein will not be reduced if you obtain other employment so long as such employment does not violate your obligations under the attached Confidentiality, Non-Competition and Intellectual Property Agreement.
  2. *Retention Bonus.* The Company agrees that if the Associate remains employed and continues to use the Associate's best efforts to satisfactorily perform the Associate's job duties, the Company will pay the Associate a Retention Bonus in the Total Amount of Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,100,000.00), less applicable withholdings (the “**Retention Bonus**”) subject to the terms provided herein.
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3. *Retention Bonus Payment Schedule.*

(a) Subject to Section 3(b) below, the Company will pay to the Associate as of the date designated below (the “**Retention Date**”) the amount designated below (the “**Retention Payment**”) under the following schedule and conditions:

- (i) One-third of the Total Amount payable, which is the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00), will be paid to the Associate on January 31, 2021, provided that the Associate is employed on the date of the payment;
- (ii) One-third of the Total Amount payable, which is the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00), will be paid to the Associate on July 31, 2021, provided that the Associate is employed on the date of the payment;
- (iii) One-third of the Total Amount payable, which is the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00), will be paid to the Associate on January 31, 2022, provided that the Associate is employed on the date of the payment.

Each Retention Payment will be paid on the first regular payroll date following the Retention Date and will be processed through the payroll system as a non-pensionable supplement. The Company will withhold such taxes as may be required pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.

The Associate understands that, subject to Section 3(b), receipt of the Retention Bonus is contingent upon the Associate remaining employed with the Company as of each Retention Date. This Agreement is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, a contract of employment for any specific period of time.

(b) *Termination of Employment.* Notwithstanding the general requirement that the Associate must remain in the employment of the Company until each applicable Retention Date in order to be eligible to receive the Retention Payment:

- (i) If, prior to the Retention Date, the Associate’s employment is involuntarily terminated without Cause (as defined in Exhibit A), the Associate will receive the Retention Payment scheduled to be paid for the Retention Date immediately following the Termination Date, subject to the Associate executing and not revoking the Release, within 60 days after the Termination Date. If the Associate fails to execute the Release as prescribed above or the Associate revokes the Release during any applicable revocation period, the Associate will not be eligible to receive payment of such portion of the Retention Payment, and the any remaining Retention Payments will be forfeited in full.
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- (ii) If, prior to any Retention Date, there is a Change in Control (as defined in Exhibit A) and following the Change in Control the Associate's employment is involuntarily terminated without Cause or the Associate resigns for Good Reason (as defined in Exhibit A), the Company will pay to the Associate the Retention Payment scheduled to be paid for the Retention Date immediately following the Termination Date, subject to the Associate executing and not revoking a Release, within 60 days after the Termination Date. If the Associate fails to execute the Release as prescribed above or the Associate revokes the Release during any applicable revocation period, the Associate will not be eligible to receive payment of such portion of the Retention Payment, and the any remaining Retention Payments will be forfeited in full.
4. *Confidentiality.* The Associate agrees to keep this Agreement confidential and not to reveal the existence of this Agreement, nor any of its terms, to any person, entity or organization.
5. *Miscellaneous.* The following additional terms apply:
- (a) This Agreement will be binding upon any successor of the Company or its businesses (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise), in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be obligated under this Agreement if no succession had taken place. The Associate may not assign any rights hereunder without the written consent of the other party hereto; *provided, however*, the Company may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the Associate's consent to (i) an affiliate of the Company or (ii) in the event that the Company shall hereafter affect a reorganization, consolidate with, or merge into, any other entity or person or transfer all or substantially all of its properties, stock, or assets to any other entity or person, to the acquirer or resulting entity in such transaction.
- (b) All payments hereunder are intended to qualify for the short-term deferral exception to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "**Section 409A**") and, accordingly, the Retention Payment will in all events be made to the Associate not later than March 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which such amounts are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture within the meaning of Section 409A. Further, this Agreement shall be interpreted such that it is in compliance with Section 409A. For purposes of Section 409A, payment made under this Agreement will be designated as a "separate payment" within the meaning of Section 409A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at the time of the Associate's separation from service, the Associate is a "specified employee," as hereinafter defined, any and all amounts payable under Section I(b) of this Agreement in connection with such separation from service that constitute deferred compensation subject to Section 409A, as determined by the Company in its sole discretion, and that would (but for this sentence) be payable within six months following such separation from service, will instead be paid on the date that follows the date of such separation from service by six months. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "separation from service" will be determined in a manner consistent with subsection (a)(2)(A)(i) of Section 409A and the term "specified employee" means an individual determined by the Company to be a specified employee as defined in subsection (a)(2)(B)(i) of Section 409A.
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- (c) This Agreement (including exhibits) constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the Associate concerning the subject matter hereof and may only be modified by a written agreement executed by the Company and the Associate.
- (d) This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same original.
- (e) This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to any conflicts of laws.

/s/ Stuart Burgdoerfer  
Stuart Burgdoerfer

VOLUNTARILY AND KNOWINGLY AGREED  
AND ACCEPTED AS SPECIFIED ABOVE:

/s/ Greg Unis  
Greg Unis

Date: September 15, 2020

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## EXHIBIT A DEFINITIONS

**“Cause”** means that the Associate (1) was grossly negligent in the performance of the Associate's duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from the Associate's incapacity due to physical or mental illness); (2) has plead “guilty” or “no contest” to or has been convicted of an act which is defined as a felony under federal or state law; or (3) engaged in misconduct in bad faith which could reasonably be expected to materially harm the Company's business or its reputation. The Associate shall be given written notice by the Company of a termination for Cause, which shall state in detail the particular act or acts or failures to act that constitute the grounds on which the termination for Cause is based. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Associate's employment shall not be deemed to have been terminated without Cause, and the Associate will not be entitled to the benefits of this Retention Agreement, unless the Associate has been terminated from employment with the business to which the Associate rendered services and the Associate has not otherwise been offered continued employment with the Company or any of its affiliated entities or, in the case of a sale of the business to which the Associate rendered services, with the acquirer of the business or any affiliated entities of the acquirer.

**“Change in Control”** means, and shall be deemed to have occurred upon, the occurrence of any of the following events:

- 1) Any individual composition, partnership, limited liability company, associations, trust or other entity or organization (together, a **“Person”**) (other than (i) the Company; (ii) any of the Company's subsidiaries; (iii) any Holding Company; (iv) any employee benefit plan of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or a Holding Company; or (v) any Person organized, appointed or established by the Company, any of its subsidiaries or a Holding Company for or pursuant to the terms of any plan described in clause (iv) (an **“Excluded Person”**)) becomes, together with all “affiliates” and “associates” (each as defined under Rule 12b-2 of the Act) the “beneficial owner” (as defined under Rule 13d-3 of the Act) of securities representing 33% or more of the combined voting power of the securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of the Company's Board of Directors (the **“Voting Stock”**) of the Company then outstanding, unless such Person becomes the “beneficial owner” of 33% or more of the combined voting power of such Voting Stock then outstanding solely as a result of an acquisition of such Voting Stock by the Company which, by reducing the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding, increases the proportionate Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person (together with all “affiliates” and “associates” of such Person) to 33% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company then outstanding; *provided* that if a Person shall become the “beneficial owner” of 33% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company then outstanding by reason of such Voting Stock acquisition by the Company and shall thereafter become the “beneficial owner” of any additional Voting Stock of the Company which causes the proportionate voting power of Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person to increase to 33% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company then outstanding, such Person shall, upon becoming the “beneficial owner” of such additional Voting Stock of the Company, be deemed to have become the “beneficial owner” of 33% or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock then outstanding other than solely as a result of such Voting Stock acquisition by the Company;
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- 2) During any period of 24 consecutive months, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board of Directors of the Company (and any new Director, whose election by such Board or nomination for election by the stockholders of the Company was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors then still in office who either were Directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination for election was so approved), cease for any reason to constitute a majority of Directors then constituting such Board;
- 3) A reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Company is consummated, in each case, unless, immediately following such reorganization, merger or consolidation, (i) more than 50% of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such reorganization, merger or consolidation and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is then beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the "beneficial owners" of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation, (ii) no Person (but excluding for this purpose any Excluded Person and any Person beneficially owning, immediately prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation, directly or indirectly, 33% or more of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 33% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the corporation resulting from such reorganization, merger or consolidation or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors and (iii) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of the corporation resulting from such reorganization, merger or consolidation were members of the Board of Directors of the Company at the time of the execution of the initial agreement providing for such reorganization, merger or consolidation;
- 4) The consummation of (i) a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company or (ii) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, other than to any corporation with respect to which, immediately following such sale or other disposition, (A) more than 50% of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of such corporation and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is then beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the "beneficial owners" of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such sale or other disposition of assets, (B) no Person (but excluding for this purpose any Excluded Person and any Person beneficially owning, immediately prior to such sale or other disposition, directly or indirectly, 33% or more of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Company) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 33% or more of, respectively, the then-outstanding shares of common stock of such corporation or the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors and (C) at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of such corporation were members of the Board of Directors of the Company at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or action of the Board providing for such sale or other disposition of assets of the Company; or

- 5) (i) The sale of all or substantially all of the assets of any subsidiary of the Company by which the Associate was employed (the **"Subsidiary"**), (ii) the sale or series of sales by the Company to any Person or group of Persons (other than an Excluded Person) of more than 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of the Subsidiary, or (iii) the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation involving the Subsidiary unless, immediately following such reorganization, merger or consolidation, the Company continues to directly or indirectly control more than 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of the Subsidiary (together with subsections (i) and (ii), a **"Subsidiary Change in Control"**); *provided* that, (x) the Associate must have been employed by the Subsidiary immediately prior to Subsidiary Change in Control and (y) immediately following the Subsidiary Change in Control, the Associate is not, directly or indirectly, an employee of the Company or another subsidiary of the Company and has not been offered continued employment with the Company or another subsidiary of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall a "Change in Control" be deemed to have occurred (i) as a result of the formation of a Holding Company or (ii) with respect to the Associate, if the Associate is part of a "group," within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Act as in effect on the Plan's effective date, which consummates the Change in Control transaction. In addition, for purposes of the definition of "Change in Control" a Person engaged in business as an underwriter of securities shall not be deemed to be the "beneficial owner" of, or to "beneficially own," any securities acquired through such Person 's participation in good faith in a firm commitment underwriting until the expiration of forty (40) days after the date of such acquisition.

**"Good Reason"** shall mean, without the Associate's consent, (i) a material diminution in the Associate's duties or responsibilities representing a demonstrable and significant demotion for the Associate or a change in reporting relationship such that Associate no longer directly reports to the Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret; (ii) a material reduction in the Associate's base salary or annual bonus opportunity ( other than pursuant to an across-the-board reduction applicable to all similarly situated employees) or (iii) the relocation of the Associate's principal place of employment more than fifty (50) miles from its current location.

Any Good Reason resignation will be effective by providing the Company ten (10) days' written notice setting forth in reasonable specificity the event that constitutes Good Reason, which to be effective, must be provided to the Company within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of the event and such termination will not be effective unless the Company has not cured the event giving rise to Good Reason within such ten (10) day notice period.

**“Holding Company”** means an entity that becomes a holding company for the Company or its businesses as a part of any reorganization, merger, consolidation or other transaction, provided that the outstanding shares of common stock of such entity and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of such entity entitled to vote generally in the election of directors is, immediately after such reorganization, merger, consolidation or other transaction, beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the “beneficial owners,” respectively, of the Voting Stock of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such reorganization, merger, consolidation or other transaction in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such reorganization, merger, consolidation or other transaction, of such outstanding Voting Stock of the Company.

**EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE AGREEMENT**

THIS EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of the last date of signature below (the “Effective Date”), by and between the Company and Greg Unis (the “Executive”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Executive currently serves as a key employee of the Company and the Executive’s services and knowledge are valuable to the Company; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Executive’s continued employment, the Company has determined that it is in its best interests to provide the Executive with the severance protections in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, and in view of the promises and other good and valuable consideration described in this Agreement (the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged) the Parties agree as follows:

1. Effective Date and Term of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective on the Effective Date and will remain in effect unless and until (i) the Executive’s employment with the Company is terminated by either Party in accordance with Section 2, and (ii) all payments and/or benefits to which the Executive is entitled under this Agreement, if any, have been made or provided to the Executive in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2. Termination of Employment. The Executive’s employment with the Company shall terminate upon the earlier of: (i) automatically thirty (30) days after the Executive provides a written Notice of Termination of his or her resignation for any reason other than for Good Reason; (ii) thirty (30) days following the Executive providing a Notice of Termination indicating the existence of a condition(s) constituting Good Reason other than to the extent that such condition is cured; (iii) immediately upon the Executive’s Disability or death; (iv) automatically thirty (30) days after the Executive receives written Notice of Termination from the Company of his or her Termination without Cause; or (v) the date set forth in the Notice of Termination from the Company of the Executive’s termination of employment with the Company for Cause (collectively, the earlier of being the “Termination Date”). The Company may elect to pay the Executive in lieu of the thirty (30) days’ written notice, but will still deliver a Notice of Termination.

3. Non-Qualifying Termination.

(a) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, if the Executive’s employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, the Company’s sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts and the Executive shall not be entitled to severance benefits under this Agreement or any other agreement or severance plan, policy or program of the Company (or any of its affiliates).

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, to the extent that the Executive experiences a Termination for any reason while a Company-led internal investigation into facts that could reasonably give rise to the Executive’s Termination for Cause is pending: (i) the Executive shall not be entitled to receive any severance benefits under this Agreement (other than the Accrued Amounts) or any other agreement or severance plan, policy or program of the Company (or any of its affiliates); and (ii) the Executive shall not be entitled to vest in or receive any Variable Compensation, in either case, unless and until the Company concludes its investigation with a finding that grounds for a Termination for Cause did not in fact exist, and only to the extent provided for under the terms of the applicable agreement, plan, policy or program.

(c) If the Executive experiences a Termination by reason of the Executive's death or if the Executive gives the Company a written Notice of Termination other than for Good Reason, the Company's sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts.

(d) If the Executive's experiences a Termination by reason of the Executive's Disability, the Company's sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts and the Executive shall be entitled to receive disability benefits available under the Company's (or any affiliate's) long-term disability plan, to the extent applicable.

4. Severance Upon a Qualifying Termination Not Within the Protection Period. If the Executive experiences a Qualifying Termination not within the Protection Period, then, subject to Section 6, the Company will provide the Executive with the following (collectively, the "Severance Benefits"):

(a) Accrued Amounts;

(b) The Company shall continue to pay the Executive's Base Salary for a period of two (2) years following the Qualifying Termination, less applicable withholding, payable as follows: (i) on the Company's first regularly scheduled pay date falling on or after sixty (60) days from the Executive's Termination Date (the "First Payment Date"), the Company will pay the Executive, without interest, the number of missed payroll installments that would have been paid during the period beginning on the Termination Date and ending on the First Payment Date had the installments been paid on the Company's regularly scheduled payroll dates, and (ii) each of the remaining installments shall be paid on the Company's regularly scheduled pay dates during the remainder of such two (2)-year period;

(c) For up to two (2) years following the Termination Date, and provided that the Executive pays the applicable contribution amount required to be paid by similarly-situated active employees for such coverage, the Company shall provide to the Executive and the Executive's covered dependents, medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to the those provided to similarly-situated active employees, provided that the Company's contribution toward the cost of such coverage shall be treated as taxable income to the Executive and the Executive must continue to pay his or her portion of the cost of this coverage with after- tax dollars (the "Benefit Continuation"). The Company's obligation to provide the Benefit Continuation shall cease upon the Executive becoming eligible for similar benefits as the result of employment with another employer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Executive is not eligible to continue to participate in the relevant plan(s) providing the Benefit Continuation or if providing the Benefit Continuation would violate the nondiscrimination rules under Section 105(h) of the Code, or the rules applicable to non-grandfathered health plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 ("PPACA"), or result in the imposition of penalties under the Code and/or PPACA and the related regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, the Parties agree to reform this section in a manner as necessary to comply with applicable law, while, to the extent permitted by applicable law, preserve its intended economic benefit;

(d) If, prior to a Retention Date (as defined in the Retention Agreement by and between one of the subsidiaries of L Brands, Inc. and the Executive dated September 15, 2020 (the "Retention Agreement")), the Retention Payment (as defined in the Retention Agreement) scheduled to be paid for the Retention Date immediately following the Termination Date shall be paid, less applicable withholding, on the First Payment Date;

(e) The Company shall pay the Executive any incentive compensation under the IC Plan that the Executive would have received if the Executive had remained employed with the Company for a period of one (1) year after the Termination Date based on actual performance, less applicable withholding, subject to the terms of the IC Plan. The foregoing payments shall be paid at the same time as payments under the IC Plan are typically paid, but in no event earlier than three (3) months following the Executive's Qualifying Termination and in no event later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the applicable season is completed. For the purposes of clarity, under this subsection, the Executive shall not be entitled to payments under the IC Plan pursuant to this provision for partial performance periods that are not then-completed on the first anniversary of the Termination Date; and

(f) The treatment of any outstanding equity awards will be determined as follows:

(i) A pro-rata portion of the outstanding unvested equity awards that are held by the Executive as of the Termination Date and vest only based on the passage of time shall vest and be settled on the First Payment Date, which pro-rata vesting shall be determined by (A) multiplying (x) the number of shares subject to the award by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete months between the first day of the applicable time-based vesting period and the Termination Date, and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of months in the time-based vesting period, less (B) the number of shares subject to the award that had already vested pursuant to the award's terms prior to the Termination Date, if any;

(ii) A pro-rata portion of the outstanding unvested equity awards that are held by the Executive as of the Termination Date and vest based, at least in part, on the satisfaction of performance goals shall vest and be settled by the later of the First Payment Date and sixty (60) days following the end of the applicable performance period, which pro-rata vesting shall be determined by (A) multiplying the number of shares that the Executive would have earned for the entire performance period based on the level of performance determined in accordance with the applicable plan and award agreements by (B) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete months between the first day of the applicable performance period and the Termination Date, and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of months in the performance period;

(iii) To the extent that any outstanding unvested equity award that is held by the Executive as of the Termination Date would vest at a greater percentage under the terms of the applicable plan and award agreement than as provided for under Sections 4(f)(i)-(ii), the terms of such award agreement shall instead to determine the number of shares covered by such equity award that will vest under this Section 4(f), subject to Sections 4(f)(iv)-(v);



(iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no equity awards that are outstanding as of the Termination Date will be forfeited during the three (3)-month period commencing upon the Termination Date, provided, that, (x) to the extent a VS Change in Control occurs during such three (3)-month period, any such equity awards that are outstanding and unvested as of the VS Change in Control will instead be treated in accordance with Section 5; and (y) to the extent a VS Change in Control does not occur during such three (3)-month period, any portion of the equity awards outstanding as of Termination Date that do not vest pursuant to Sections 4(f)(i)-(iii) shall be forfeited; and

(v) To the extent that the payment or settlement of any equity awards in accordance with the foregoing would constitute an impermissible change in the time or form of payment under Section 409A of the Code, then such portion shall be payable at a time that would be permitted under Section 409A of the Code and that is as near as possible to the payment timing contemplated by the foregoing.

5. Severance Upon a Qualifying Termination Within the Protection Period. If the Executive has a Qualifying Termination within the Protection Period, then, subject to Section 6, the Company will provide the Executive with the following (collectively, the “Change in Control Severance Benefits”):

(a) The payments and benefits described in Sections 4(a), (b), (c), and (d);

(b) A payment equal to the sum of the incentive compensation payouts that the Executive actually received under the IC Plan for the four (4) completed seasons immediately preceding the Termination Date (the “Bonus Amount”). The Bonus Amount shall be paid, less applicable withholding, in a lump sum cash payment on the First Payment Date;

(c) A payment equal to the product of (i) the IC Plan payment that the Executive would have earned for the season during which the Executive’s Qualifying Termination occurs, based on actual performance, multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the season (within the meaning of the IC Plan) in which the Termination Date occurs that elapsed through the Termination Date and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such season. The foregoing payment, less applicable withholding, shall be paid at the same time as payments under the IC Plan are typically paid, but in no event earlier than the First Payment Date and in no event later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the applicable season is completed; and

(d) All of the outstanding and unvested equity awards held by the Executive immediately before such Qualifying Termination will immediately become fully vested and payable on the First Payment Date, provided that, to the extent that paying any portion of such amount in accordance with the foregoing would constitute an impermissible change in the time or form of payment under Section 409A of the Code, then such portion shall be payable at a time that would be permitted under Section 409A of the Code and that is as near as possible to the payment timing contemplated by the foregoing. To the extent that an equity award vests based on the achievement of performance goals, performance goals will be deemed to be achieved at target levels if less than one-third of the applicable performance period has elapsed as of the date of the Change in Control, otherwise performance goals will be deemed achieved at maximum levels.

In the event that the Termination Date occurs during the portion of the Protection Period that precedes a VS Change in Control and the Executive has already commenced receiving payments and/or benefits under Section 4 prior to the VS Change in Control, then (i) the Executive will be entitled to the payments and benefits under this Section 5 in lieu of any additional payments or benefits under Section 4, but only to the extent an equivalent payment and/or benefit has not already been paid or provided pursuant to Section 4; and (ii) any payments that the Executive would have otherwise been entitled to under this Section 5 that have not otherwise been paid to the Executive as of the VS Change in Control will be paid to the Executive in a single lump sum payment as soon as administratively practicable, but no later than sixty (60) calendar days following the occurrence of the VS Change in Control.

6. Release Requirement. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not make or provide the Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits (in each case, other than the Accrued Amounts), unless the Executive timely executes and delivers to the Company a release of claims in favor of the Company, its affiliates and their respective officers and directors in a form provided by the Company (the "Release") and such Release becomes effective and irrevocable within sixty (60) days following the Executive's Termination Date. If the foregoing requirements are not satisfied by the Executive, then no Severance Benefits nor Change in Control Severance Benefits (in each case, other than the Accrued Amounts) shall be due to the Executive pursuant to this Agreement.

7. Effect on Other Plans, Agreements and Benefits.

(a) Any severance benefits payable to the Executive under this Agreement will be in lieu of and not in addition to: (i) any severance benefits to which the Executive would otherwise be entitled under any general severance policy or severance plan maintained by the Company (or any of its affiliates) or any agreement between the Executive and the Company (or any of its affiliates) that provides for severance benefits; (ii) unused PTO remaining upon the Termination Date; and (iii) salary continuation provided for under the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement.

(b) Any severance benefits payable to the Executive under this Agreement will not be counted as compensation for purposes of determining benefits under any other benefit policies or plans of the Company (or any of its affiliates), except to the extent expressly provided therein.

(c) The Executive's entitlement to any other benefits not expressly referenced herein shall be determined in accordance with the applicable employee benefit plans then in effect.

(d) The Executive expressly agrees that any amounts the Executive may owe to the Company as of the Termination Date may be deducted from the amounts that the Company would otherwise owe to the Executive under this Agreement.

(e) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, if the Executive incurs a Termination for Cause, then all Variable Compensation shall be immediately canceled for no consideration. If the Executive incurs a Termination for Cause, or the Company becomes aware (after the Executive's Termination) of conduct on the part of the Executive that would have been grounds for a Termination for Cause, then, the Executive will be required to deliver to the Company, immediately upon request, the Variable Compensation (in shares and/or cash), granted on or after the Effective Date and paid or delivered to the Executive within the three (3) years prior to the Termination Date, including the profit the Executive realized upon the exercise of stock options.

8. Section 280G of the Code.

(a) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if the Executive is a "disqualified individual" (as defined in Section 280G(c) of the Code), and the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement, together with any other payments and benefits which the Executive has the right to receive from the Company or any other person, would constitute a "parachute payment" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code), then the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement will be either (a) reduced (but not below zero) so that the present value of such total amounts and benefits received by the Executive from the Company and/or such person(s) will be \$1.00 less than three (3) times the Executive's "base amount" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(3) of the Code) and so that no portion of such amounts and benefits received by the Executive will be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or (b) paid in full, whichever produces the better "net after-tax position" to the Executive (taking into account any applicable excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code and any other applicable taxes).

(b) The reduction of payments and benefits hereunder, if applicable, will be made by reducing, first, payments or benefits to be paid in cash hereunder in the order in which such payment or benefit would be paid or provided (beginning with such payment or benefit that would be made last in time and continuing, to the extent necessary, through to such payment or benefit that would be made first in time) and, then, reducing any benefit to be provided in-kind hereunder in a similar order.

(c) The determination as to whether any such reduction in the amount of the payments and benefits provided hereunder is necessary will be made applying principles, assumptions and procedures consistent with Section 280G of the Code by an accounting firm or law firm of national reputation that is selected for this purpose by the Company (the "280G Firm"). In order to assess whether payments under this Agreement or otherwise qualify as reasonable compensation that is exempt from being a parachute payment under Section 280G of the Code, the 280G Firm or the Company may retain the services of an independent valuation expert.

(d) If a reduced payment or benefit is made or provided and through error or otherwise that payment or benefit, when aggregated with other payments and benefits from the Company (or its affiliates) used in determining if a "parachute payment" exists, exceeds \$1.00 less than three (3) times the Executive's base amount, then the Executive must immediately repay such excess to the Company upon notification that an overpayment has been made. Nothing in this Section 8 will require the Company to be responsible for, or have any liability or obligation with respect to, the Executive's excise tax liabilities under Section 4999 of the Code.

9. Arbitration and Class and Representative Action Waiver.

(a) The Parties agree that, subject to Section 9(b), any controversy or claim between the Company and the Executive arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its termination shall be settled and determined by a single arbitrator whose award shall be accepted as final and binding upon the parties. If Executive initiates arbitration, Executive will be responsible for paying a filing fee of \$300 or the filing fee in federal court in Columbus, Ohio, whichever is lower. Each Party will be responsible for its/her own attorney's fees. The Parties shall jointly select an arbitrator from JAMS, Inc. ("JAMS") or the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") with at least ten (10) years of experience in employment disputes. The arbitration shall be conducted on a confidential basis by the AAA or JAMS and administered under their Employment Arbitration Rules, which are currently available at <http://www.adr.org> and <http://www.jamsadr.com>, respectively. The arbitrator shall have the authority to allow for appropriate discovery and exchange of information before a hearing, including, but not limited to, production of documents, information requests, depositions and subpoenas. Unless the arbitrator determines additional discovery is necessary to adequately arbitrate Executive's claims, discovery shall be conducted in accordance with the then-current version of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Those rules can be found at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp>. The arbitration shall take place in Columbus, Ohio. Notwithstanding the AAA or JAMS rules, all parties to the arbitration shall have the right to file a dispositive motion and shall not be required to seek permission from the arbitrator to do so. Any decision or award as a result of any such arbitration proceeding shall be in writing and shall provide an explanation for all conclusions of law and fact and shall include the assessment of costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees. Judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

(b) This Arbitration provision does not include:

- (i) Any claim arising under or related to the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement;
- (ii) A claim for workers' compensation benefits;
- (iii) A claim for unemployment compensation benefits;

(iv) A claim based upon the Company's current (successor or future) employee benefits and/or welfare plans that contain an appeal procedure or other procedure for the resolution of disputes under this Agreement; and

(v) A claim of sexual harassment, including hostile work environment, "sexual assault" (defined as actual or threatened unwelcomed touching of a sexual nature), gender discrimination, and retaliation related to same.

(c) This Agreement also does not prevent Executive from filing a claim or charge with a federal, state or local administrative agency, such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, or similar state or local agencies.

(d) This Agreement does not prohibit those limited circumstances under which either Party finds it necessary to seek emergency or temporary injunctive relief, such as a preliminary injunction or a temporary restraining order, from a court that may be necessary to protect any rights or property of either Party pending the establishment of the arbitral tribunal or its determination of the merits of the dispute.

(e) **CLASS ACTION WAIVER.** To the extent permissible by law, there shall be no right or authority for any dispute to be arbitrated as a class action or collective action ("Class Action Waiver"). **THIS MEANS THAT, EXCEPT AS EXPLICITLY PROVIDED HEREIN, ALL DISPUTES BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT ARISE, OR HAVE ARISEN, OUT OF EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYMENT OR THE TERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYMENT SHALL PROCEED IN ARBITRATION SOLELY ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, AND THAT THE ARBITRATOR'S AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTE AND TO MAKE WRITTEN AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO EXECUTIVE'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS.**

(f) **REPRESENTATIVE ACTION WAIVER.** To the extent permissible by law, there shall be no right or authority for any dispute to be arbitrated as a representative action or as a private attorney general action, including but not limited to claims brought pursuant to the Private Attorney General Act of 2004, Cal. Lab. Code § 2698, et seq. ("Representative Action Waiver"). **THIS MEANS THAT, TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW, EXECUTIVE MAY NOT SEEK RELIEF ON BEHALF OF OTHERS IN ARBITRATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SIMILARLY AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES. THE ARBITRATOR'S AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTE AND TO MAKE WRITTEN AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO EXECUTIVE'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS.**

(g) The Parties agree that only a court of competent jurisdiction may interpret this Section 9 and resolve challenges to its validity and enforceability, including but not limited to the validity, enforceability and interpretation of the Class Action Waiver and Representative Action Waiver. The arbitrator shall have no jurisdiction or power to make such determinations. The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16, shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of the duty to arbitrate found in this Section 9 and all arbitration proceedings under this Agreement.

(h) Any conflict between the rules and procedures set forth in either the JAMS or AAA rules and those set forth in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of those in this Agreement.

(i) The burden of proof at an arbitration shall at all times be on the Party seeking relief.

(j) In reaching a decision, the arbitrator shall apply the governing substantive law applicable to the claims, causes of action and defenses asserted by the Parties, as applicable in Ohio. The arbitrator shall have the power to award all remedies that could be awarded by a court or administrative agency in accordance with the governing and applicable substantive law, including, without limitation, Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act.

(k) The aggrieved Party must give written notice of any claim to the other Party as soon as possible after the aggrieved Party first knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to the claim. The written notice shall describe the nature of all claims asserted, the facts upon which those claims are based, and shall set forth the aggrieved Party's intention to pursue arbitration. The notice shall be mailed to the other Party by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the notice may be sent by electronic mail.

10. Amendment. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived, or discharged unless such waiver, modification, or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by the Executive and the Company.

11. At-Will Employment. This Agreement does not alter the status of each Executive as an at-will employee of the Company. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to give the Executive the right to remain employed by the Company or to interfere with the rights of the Company to terminate the employment of the Executive at any time, with or without Cause.

12. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed modified, amended and narrowed to the extent necessary to render such provision legal, valid and enforceable, and the other remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds the Class Action Waiver and/or Representative Action Waiver in Section 9 is unenforceable for any reason, then the unenforceable waiver provision shall be severable from this Agreement, and any claims covered by any deemed unenforceable waiver provision may only be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction, but the remainder of the Agreement shall be binding and enforceable.

13. Headings and Subheadings. Headings and subheadings contained in this Agreement are intended solely for convenience and no provision of this Agreement is to be construed by reference to the heading or subheading of any section or paragraph.

14. Unfunded Obligations. The amounts to be paid to the Executive under this Agreement are unfunded obligations of the Company. The Company is not required to segregate any monies or other assets from its general funds with respect to these obligations. The Executive shall not have any preference or security interest in any assets of the Company other than as a general unsecured creditor.

15. Notice. For the purposes of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in this Agreement (including the Notice of Termination and a notice of a claim for which a Party seeks arbitration) shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or upon receipt if overnight delivery service or facsimile is used, addressed as follows:

To the Executive:

Greg Unis  
149 Amity Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

To the Company:

VS Service Company, LLC  
Four Limited Parkway,  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Attn: Chief Legal Officer

16. Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the Executive's consent: to (i) an affiliate of the Company, or (ii) in the event that the Company shall hereafter effect a reorganization, consolidate with, or merge into, any other entity or person, or transfer all or substantially all of its properties, stock, or assets to any other entity or person, to the acquirer or resulting entity in such transaction. This Agreement will be binding upon any successor of the Company (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise), in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be obligated under this Agreement if no succession had taken place. Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest hereunder shall be assignable or transferable by the Executive, the Executive's beneficiaries or legal representatives, except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal personal representative.

17. Waiver. Any Party's failure to enforce any provision or provisions of this Agreement will not in any way be construed as a waiver of any such provision or provisions, nor prevent any Party from thereafter enforcing each and every other provision of this Agreement.

18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same original.

19. Governing Law. Unless otherwise noted in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of Ohio without regard to conflicts of law principles.

20. Withholding. The Company shall have the right to withhold from any amount payable hereunder any Federal, state and local taxes in order for the Company to satisfy any withholding tax obligation it may have under any applicable law or regulation.

21. Section 409A of the Code. This Agreement is intended to either avoid the application of, or comply with, Section 409A of the Code. To that end, this Agreement shall at all times be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to adopt such amendments to this Agreement or take such other actions (including amendments and actions with retroactive effect) as it determines is necessary or appropriate for this Agreement to comply with Section 409A of the Code. Further:

(a) Any reimbursement of any costs and expenses by the Company to the Executive under this Agreement shall be made by the Company in no event later than the close of the Executive's taxable year following the taxable year in which the cost or expense is incurred by the Executive. The expenses incurred by the Executive in any calendar year that are eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement shall not affect the expenses incurred by the Executive in any other calendar year that are eligible for reimbursement hereunder and the Executive's right to receive any reimbursement hereunder shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

(b) Any payment following a separation from service that would be subject to Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code as a distribution following a separation from service of a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code) shall be made on the first to occur of (i) ten (10) days after the expiration of the six (6)-month period following such separation from service, (ii) death, or (iii) such earlier date that complies with Section 409A of the Code.

(c) Each payment that the Executive may receive under this Agreement shall be treated as a "separate payment" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code.

(d) Payments under this Agreement are intended to be exempt from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code to the maximum extent possible, whether pursuant to the short-term deferral exception described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4), the involuntary separation pay plan exception described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii), or otherwise. Any payments and benefits provided under this Agreement may be accelerated in time or schedule by the Company, in its sole discretion, to the extent permitted by Section 409A of the Code.

22. Definitions. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in this Section 22.

(a) "2020 Stock Plan" means the L Brands, Inc. 2020 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

(b) "Accrued Amounts" means: (i) unpaid Base Salary through the Termination Date; and (ii) unreimbursed business expenses incurred by the Executive on behalf of the Company during the term of his or her employment in accordance with the Company's standard policies (including expense verification policies) regarding the reimbursement of business expenses, as the same may be modified from time to time.

(c) "Base Salary" means the Executive's annual base salary in effect as of the Termination Date (without giving effect to any reduction resulting in a Qualifying Termination for Good Reason).

(d) "Cause" means, as determined by the Company in its sole discretion, that the Executive (i) was grossly negligent in the performance of the Executive's duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from the Executive's incapacity due to physical or mental illness); (ii) has pled "guilty" or "no contest" to, or has been convicted of, an act which is defined as a felony under federal or state law; (iii) engaged in misconduct in bad faith that could reasonably be expected to materially harm the Company's business or its reputation; or (iv) commits or engages in Subject Conduct. No event of condition described in subsections (i), (iii) or (iv) of the immediately preceding sentence shall constitute Cause unless (x) the Company provides the Executive a Notice of Termination stating the grounds for such termination; (y) such grounds for termination (if susceptible to correction) are not corrected by the Executive within thirty (30) days of the Executive's receipt of the Notice of Termination; and (z) the Company terminates the Executive's employment with the Company (any its affiliates) immediately following expiration of such thirty-day (30) period. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if the Executive's experiences a Termination other than by the Company for Cause, the Company shall have the sole discretion to later use after-acquired evidence to retroactively re-characterize the prior Termination as a Termination for Cause if such after-acquired evidences supports such an action.



(e) “Change in Control” means a VS Change in Control and/or an LB Change in Control.

(f) “Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any reference to a section of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(g) “Company” means VS Service Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company or its successors and permitted assigns.

(h) “Disability” means a physical or mental infirmity that impairs the Executive’s ability to substantially perform the Executive’s duties for the Company for a period of at least six (6) months in any twelve (12)-month calendar period as determined in accordance with the Company’s (or any affiliate’s) long-term disability plan, to the extent applicable.

(i) “IC Plan” means the incentive compensation plan of the Company (or any of its affiliates) in which the Executive participates as of the Termination Date.

(j) “Good Reason” means (i) a material reduction in the Executive’s positions, duties, authority, responsibilities or reporting requirements; (ii) the failure of the Company to obtain the assumption in writing of its obligation to perform this Agreement by any successor to all or substantially all of the assets of the Company within fifteen (15) days after a merger, consolidation, sale, or similar transaction; (iii) a material reduction in the Executive’s Base Salary or annual bonus opportunity under the IC Plan other than pursuant to an across-the-board reduction applicable to all similarly-situated employees; or (iv) the relocation of the Executive’s principal place of employment from the New York, New York area. “Good Reason” shall not include acts taken by the Company by reason of the Executive’s physical or mental infirmity which impairs the Executive’s ability to substantially perform his or her duties. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, any assertion by the Executive of a termination for Good Reason shall not be effective unless all of the following conditions are satisfied: (x) the Executive has provided a Notice of Termination to the Company indicating the existence of the condition(s) providing grounds for termination for Good Reason within sixty (60) days of the initial existence of such condition becoming known (or should have become known) to him or her; (y) the condition(s) specified in such notice must remain uncorrected by the Company for thirty (30) days following the Company’s receipt of such written notice; and (x) the Executive terminates employment immediately following the expiration of such thirty-day (30) period.

(k) “LB Change in Control” means a “Change in Control” under the 2020 Stock Plan.

(l) “Notice of Termination” means a written notice that (i) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, if applicable, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for the Executive’s Termination under the provision so indicated, and (iii) if the Termination Date is other than the date of receipt of such notice, specifies the Termination Date.

(m) “Protection Period” means, (i) the period beginning three (3) months prior to a VS Change in Control and ending twenty-four (24) months following a VS Change in Control, and (ii) only to the extent that an LB Change in Control occurs prior to a VS Change in Control, the period beginning on the date of an LB Change in Control and ending twenty-four (24) months thereafter.

(n) “Qualifying Termination” means the Executive’s Termination either: (i) by the Company without Cause; or (ii) by the Executive for Good Reason.

(o) “Subject Conduct” means sexual harassment (including creation of a hostile work environment), gender discrimination and retaliation related to the foregoing or a violation of any policy of the Company (or any of its affiliates) relating to sexual harassment (including creation of a hostile work environment), gender discrimination and retaliation related to the foregoing.

(p) “Termination” means the Executive’s termination of employment with the Company, for any reason, whether voluntary or involuntary, provided that such termination constitutes a “separation from service” as defined and applied under Section 409A of the Code.

(q) “Variable Compensation” means any cash-based performance or incentive award paid by or any equity compensation awarded by the Company (or any of its affiliates), including, but not limited to, under the 2020 Stock Plan (and any successor thereto) and the IC Plan.

(r) “VS Change in Control” means, (i) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any sale of stock, merger, consolidation or spin-off), the result of which is that L Brands no longer owns, directly or indirectly, at least fifty percent (50%) of the voting securities of VS&Co. then outstanding; (ii) any Person (other than an Excluded Person) becomes, together with all “affiliates” and “associates” (each as defined under Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”)) the “beneficial owner” (as defined under Rule 13d-3 of the Act) of securities representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding, unless such Person becomes the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of such Voting Stock then outstanding solely as a result of an acquisition of such Voting Stock by VS&Co. which, by reducing the Voting Stock of VS&Co. outstanding, increases the proportionate Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person (together with all “affiliates” and “associates” of such Person) to fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding; provided that if a Person shall become the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding by reason of such Voting Stock acquisition by VS&Co. and shall thereafter become the “beneficial owner” of any additional Voting Stock of VS&Co. which causes the proportionate voting power of Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person to increase to fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding, such Person shall, upon becoming the “beneficial owner” of such additional Voting Stock of VS&Co., be deemed to have become the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock then outstanding other than solely as a result of such Voting Stock acquisition by VS&Co.; (iii) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of VS&Co.; or (iv) the consummation of a complete liquidation or dissolution of VS&Co. For the purposes of the foregoing definition, “Person,” “Excluded Person,” and “Voting Stock” shall have their respective meanings set forth in the 2020 Stock Plan as of the Effective Date, provided that any reference therein to the Company shall be deemed a reference to VS&Co.

(s) VS&Co. means Victoria’s Secret & Company.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer and the Executive has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

GREG UNIS  
/s/ Greg Unis

DATE  
6/28/2021

VS SERVICE COMPANY, LLC  
By: /s/ Martin Waters

DATE  
6/28/2021



**EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE AGREEMENT**

THIS EXECUTIVE SEVERANCE AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of the last date of signature below (the “Effective Date”), by and between the Company and Timothy Johnson (the “Executive”) (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the Executive currently serves as a key employee of the Company and the Executive’s services and knowledge are valuable to the Company; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Executive’s continued employment, the Company has determined that it is in its best interests to provide the Executive with the severance protections in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, and in view of the promises and other good and valuable consideration described in this Agreement (the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged) the Parties agree as follows:

1. Effective Date and Term of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be effective on the Effective Date and will remain in effect unless and until (i) the Executive’s employment with the Company is terminated by either Party in accordance with Section 2, and (ii) all payments and/or benefits to which the Executive is entitled under this Agreement, if any, have been made or provided to the Executive in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2. Termination of Employment. The Executive’s employment with the Company shall terminate upon the earlier of: (i) automatically thirty (30) days after the Executive provides a written Notice of Termination of his or her resignation for any reason other than for Good Reason; (ii) thirty (30) days following the Executive providing a Notice of Termination indicating the existence of a condition(s) constituting Good Reason other than to the extent that such condition is cured; (iii) immediately upon the Executive’s Disability or death; (iv) automatically thirty (30) days after the Executive receives written Notice of Termination from the Company of his or her Termination without Cause; or (v) the date set forth in the Notice of Termination from the Company of the Executive’s termination of employment with the Company for Cause (collectively, the earlier of being the “Termination Date”). The Company may elect to pay the Executive in lieu of the thirty (30) days’ written notice, but will still deliver a Notice of Termination.

3. Non-Qualifying Termination.

(a) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, if the Executive’s employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, the Company’s sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts and the Executive shall not be entitled to severance benefits under this Agreement or any other agreement or severance plan, policy or program of the Company (or any of its affiliates).

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, to the extent that the Executive experiences a Termination for any reason while a Company-led internal investigation into facts that could reasonably give rise to the Executive’s Termination for Cause is pending: (i) the Executive shall not be entitled to receive any severance benefits under this Agreement (other than the Accrued Amounts) or any other agreement or severance plan, policy or program of the Company (or any of its affiliates); and (ii) the Executive shall not be entitled to vest in or receive any Variable Compensation, in either case, unless and until the Company concludes its investigation with a finding that grounds for a Termination for Cause did not in fact exist, and only to the extent provided for under the terms of the applicable agreement, plan, policy or program.

(c) If the Executive experiences a Termination by reason of the Executive’s death or if the Executive gives the Company a written Notice of Termination other than for Good Reason, the Company’s sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts.

(d) If the Executive’s experiences a Termination by reason of the Executive’s Disability, the Company’s sole obligation shall be to pay the Executive the Accrued Amounts and the Executive shall be entitled to receive disability benefits available under the Company’s (or any affiliate’s) long-term disability plan, to the extent applicable.

4. Severance Upon a Qualifying Termination Not Within the Protection Period. If the Executive experiences a Qualifying Termination not within the Protection Period, then, subject to Section 6, the Company will provide the Executive with the following (collectively, the “Severance Benefits”):

(a) Accrued Amounts;

(b) The Company shall continue to pay the Executive’s Base Salary for a period of two (2) years following the Qualifying Termination, less applicable withholding, payable as follows: (i) on the Company’s first regularly scheduled pay date falling on or after sixty (60) days from the Executive’s Termination Date (the “First Payment Date”), the Company will pay the Executive, without interest, the number of missed payroll installments that would have been paid during the period beginning on the Termination Date and ending on the First Payment Date had the installments been paid on the Company’s regularly scheduled payroll dates, and (ii) each of the remaining installments shall be paid on the Company’s regularly scheduled pay dates during the remainder of such two (2)-year period;

(c) For up to two (2) years following the Termination Date, and provided that the Executive pays the applicable contribution amount required to be paid by similarly-situated active employees for such coverage, the Company shall provide to the Executive and the Executive’s covered dependents, medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to the those provided to similarly-situated active employees, provided that the Company’s contribution toward the cost of such coverage shall be treated as taxable income to the Executive and the Executive must continue to pay his or her portion of the cost of this coverage with after- tax dollars (the “Benefit Continuation”). The Company’s obligation to provide the Benefit Continuation shall cease upon the Executive becoming eligible for similar benefits as the result of employment with another employer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Executive is not eligible to continue to participate in the relevant plan(s) providing the Benefit Continuation or if providing the Benefit Continuation would violate the nondiscrimination rules under Section 105(h) of the Code, or the rules applicable to non-grandfathered health plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (“PPACA”), or result in the imposition of penalties under the Code and/or PPACA and the related regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, the Parties agree to reform this section in a manner as necessary to comply with applicable law, while, to the extent permitted by applicable law, preserve its intended economic benefit;

(d) The Company shall pay the Executive any incentive compensation under the IC Plan that the Executive would have received if the Executive had remained employed with the Company for a period of one (1) year after the Termination Date based on actual performance, less applicable withholding, subject to the terms of the IC Plan. The foregoing payments shall be paid at the same time as payments under the IC Plan are typically paid, but in no event earlier than three (3) months following the Executive’s Qualifying Termination and in no event later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the applicable season is completed. For the purposes of clarity, under this subsection, the Executive shall not be entitled to payments under the IC Plan pursuant to this provision for partial performance periods that are not then-completed on the first anniversary of the Termination Date; and

(e) The treatment of any outstanding equity awards will be determined as follows:

(i) A pro-rata portion of the outstanding unvested equity awards that are held by the Executive as of the Termination Date and vest only based on the passage of time shall vest and be settled on the First Payment Date, which pro-rata vesting shall be determined by (A) multiplying (x) the number of shares subject to the award by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete months between the first day of the applicable time-based vesting period and the Termination Date, and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of months in the time-based vesting period, less (B) the number of shares subject to the award that had already vested pursuant to the award’s terms prior to the Termination Date, if any;

(ii) A pro-rata portion of the outstanding unvested equity awards that are held by the Executive as of the Termination Date and vest based, at least in part, on the satisfaction of performance goals shall vest and be settled by the later of the First Payment Date and sixty (60) days following the end of the applicable performance period, which pro-rata vesting shall be determined by (A) multiplying the number of shares that the Executive would have earned for the entire performance period based on the level of performance determined in accordance with the applicable plan and award agreements by (B) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of complete months between the first day of the applicable performance period and the Termination Date, and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of months in the performance period;

(iii) To the extent that any outstanding unvested equity award that is held by the Executive as of the Termination Date would vest at a greater percentage under the terms of the applicable plan and award agreement than as provided for under Sections 4(e)(i)-(ii), the terms of such award agreement shall instead to determine the number of shares covered by such equity award that will vest under this Section 4(e), subject to Sections 4(e)(iv)-(v);

(iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no equity awards that are outstanding as of the Termination Date will be forfeited during the three (3)-month period commencing upon the Termination Date, provided, that, (x) to the extent a VS Change in Control occurs during such three (3)-month period, any such equity awards that are outstanding and unvested as of the VS Change in Control will instead be treated in accordance with Section 5; and (y) to the extent a VS Change in Control does not occur during such three (3)-month period, any portion of the equity awards outstanding as of Termination Date that do not vest pursuant to Sections 4(e)(i)-(iii) shall be forfeited; and

(v) To the extent that the payment or settlement of any equity awards in accordance with the foregoing would constitute an impermissible change in the time or form of payment under Section 409A of the Code, then such portion shall be payable at a time that would be permitted under Section 409A of the Code and that is as near as possible to the payment timing contemplated by the foregoing.

5. Severance Upon a Qualifying Termination Within the Protection Period. If the Executive has a Qualifying Termination within the Protection Period, then, subject to Section 6, the Company will provide the Executive with the following (collectively, the “Change in Control Severance Benefits”):

(a) The payments and benefits described in Sections 4(a), (b), and (c);

(b) A payment equal to the sum of the incentive compensation payouts that the Executive actually received under the IC Plan for the four (4) completed seasons immediately preceding the Termination Date (the “Bonus Amount”). The Bonus Amount shall be paid, less applicable withholding, in a lump sum cash payment on the First Payment Date;

(c) A payment equal to the product of (i) the IC Plan payment that the Executive would have earned for the season during which the Executive’s Qualifying Termination occurs, based on actual performance, multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the season (within the meaning of the IC Plan) in which the Termination Date occurs that elapsed through the Termination Date and the denominator of which is the total number of days in such season. The foregoing payment, less applicable withholding, shall be paid at the same time as payments under the IC Plan are typically paid, but in no event earlier than the First Payment Date and in no event later than March 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the applicable season is completed; and

(d) All of the outstanding and unvested equity awards held by the Executive immediately before such Qualifying Termination will immediately become fully vested and payable on the First Payment Date, provided that, to the extent that paying any portion of such amount in accordance with the foregoing would constitute an impermissible change in the time or form of payment under Section 409A of the Code, then such portion shall be payable at a time that would be permitted under Section 409A of the Code and that is as near as possible to the payment timing contemplated by the foregoing. To the extent that an equity award vests based on the achievement of performance goals, performance goals will be deemed to be achieved at target levels if less than one-third of the applicable performance period has elapsed as of the date of the Change in Control, otherwise performance goals will be deemed achieved at maximum levels.

In the event that the Termination Date occurs during the portion of the Protection Period that precedes a VS Change in Control and the Executive has already commenced receiving payments and/or benefits under Section 4 prior to the VS Change in Control, then (i) the Executive will be entitled to the payments and benefits under this Section 5 in lieu of any additional payments or benefits under Section 4, but only to the extent an equivalent payment and/or benefit has not already been paid or provided pursuant to Section 4; and (ii) any payments that the Executive would have otherwise been entitled to under this Section 5 that have not otherwise been paid to the Executive as of the VS Change in Control will be paid to the Executive in a single lump sum payment as soon as administratively practicable, but no later than sixty (60) calendar days following the occurrence of the VS Change in Control.



6. Release Requirement. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not make or provide the Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits (in each case, other than the Accrued Amounts), unless the Executive timely executes and delivers to the Company a release of claims in favor of the Company, its affiliates and their respective officers and directors in a form provided by the Company (the "Release") and such Release becomes effective and irrevocable within sixty (60) days following the Executive's Termination Date. If the foregoing requirements are not satisfied by the Executive, then no Severance Benefits nor Change in Control Severance Benefits (in each case, other than the Accrued Amounts) shall be due to the Executive pursuant to this Agreement.

7. Effect on Other Plans, Agreements and Benefits.

(a) Any severance benefits payable to the Executive under this Agreement will be in lieu of and not in addition to: (i) any severance benefits to which the Executive would otherwise be entitled under any general severance policy or severance plan maintained by the Company (or any of its affiliates) or any agreement between the Executive and the Company (or any of its affiliates) that provides for severance benefits; (ii) unused PTO remaining upon the Termination Date; and (iii) salary continuation provided for under the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement.

(b) Any severance benefits payable to the Executive under this Agreement will not be counted as compensation for purposes of determining benefits under any other benefit policies or plans of the Company (or any of its affiliates), except to the extent expressly provided therein.

(c) The Executive's entitlement to any other benefits not expressly referenced herein shall be determined in accordance with the applicable employee benefit plans then in effect.

(d) The Executive expressly agrees that any amounts the Executive may owe to the Company as of the Termination Date may be deducted from the amounts that the Company would otherwise owe to the Executive under this Agreement.

(e) Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other agreement to the contrary, if the Executive incurs a Termination for Cause, then all Variable Compensation shall be immediately canceled for no consideration. If the Executive incurs a Termination for Cause, or the Company becomes aware (after the Executive's Termination) of conduct on the part of the Executive that would have been grounds for a Termination for Cause, then, the Executive will be required to deliver to the Company, immediately upon request, the Variable Compensation (in shares and/or cash), granted on or after the Effective Date and paid or delivered to the Executive within the three (3) years prior to the Termination Date, including the profit the Executive realized upon the exercise of stock options.

8. Section 280G of the Code.

(a) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if the Executive is a “disqualified individual” (as defined in Section 280G(c) of the Code), and the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement, together with any other payments and benefits which the Executive has the right to receive from the Company or any other person, would constitute a “parachute payment” (as defined in Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code), then the payments and benefits provided for in this Agreement will be either (a) reduced (but not below zero) so that the present value of such total amounts and benefits received by the Executive from the Company and/or such person(s) will be \$1.00 less than three (3) times the Executive’s “base amount” (as defined in Section 280G(b)(3) of the Code) and so that no portion of such amounts and benefits received by the Executive will be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or (b) paid in full, whichever produces the better “net after-tax position” to the Executive (taking into account any applicable excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code and any other applicable taxes).

(b) The reduction of payments and benefits hereunder, if applicable, will be made by reducing, first, payments or benefits to be paid in cash hereunder in the order in which such payment or benefit would be paid or provided (beginning with such payment or benefit that would be made last in time and continuing, to the extent necessary, through to such payment or benefit that would be made first in time) and, then, reducing any benefit to be provided in-kind hereunder in a similar order.

(c) The determination as to whether any such reduction in the amount of the payments and benefits provided hereunder is necessary will be made applying principles, assumptions and procedures consistent with Section 280G of the Code by an accounting firm or law firm of national reputation that is selected for this purpose by the Company (the “280G Firm”). In order to assess whether payments under this Agreement or otherwise qualify as reasonable compensation that is exempt from being a parachute payment under Section 280G of the Code, the 280G Firm or the Company may retain the services of an independent valuation expert.

(d) If a reduced payment or benefit is made or provided and through error or otherwise that payment or benefit, when aggregated with other payments and benefits from the Company (or its affiliates) used in determining if a “parachute payment” exists, exceeds \$1.00 less than three (3) times the Executive’s base amount, then the Executive must immediately repay such excess to the Company upon notification that an overpayment has been made. Nothing in this Section 8 will require the Company to be responsible for, or have any liability or obligation with respect to, the Executive’s excise tax liabilities under Section 4999 of the Code.

9. Arbitration and Class and Representative Action Waiver.

(a) The Parties agree that, subject to Section 9(b), any controversy or claim between the Company and the Executive arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its termination shall be settled and determined by a single arbitrator whose award shall be accepted as final and binding upon the parties. If Executive initiates arbitration, Executive will be responsible for paying a filing fee of \$300 or the filing fee in federal court in Columbus, Ohio, whichever is lower. Each Party will be responsible for its/her own attorney’s fees. The Parties shall jointly select an arbitrator from JAMS, Inc. (“JAMS”) or the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”) with at least ten (10) years of experience in employment disputes. The arbitration shall be conducted on a confidential basis by the AAA or JAMS and administered under their Employment Arbitration Rules, which are currently available at <http://www.adr.org> and <http://www.jamsadr.com>, respectively. The arbitrator shall have the authority to allow for appropriate discovery and exchange of information before a hearing, including, but not limited to, production of documents, information requests, depositions and subpoenas. Unless the arbitrator determines additional discovery is necessary to adequately arbitrate Executive’s claims, discovery shall be conducted in accordance with the then-current version of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Those rules can be found at <https://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp>. The arbitration shall take place in Columbus, Ohio. Notwithstanding the AAA or JAMS rules, all parties to the arbitration shall have the right to file a dispositive motion and shall not be required to seek permission from the arbitrator to do so. Any decision or award as a result of any such arbitration proceeding shall be in writing and shall provide an explanation for all conclusions of law and fact and shall include the assessment of costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys’ fees. Judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

(b) This Arbitration provision does not include:

- Property Agreement;
- (i) Any claim arising under or related to the Confidentiality, Noncompetition and Intellectual Property Agreement;
  - (ii) A claim for workers' compensation benefits;
  - (iii) A claim for unemployment compensation benefits;
  - (iv) A claim based upon the Company's current (successor or future) employee benefits and/or welfare plans that contain an appeal procedure or other procedure for the resolution of disputes under this Agreement; and
  - (v) A claim of sexual harassment, including hostile work environment, "sexual assault" (defined as actual or threatened unwelcomed touching of a sexual nature), gender discrimination, and retaliation related to same.

(c) This Agreement also does not prevent Executive from filing a claim or charge with a federal, state or local administrative agency, such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, or similar state or local agencies.

(d) This Agreement does not prohibit those limited circumstances under which either Party finds it necessary to seek emergency or temporary injunctive relief, such as a preliminary injunction or a temporary restraining order, from a court that may be necessary to protect any rights or property of either Party pending the establishment of the arbitral tribunal or its determination of the merits of the dispute.

(e) **CLASS ACTION WAIVER.** To the extent permissible by law, there shall be no right or authority for any dispute to be arbitrated as a class action or collective action ("Class Action Waiver"). **THIS MEANS THAT, EXCEPT AS EXPLICITLY PROVIDED HEREIN, ALL DISPUTES BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT ARISE, OR HAVE ARISEN, OUT OF EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYMENT OR THE TERMINATION OF EXECUTIVE'S EMPLOYMENT SHALL PROCEED IN ARBITRATION SOLELY ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, AND THAT THE ARBITRATOR'S AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTE AND TO MAKE WRITTEN AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO EXECUTIVE'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS.**

(f) **REPRESENTATIVE ACTION WAIVER.** To the extent permissible by law, there shall be no right or authority for any dispute to be arbitrated as a representative action or as a private attorney general action, including but not limited to claims brought pursuant to the Private Attorney General Act of 2004, Cal. Lab. Code Sec. 2698, et seq. ("Representative Action Waiver"). **THIS MEANS THAT, TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW, EXECUTIVE MAY NOT SEEK RELIEF ON BEHALF OF OTHERS IN ARBITRATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SIMILARLY AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES. THE ARBITRATOR'S AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTE AND TO MAKE WRITTEN AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO EXECUTIVE'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS.**

(g) The Parties agree that only a court of competent jurisdiction may interpret this Section 9 and resolve challenges to its validity and enforceability, including but not limited to the validity, enforceability and interpretation of the Class Action Waiver and Representative Action Waiver. The arbitrator shall have no jurisdiction or power to make such determinations. The Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16, shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of the duty to arbitrate found in this Section 9 and all arbitration proceedings under this Agreement.

(h) Any conflict between the rules and procedures set forth in either the JAMS or AAA rules and those set forth in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of those in this Agreement.

(i) The burden of proof at an arbitration shall at all times be on the Party seeking relief;

(j) In reaching a decision, the arbitrator shall apply the governing substantive law applicable to the claims, causes of action and defenses asserted by the Parties, as applicable in Ohio. The arbitrator shall have the power to award all remedies that could be awarded by a court or administrative agency in accordance with the governing and applicable substantive law, including, without limitation, Title VII, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act.

(k) The aggrieved Party must give written notice of any claim to the other Party as soon as possible after the aggrieved Party first knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to the claim. The written notice shall describe the nature of all claims asserted, the facts upon which those claims are based, and shall set forth the aggrieved Party's intention to pursue arbitration. The notice shall be mailed to the other Party by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. A copy of the notice may be sent by electronic mail.

10. Amendment. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived, or discharged unless such waiver, modification, or discharge is agreed to in writing and signed by the Executive and the Company.

11. At-Will Employment. This Agreement does not alter the status of each Executive as an at-will employee of the Company. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to give the Executive the right to remain employed by the Company or to interfere with the rights of the Company to terminate the employment of the Executive at any time, with or without Cause.

12. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, void or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed modified, amended and narrowed to the extent necessary to render such provision legal, valid and enforceable, and the other remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds the Class Action Waiver and/or Representative Action Waiver in Section 9 is unenforceable for any reason, then the unenforceable waiver provision shall be severable from this Agreement, and any claims covered by any deemed unenforceable waiver provision may only be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction, but the remainder of the Agreement shall be binding and enforceable.

13. Headings and Subheadings. Headings and subheadings contained in this Agreement are intended solely for convenience and no provision of this Agreement is to be construed by reference to the heading or subheading of any section or paragraph.

14. Unfunded Obligations. The amounts to be paid to the Executive under this Agreement are unfunded obligations of the Company. The Company is not required to segregate any monies or other assets from its general funds with respect to these obligations. The Executive shall not have any preference or security interest in any assets of the Company other than as a general unsecured creditor.

15. Notice. For the purposes of this Agreement, notices and all other communications provided for in this Agreement (including the Notice of Termination and a notice of a claim for which a Party seeks arbitration) shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or upon receipt if overnight delivery service or facsimile is used, addressed as follows:

To the Executive:

Tim Johnson  
5432 Willow Bend Ct.  
Westerville, OH 43082

To the Company:

VS Service Company, LLC  
Four Limited Parkway,  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
Attn: Chief Legal Officer

16. Successors and Assigns. The Company may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the Executive's consent: to (i) an affiliate of the Company, or (ii) in the event that the Company shall hereafter effect a reorganization, consolidate with, or merge into, any other entity or person, or transfer all or substantially all of its properties, stock, or assets to any other entity or person, to the acquirer or resulting entity in such transaction. This Agreement will be binding upon any successor of the Company (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise), in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be obligated under this Agreement if no succession had taken place. Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest hereunder shall be assignable or transferable by the Executive, the Executive's beneficiaries or legal representatives, except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal personal representative.

17. Waiver. Any Party's failure to enforce any provision or provisions of this Agreement will not in any way be construed as a waiver of any such provision or provisions, nor prevent any Party from thereafter enforcing each and every other provision of this Agreement.

18. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same original.

19. Governing Law. Unless otherwise noted in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of Ohio without regard to conflicts of law principles.

20. Withholding. The Company shall have the right to withhold from any amount payable hereunder any Federal, state and local taxes in order for the Company to satisfy any withholding tax obligation it may have under any applicable law or regulation.

21. Section 409A of the Code. This Agreement is intended to either avoid the application of, or comply with, Section 409A of the Code. To that end, this Agreement shall at all times be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to adopt such amendments to this Agreement or take such other actions (including amendments and actions with retroactive effect) as it determines is necessary or appropriate for this Agreement to comply with Section 409A of the Code. Further:

(a) Any reimbursement of any costs and expenses by the Company to the Executive under this Agreement shall be made by the Company in no event later than the close of the Executive's taxable year following the taxable year in which the cost or expense is incurred by the Executive. The expenses incurred by the Executive in any calendar year that are eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement shall not affect the expenses incurred by the Executive in any other calendar year that are eligible for reimbursement hereunder and the Executive's right to receive any reimbursement hereunder shall not be subject to liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.

(b) Any payment following a separation from service that would be subject to Section 409A(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code as a distribution following a separation from service of a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code) shall be made on the first to occur of (i) ten (10) days after the expiration of the six (6)-month period following such separation from service, (ii) death, or (iii) such earlier date that complies with Section 409A of the Code.

(c) Each payment that the Executive may receive under this Agreement shall be treated as a "separate payment" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code.

(d) Payments under this Agreement are intended to be exempt from the requirements of Section 409A of the Code to the maximum extent possible, whether pursuant to the short-term deferral exception described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4), the involuntary separation pay plan exception described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii), or otherwise. Any payments and benefits provided under this Agreement may be accelerated in time or schedule by the Company, in its sole discretion, to the extent permitted by Section 409A of the Code.

22. Definitions. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in this Section 22.

(a) “2020 Stock Plan” means the L Brands, Inc. 2020 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time.

(b) “Accrued Amounts” means: (i) unpaid Base Salary through the Termination Date; and (ii) unreimbursed business expenses incurred by the Executive on behalf of the Company during the term of his or her employment in accordance with the Company’s standard policies (including expense verification policies) regarding the reimbursement of business expenses, as the same may be modified from time to time.

(c) “Base Salary” means the Executive’s annual base salary in effect as of the Termination Date (without giving effect to any reduction resulting in a Qualifying Termination for Good Reason).

(d) “Cause” means, as determined by the Company in its sole discretion, that the Executive (i) was grossly negligent in the performance of the Executive’s duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from the Executive’s incapacity due to physical or mental illness); (ii) has pled “guilty” or “no contest” to, or has been convicted of, an act which is defined as a felony under federal or state law; (iii) engaged in misconduct in bad faith that could reasonably be expected to materially harm the Company’s business or its reputation; or (iv) commits or engages in Subject Conduct. No event or condition described in subsections (i), (iii) or (iv) of the immediately preceding sentence shall constitute Cause unless (x) the Company provides the Executive a Notice of Termination stating the grounds for such termination; (y) such grounds for termination (if susceptible to correction) are not corrected by the Executive within thirty (30) days of the Executive’s receipt of the Notice of Termination; and (z) the Company terminates the Executive’s employment with the Company (any its affiliates) immediately following expiration of such thirty-day (30) period. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if the Executive’s experiences a Termination other than by the Company for Cause, the Company shall have the sole discretion to later use after-acquired evidence to retroactively re-characterize the prior Termination as a Termination for Cause if such after-acquired evidences supports such an action.

(e) “Change in Control” means a VS Change in Control and/or an LB Change in Control.

(f) “Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any reference to a section of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(g) “Company” means VS Service Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company or its successors and permitted assigns.

(h) “Disability” means a physical or mental infirmity that impairs the Executive’s ability to substantially perform the Executive’s duties for the Company for a period of at least six (6) months in any twelve (12)-month calendar period as determined in accordance with the Company’s (or any affiliate’s) long-term disability plan, to the extent applicable.

(i) “IC Plan” means the incentive compensation plan of the Company (or any of its affiliates) in which the Executive participates as of the Termination Date.

(j) “Good Reason” means (i) a material reduction in the Executive’s positions, duties, authority, responsibilities or reporting requirements; (ii) the failure of the Company to obtain the assumption in writing of its obligation to perform this Agreement by any successor to all or substantially all of the assets of the Company within fifteen (15) days after a merger, consolidation, sale, or similar transaction; (iii) a material reduction in the Executive’s Base Salary or annual bonus opportunity under the IC Plan other than pursuant to an across-the-board reduction applicable to all similarly-situated employees; or (iv) the relocation of the Executive’s principal place of employment from the Columbus, Ohio area. “Good Reason” shall not include acts taken by the Company by reason of the Executive’s physical or mental infirmity which impairs the Executive’s ability to substantially perform his or her duties. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this definition, any assertion by the Executive of a termination for Good Reason shall not be effective unless all of the following conditions are satisfied: (x) the Executive has provided a Notice of Termination to the Company indicating the existence of the condition(s) providing grounds for termination for Good Reason within sixty (60) days of the initial existence of such condition becoming known (or should have become known) to him or her; (y) the condition(s) specified in such notice must remain uncorrected by the Company for thirty (30) days following the Company’s receipt of such written notice; and (x) the Executive terminates employment immediately following the expiration of such thirty-day (30) period.

(k) “LB Change in Control” means a “Change in Control” under the 2020 Stock Plan.

(l) “Notice of Termination” means a written notice that (i) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, if applicable, (ii) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for the Executive’s Termination under the provision so indicated, and (iii) if the Termination Date is other than the date of receipt of such notice, specifies the Termination Date.

(m) “Protection Period” means, (i) the period beginning three (3) months prior to a VS Change in Control and ending twenty-four (24) months following a VS Change in Control, and (ii) only to the extent that an LB Change in Control

occurs prior to a VS Change in Control, the period beginning on the date of an LB Change in Control and ending twenty-four (24) months thereafter.

(n) “Qualifying Termination” means the Executive’s Termination either: (i) by the Company without Cause; or (ii) by the Executive for Good Reason.

(o) “Subject Conduct” means sexual harassment (including creation of a hostile work environment), gender discrimination and retaliation related to the foregoing or a violation of any policy of the Company (or any of its affiliates) relating to sexual harassment (including creation of a hostile work environment), gender discrimination and retaliation related to the foregoing.

(p) “Termination” means the Executive’s termination of employment with the Company, for any reason, whether voluntary or involuntary, provided that such termination constitutes a “separation from service” as defined and applied under Section 409A of the Code.

(q) “Variable Compensation” means any cash-based performance or incentive award paid by or any equity compensation awarded by the Company (or any of its affiliates), including, but not limited to, under the 2020 Stock Plan (and any successor thereto) and the IC Plan.

(r) “VS Change in Control” means, (i) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any sale of stock, merger, consolidation or spin-off), the result of which is that L Brands no longer owns, directly or indirectly, at least fifty percent (50%) of the voting securities of VS&Co. then outstanding; (ii) any Person (other than an Excluded Person) becomes, together with all “affiliates” and “associates” (each as defined under Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”)) the “beneficial owner” (as defined under Rule 13d-3 of the Act) of securities representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding, unless such Person becomes the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of such Voting Stock then outstanding solely as a result of an acquisition of such Voting Stock by VS&Co. which, by reducing the Voting Stock of VS&Co. outstanding, increases the proportionate Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person (together with all “affiliates” and “associates” of such Person) to fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding; provided that if a Person shall become the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding by reason of such Voting Stock acquisition by VS&Co. and shall thereafter become the “beneficial owner” of any additional Voting Stock of VS&Co. which causes the proportionate voting power of Voting Stock beneficially owned by such Person to increase to fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock of VS&Co. then outstanding, such Person shall, upon becoming the “beneficial owner” of such additional Voting Stock of VS&Co., be deemed to have become the “beneficial owner” of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the Voting Stock then outstanding other than solely as a result of such Voting Stock acquisition by VS&Co.; (iii) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of VS&Co.; or (iv) the consummation of a complete liquidation or dissolution of VS&Co. For the purposes of the foregoing definition, “Person,” “Excluded Person,” and “Voting Stock” shall have their respective meanings set forth in the 2020 Stock Plan as of the Effective Date, provided that any reference therein to the Company shall be deemed a reference to VS&Co.

(s) VS&Co. means Victoria’s Secret & Company.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer and the Executive has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

TIMOTHY JOHNSON

DATE

/s/ Timothy Johnson

6/28/2021

VS SERVICE COMPANY, LLC

DATE

By: /s/ Martin Waters

6/28/2021

**List of Subsidiaries**

1. American Beauty Limited	Hong Kong
2. American Full Assortment Limited	Hong Kong
3. Aristides Properties, LLC	Delaware, United States
4. ASLA FA Holdings	Cayman
5. ASLA Far East Holdings	Cayman
6. ASLA Global Holdings	Cayman
7. ASLA Greater China Holdings	Cayman
8. ASLA Greater China FA Holdings	Cayman
9. ASLA US Holdings, LLC	Delaware, United States
10. ASLA US Partner, LLC	Delaware, United States
11. ASLA III Global Holdings	Cayman
12. ASLA IV Global Holdings	Cayman
13. Bond Street VS Limited	United Kingdom
14. Canadian Holdings S.á.r.l.	Luxembourg
15. Distribution Center 456, LLC	United States
16. Far West Factoring, LLC	Nevada, United States
17. FLL Holding, LLC	Delaware, United States
18. IB US Retail Holdings, Inc.	Delaware, United States
19. Independent Production Services Brazil Ltda.	Brazil
20. Independent Production Services, LLC	Delaware, United States
21. Intimate Apparel Brand Management GP, LLC	Delaware, United States
22. Intimate Apparel Brand Management, LP	United States
23. L Brands China Holdings S.á.r.l.	Luxembourg
24. L Brands Direct Fulfillment, LLC	Delaware, United States
25. L Brands Fashion Retail Ireland Limited	Ireland
26. L Brands HK Management Company Limited	Hong Kong
27. L Brands Management (Shanghai) Co. Limited	China

28. L Brands Trading (Shanghai) Company Limited	China
29. LB Full Assortment HK Limited	Hong Kong
30. LB US Holding, LLC	Delaware, United States
31. LBIB HK Limited	Hong Kong
32. Lone Mountain Factoring, LLC	Nevada, United States
33. Mast Commercial Trading Shanghai Company Limited	China
34. Mast Commercial Trading (Shenzhen) Company Limited	China
35. Mast Far East (Mauritius)	Mauritius
36. Mast Global Business Services India Private Limited	India
37. Mast Industries (Far East) Limited	Hong Kong
38. Mast Industries UK Limited	United Kingdom
39. Mast Technology Services, Inc.	Delaware, United States
40. MII Brand Import, LLC	Delaware, United States
41. IB International Holdings, Inc.	Delaware, United States
42. Retail Brokerage Solutions, LLC	Delaware, United States
43. Victoria's Secret (Canada) Corp.	Nova Scotia, Canada
44. Victoria's Secret Direct Brand Management, LLC	Delaware, United States
45. Victoria's Secret Direct GC, LLC	Ohio, United States
46. Victoria's Secret Direct New York, LLC	Delaware, United States
47. Victoria's Secret Stores Brand Management, LLC	Delaware, United States
48. Victoria's Secret Stores, LLC	Delaware, United States
49. Victoria's Secret Stores GC, LLC	Ohio, United States
50. VS Service Company, LLC	Delaware, United States
51. VSPR Store Operations, LLC	Puerto Rico
52. Victoria's Secret UK Limited	United Kingdom

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(Subject to Completion, Dated July 1, 2021)



L Brands, Inc.  
Three Limited Parkway  
Columbus, Ohio 43230

, 2021

Dear LB Stockholder:

On May 11, 2021, L Brands, Inc. ("LB") announced the strategic repositioning of LB through the spinoff of its Victoria's Secret businesses from its remaining businesses (the "Separation"), which is expected to become effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. On the effective date of the Separation, Victoria's Secret & Co. ("VS"), a Delaware corporation formed in anticipation of the Separation, will become an independent, publicly traded company and will hold, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, certain assets and liabilities associated with the VS businesses.

The Separation is subject to conditions as described in the enclosed information statement. Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of these conditions, the Separation will be completed by way of a pro rata distribution of all the outstanding shares of VS common stock to LB's stockholders of record as of the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, the distribution record date (the "Distribution"). Each LB stockholder of record will receive one share of VS common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, for every \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock, par value \$0.50 per share, held by such stockholder on the record date. The distribution of these shares will be made in book-entry form, which means that no physical share certificates will be issued. At any time following the Distribution, stockholders may request that their shares of VS common stock be transferred to a brokerage or other account. No fractional shares of VS common stock will be issued. The distribution agent for the Distribution will aggregate fractional shares into whole shares, sell the whole shares in the open market at prevailing prices and distribute the net cash proceeds from the sales pro rata to each holder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share in the Distribution.

LB expects to receive an opinion from counsel to the effect that, among other things, the Distribution, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a transaction that is tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent of any cash received in lieu of fractional shares.

The Distribution does not require LB stockholder approval, nor do you need to take any action to receive your shares of VS common stock. LB's common stock will continue to trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "LB." VS has applied to have its shares of common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "VSCO."

The enclosed information statement, which we are mailing to all LB stockholders, describes the Separation in detail and contains important information about VS, including its historical combined financial statements. We urge you to read this information statement carefully.

We want to thank you for your continued support of LB.

Sincerely,

Andrew Meslow  
Chief Executive Officer  
L Brands, Inc.

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Victoria's Secret & Co.  
4 Limited Parkway East  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

, 2021

Dear Future VS Stockholder:

I am excited to welcome you as a stockholder of our new company, Victoria's Secret & Co. ("VS"). Following the spinoff by L Brands, Inc. of its VS businesses to us, we will be a global specialty retailer of women's intimate and other apparel, personal care and beauty products.

We endeavor to provide consumers with high-quality, innovative products at an excellent value. We believe our experienced management team is executing a strategy that provides a superior product and brand experience to our consumers, primarily by delivering on our high standards of product design and innovation, and offering a wide variety of compelling products across channels and categories. Our leadership team is largely a product of L Brands' execution-focused culture, bringing a deep knowledge of the global business, strong customer insights, and category management expertise to the enterprise. In addition, we believe the global appeal of our brands combined with consistent execution will support our ability to produce strong financial results. We believe our financial performance will provide us with the opportunity to invest in our business and return capital to stockholders as an independent public company.

I encourage you to learn more about VS and our business by reading the attached information statement. We have applied to list our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "VSCO." We look forward to earning your continuing support for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Martin Waters

Chief Executive Officer

Victoria's Secret & Co.

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Information contained herein is subject to completion or amendment. A registration statement on Form 10 relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, but has not yet become effective.

**Preliminary Information Statement  
(Subject to Completion, Dated July 1, 2021)**

**INFORMATION STATEMENT**

**Victoria's Secret & Co.**

**Common Stock  
(Par Value \$0.01 Per Share)**

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L Brands, Inc. ("LB") is furnishing this information statement in connection with the separation of its Victoria's Secret businesses from its remaining businesses and the creation of an independent, publicly traded company, named Victoria's Secret & Co. ("VS"). VS, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, will hold certain assets, liabilities and legal entities comprising the VS businesses after certain restructuring transactions are completed (the "Restructuring"). All of the shares of VS common stock owned by LB will be distributed to the stockholders of LB (the "Distribution" and, together with the Restructuring, the "Separation"). VS is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of LB.

Each holder of LB common stock will receive one share of common stock of VS for every \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock held as of the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, the record date for the Distribution.

The Distribution is expected to be completed after the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") market closing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. Immediately after LB completes the Distribution, VS will be an independent, publicly traded company. We expect that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, no gain or loss will be recognized by you, and no amount will be included in your income in connection with the Distribution, except to the extent of any cash you receive in lieu of fractional shares.

No vote or other action is required by you to receive shares of VS common stock in the Separation. You will not be required to pay anything for the new shares or to surrender any of your shares of LB common stock. We are not asking you for a proxy and you should not send us a proxy or your share certificates.

There currently is no trading market for VS common stock. We have been approved to have VS's shares of common stock listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "VSCO." We anticipate that a limited market, commonly known as a "when-issued" trading market, for VS's common stock will commence on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 and will continue up to and including the Distribution Date (as defined herein). We expect the "regular-way" trading of VS's common stock will begin on the first trading day following the Distribution Date.

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**In reviewing this information statement, you should carefully consider the matters described under the caption "Risk Factors" beginning on page [17](#).**

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this information statement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This information statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities.

The date of this information statement is \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

A Notice of Internet Availability of Information Statement Materials containing instructions describing how to access the information statement was first mailed to LB stockholders on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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**NOTE REGARDING THE USE OF CERTAIN TERMS**

We use the following terms to refer to the items indicated:

- “We,” “us,” “our,” “Company,” “Victoria’s Secret” and “VS,” unless the context otherwise requires, refer to Victoria’s Secret & Co., the entity that at the time of the Distribution will hold, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, certain assets and liabilities associated with the Spin Business, as defined below, and whose shares LB will distribute in connection with the Separation. Where appropriate in the context, the foregoing terms also include the subsidiaries of this entity; these terms may be used to describe the Spin Business prior to completion of the Separation.
- The “Spin Business” refers to the business, operations, products, services and activities of LB’s specialty retail business with respect to women’s intimate and other apparel, accessories, beauty care products and fragrances conducted under the Victoria’s Secret and PINK brands. See “Business” for more information.
- Except where the context otherwise requires, the term “LB” refers to L Brands, Inc., the entity that owns VS prior to the Separation and that after the Separation will be a separately traded public company consisting of its remaining operations.
- The term “Distribution” refers to the distribution of all of the shares of VS common stock owned by LB to stockholders of LB as of the record date.
- The term “Restructuring” refers to the series of transactions which will result in certain assets, liabilities and legal entities comprising the Spin Business being owned directly, or indirectly through its subsidiaries, by VS.
- Except where the context otherwise requires, the term “Separation” refers to the separation of the Spin Business from LB and the creation of an independent, publicly traded company, VS, through (1) the Restructuring and (2) the Distribution.
- The term “Distribution Date” means the date on which the Distribution occurs.

We own various trademark registrations and applications, and unregistered trademarks, including VICTORIA’S SECRET and PINK. All other trade names, trademarks and service marks of other companies appearing in this information statement are the property of their respective holders. Solely for convenience, the trademarks and trade names in this information statement may be referred to without the ® and ™ symbols, but such references should not be construed as any indicator that their respective owners will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, their rights thereto. We do not intend to use or display other companies’ trademarks and trade names to imply a relationship with, or endorsement or sponsorship of us by, any other companies.

This information statement includes industry and market data that we obtained from industry publications, third-party studies and surveys as well as internal company surveys. Industry publications and surveys generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable. Each publication, study and report speaks as of its original publication date (and not as of the date of this information statement). While we are not aware of any misstatements regarding the industry or market data presented herein, such data and estimates, particularly as they relate to market size, market growth, and our general expectations, involve important risks, uncertainties and assumptions and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under the headings “Risk Factors,” “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information,” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in this information statement. These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the estimates and beliefs made by third parties and by us.

We will operate and report using a 52/53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to January 31 of each year. Except where the context otherwise requires, all references to “2020,” “2019,” and “2018” relate to the fiscal periods ended January 30, 2021, February 1, 2020 and February 2, 2019, respectively. As used herein, “first quarter of 2021” and “first quarter of 2020” refer to the thirteen-week periods ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020, respectively.



**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

We have made statements under the captions “Summary,” “Risk Factors,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” “Business” and in other sections of this information statement that are forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as “may,” “might,” “will,” “should,” “expects,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “potential” or “continue,” the negative of these terms and other comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements, which are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us, may include projections, forecasts or assumptions of our future financial performance, our anticipated growth strategies and anticipated trends in our business. These statements are only predictions based on our current expectations and projections about future events. There are important factors that could cause our actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from the results, level of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including the numerous risks discussed under the caption entitled “Risk Factors.”

Although we believe the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, level of activity, performance or achievements. Moreover, neither we nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of any of these forward-looking statements. Except as required by law, neither LB nor we are under any duty to update any of these forward-looking statements after the date of this information statement to conform our prior statements to actual results or revised expectations.

## SUMMARY

*This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this information statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider. You should read this entire information statement carefully, especially the risks of owning our common stock discussed under “Risk Factors” and our audited combined financial statements, our unaudited pro forma combined financial statements and the respective notes to those statements appearing elsewhere in this information statement. Except as otherwise indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, the information included in this information statement assumes the completion of all the transactions referred to in this information statement in connection with the Separation.*

### Our Mission

Our mission is to understand our customer and inspire her with beautiful products and experiences for every moment in her life. Her narrative is ours and her stories are our source of energy, creativity and unrelenting drive to be each woman’s most loved lingerie brand. We are always here to care for her and to celebrate her as an individual, and to amplify her voice around the world on what matters most to her.

### Overview

Victoria’s Secret (“VS”) is an iconic global brand of women’s intimate and other apparel, personal care and beauty products. We sell our products through two brands, Victoria’s Secret and PINK. Victoria’s Secret is a category-defining global lingerie brand with a leading market position and a rich, 40-year history of serving women across the globe. PINK is a lifestyle brand for the college-oriented customer, built around a strong intimates core. We also sell beauty products under both the Victoria’s Secret and PINK brands. Together, Victoria’s Secret, PINK and Victoria’s Secret Beauty support, inspire and celebrate women through every phase of their life.

Victoria’s Secret and PINK merchandise is sold online through our e-commerce platform, through company-operated retail stores located in the U.S., Canada and Greater China, and through international stores and websites operated by partners under franchise, license, wholesale and joint venture arrangements. We have a presence in over 70 countries and generated approximately \$5.4 billion in global sales in 2020 across all channels. We believe we benefit from global brand awareness, a wide and compelling product assortment and a powerful, deep connection with our customers.

Our 867 North American stores as of May 1, 2021 represent the majority of our business and, despite the impact of the global coronavirus pandemic (“COVID-19”), our North American stores business generated approximately 50% of our revenue in 2020. In addition to our physical stores, our customer-centric digital platform – including our social media following, our websites and our mobile applications – allows us to connect to our customers and communicate with them anytime and anywhere. Sales in our direct channel increased 31% to \$2.2 billion in 2020 from \$1.7 billion in 2019. We and our partners operated 520 stores outside of North America as of May 1, 2021, including 62 company-operated stores in Greater China and 458 stores internationally outside of China, which are operated by partners under franchise, license, wholesale and joint venture arrangements.

Our brands operate across several categories and appeal to a broad and inclusive customer base. We are focused on maintaining our reputation for beautiful products known for comfort, quality and fit, while also expanding our assortment and size range to broaden our customer offering. We target global markets across demographic and economic spectrums. We leverage our brands, as well as our expertise in product design and innovation, to create merchandise women love and marketing campaigns that resonate. We are focused on aligning our brand positioning, product assortment and values to those of our customers. We believe our global brand awareness creates a platform for us to further strengthen our brands, enhance customer loyalty and grow our customer base.

Although recent performance has improved significantly, we experienced challenging business results in 2019 and 2020. In 2019, net sales decreased 7% and our gross profit decreased 23% compared to the prior year period as our merchandise and brand positioning failed to resonate with our customers. In 2019, we recognized a net loss of \$897 million which included a \$720 million charge related to the impairment of goodwill. In 2020, our business operations and financial performance were materially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All of our stores in North America were closed on March 17, 2020, but we were able to re-open the majority of our

stores as of the beginning of the third quarter of 2020. Although sales in our direct channel grew 31% in 2020, the closure of, and restrictions in operating, our stores led to a decrease in net sales of 28% in 2020, and a decrease in gross profit of 24%, each compared to the prior year period, and a net loss of \$72 million.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to improve business performance, we launched a profit improvement plan beginning in the third quarter of 2020. We began to see performance improve in the third and fourth quarter of 2020 and, most recently, we reported net income of \$174 million for the first quarter of 2021.

Our highly experienced management team is executing our strategy to continue to improve the performance and profitability of the business and we believe there are opportunities for further improvement, which will be driven by delivering a best-in-class product, brand and retail experience to our customers.

VS is headquartered in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Following the Separation, we will become an independent, publicly traded company led by a highly experienced management team fully dedicated to leveraging our capabilities and driving our strategic initiatives. We will also have increased flexibility to deploy our free cash flow towards our operating and capital allocation priorities. We anticipate having \$1.0 billion in principal aggregate amount of indebtedness upon completion of the Separation, consisting of a \$400 million term loan facility and \$600 million of senior notes, the proceeds of which we intend to use to make a payment to LB as part of the Restructuring (the “LB Cash Payment”) and to pay related fees and expenses. We also expect to establish a \$750 million asset-based revolving facility, which is expected to be undrawn at the Separation. See “The Separation—Incurrence of Debt” and “Description of Material Indebtedness.” We will trade under the ticker symbol “VSCO” on the NYSE.

### **Our Competitive Strengths**

#### ***Two Category-Defining Brands with Global Brand Awareness and Resonance.***

Both the Victoria’s Secret and PINK brands have a strong global presence and awareness among consumers, which we believe provides us with a competitive advantage. We estimate Victoria’s Secret’s overall U.S. brand awareness as 87% and PINK’s overall U.S. brand awareness as 86% based on a company-sponsored marketing study. While our history runs deep as a dominant player in intimates, our brands also provide compelling offerings in fragrance, beauty, apparel, loungewear, sleepwear, athletic attire and swimwear. We believe our recent and decisive actions to evolve our positioning and promote inclusivity and diversity will allow us to attract new customers while also deepening our connection with existing ones. For example, on June 16, 2021, we announced the creation of two new partnerships, The VS Collective and The Victoria’s Secret Global Fund for Women’s Cancers, as we continue our evolution to inspire women with products, experiences and initiatives that champion them and support their journey. Through social, cultural and business relationships, The VS Collective is expected to work to create new associate programs, revolutionary product collections, compelling and inspiring content, and rally support for causes vital to women. The Victoria’s Secret Global Fund for Women’s Cancers is expected to fund innovative research projects aimed at progressing treatments and cures for women’s cancers and investing in the next generation of women scientists who represent the diverse population they serve. We are focused on fueling our customer’s desire to be herself by empowering her with products that not only offer her comfort and style, but also allow her to celebrate and express her true self.

#### ***Global Scale at Retail.***

We believe VS has significant scale and strength in reaching its consumer base. Our vast reach is evidenced by our leading market position in the U.S. intimates category, with meaningful market share based on a 2020 company-sponsored marketing study. The number of our North American active customers (which we define as customers who have purchased from us in the last twelve months) totaled 27 million as of May 2021, 25 million in 2020 and 32 million in each of 2019 and 2018. Additionally, as of May 2021, we had over 69 million Victoria’s Secret and approximately 8 million PINK Instagram followers, approximately 6.3 million active Victoria’s Secret Credit Card holders and approximately 5.5 million active members of PINK’s loyalty program, PINK Nation. We interact with our customers through three powerful distribution channels:

- **Digital.** Our large and growing digital business allows for an interconnected customer experience across our brands and platforms. We deliver a differentiated digital experience through seamless and personalized touchpoints. Importantly, we are focused on developing our social media platforms and websites, applications with personalized digital marketing campaigns, advanced omni-channel offerings

and improved store and website inventory connectivity. Our digital connection to consumers is evidenced by the fact that approximately 15 million consumers as of May 1, 2021, or approximately 60% of our customer base, purchased from our digital channel in the last twelve months.

- **North American Stores.** Our retail footprint in North America, as of May 1, 2021, spans the U.S. and Canada with 867 stores, representing a combined 6.0 million square feet of selling space. Our North American stores channel creates an immersive environment for customers to experience our brands and try new products. Our sales associates and store managers are central in creating an engaging and compelling store experience by providing a high level of customer service. Although traffic levels were challenged in the first quarter of 2021 and in 2020 due to the pandemic, our improved assortment and focus on store selling initiatives drove increases in conversion (which we define as the percentage of customers who visit our stores who make a purchase) and average unit retail (which we define as the average price per unit purchased) compared to 2019.
- **International.** We have a significant international footprint with 520 international stores and 26 international digital sites as of May 1, 2021. We believe we have meaningful opportunity to grow through new Victoria's Secret Beauty and Accessories and full assortment stores, new digital sites and new geographies. Victoria's Secret Beauty and Accessories stores represent smaller footprint stores including stores in airports and other travel retail locations, which enable significant global exposure. Our international stores span the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, in addition to the strong digital component of our international business.

#### ***Agile and Highly Responsive Supply Chain and Sourcing Capabilities.***

Our sourcing and production function has a long and deep presence in key sourcing markets including those in the U.S. and Asia. Our intimates and apparel categories are supported by an internationally outsourced platform, primarily in Asia, which has consistently provided rapid speed to market, high quality and innovative products and an efficient cost base. Meanwhile, our beauty platform is largely centered in Ohio, where a number of our suppliers are located, boasting innovation and agile manufacturing. We have thoughtfully designed our supply chain around three key principles: speed-to-market, quality and cost efficiency.

The current environment requires unprecedented agility, and we are leveraging the speed that we have in our supply chain, our close partnerships with suppliers and the capabilities of our sourcing, production and logistics teams to actively manage our inventory and adjust for channel shifts across our business. We have focused on speed to market and believe our lead times are amongst the shortest in the industry, allowing us to read and react to customer preferences. As an example, we have worked with our suppliers to develop an "instant panty" program that allows us to go from order to product in stores within two weeks. The agility within our supply chain provides us with flexibility to quickly re-order strong sellers as we seek to maximize our sales and merchandise margin rate opportunities.

Our strong relationships with our suppliers have allowed us to manufacture our products with cost efficiency without sacrificing quality. We have approximately 200 vendors across product categories as of January 30, 2021. Our global supply base and flexibility are key competitive advantages and allow us to provide a broad product range, innovation and assortment to our customers.

#### ***Highly-Talented Management Team with Deep Industry Experience.***

We put an emphasis on ensuring a strong and impactful team is in place to direct the business towards growth and reach its potential at this crucial inflection point. The Company is led by Martin Waters, our Chief Executive Officer, who has deep knowledge of the VS brand from his involvement in our business since 2008. Additionally, Amy Hauk, Chief Executive Officer of PINK and Greg Unis, Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret Beauty, are experienced and talented retail leaders. Amy Hauk joined LB in 2008 and has served as Chief Executive Officer of PINK since 2018. Greg Unis joined the Company as Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret Beauty in 2016. The management team is highly collaborative across brands as well as channels, with each channel (Digital, North American Stores and International) also supported by well qualified leaders.

## **Our Strategies**

### ***Continue to Drive Penetration and Growth in our Digital Channel.***

Investing in our digital channel continues to be a key priority and we believe that our global brands and our scaled retail footprint in North America is a unique platform to continue to grow our digital business. Omni-channel initiatives, including buy online pick-up in store, and an increased focus on mobile and application interactions will continue to provide flexibility and convenience to our customers. Our shopping and services initiatives will continue to modernize the customer's digital shopping experience through features like digital selling guides, virtual try-on, digital appointments, improved checkout performance and alternative payment options. Further, with our customer at the core of our strategy, we are also increasing the personalization of our digital platforms through site experience and marketing designed for our customer. Our ongoing digital investments all help to create a seamless shopping experience between online and offline and bolster our leadership in the digital channel. In addition, we are scaling the distribution capacity of our digital business in order to support our growth and our omni-channel offerings. These strategies are aimed at increasing our digital channel mix and driving margin accretion.

### ***Expand our International Business.***

Growing our international business is a key strategy. We plan to drive strong comparable sales growth in franchise stores through continued improved product offerings and adjusting assortments to better reflect local preferences. We plan to increase our international store count, enabled by a new store design, lower costs and flexible store formats, which provide a pathway to profitable growth. Additionally, we expect to continue investing in and growing the digital components of our international business, including through country-specific web platforms tailored to local languages and preferences and through additional regional expansion. We believe our recent joint venture partnership with Next PLC ("Next") in the United Kingdom ("U.K.") will allow us leverage growth through the already existing and impressive Next digital presence. We also anticipate additional opportunities for growth in our travel retail channel as global travel begins to normalize following the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ***Continue Optimizing Customer Experience through Elevated and Profitable Company-Operated Stores.***

We believe we can further optimize our existing base of stores within North America to continue to deliver an elevated retail experience and to meet our customer's evolving channel preferences. We believe our stores channel is important to engaging with existing and new customers and, accordingly, see it as a key part of our strategy. We are investing in our stores through refreshing existing stores and working towards a store of the future that will include smaller, more flexible space with a unique dual-brand layout to meet the needs of our customer and accommodate shifting consumer preferences for omni-channel shopping. We also continue to focus on appropriate space allocation within the store and right-sizing the overall size of the North American stores which we believe will lead to sales transference to other stores and our digital channel. In addition to our initiatives related to our physical stores, we plan to continue to invest in store talent and labor optimization. These initiatives are designed to increase productivity in our stores measured through improved sales per selling square foot, as well as overall store profitability.

### ***Invest in our Brands and our Business to Drive Growth.***

In addition to the strategies outlined above, we continue to make significant investments in our iconic brands, our physical and digital business channels and our organizational capabilities in order to support the continued growth of our business. We believe our success is significantly enabled by frequent and innovative product launches, which include bra launches at Victoria's Secret Lingerie and PINK and new fragrances at Victoria's Secret Beauty. We are making targeted investments in technology to maintain our high digital penetration and to expand the omni-channel offering for our customers. We are also increasing our distribution capacity and efficiency in order to make decisions close to market, deliver orders to customers more quickly and provide the best and widest assortment across product categories and sizes across all channels. Our management team is committed to a diverse and inclusive corporate culture and we are building a world class team to support the execution of our growth strategies.

### ***Recent Actions to Enable our Go-Forward Strategy.***

Beginning in the third quarter of 2020, we launched a profit improvement plan to enable the go-forward strategy of the business and reduce costs. We focused on four main strategic actions which have delivered improved operating income:

- ***Merchandise Margin Rate Expansion.*** With improved assortment and disciplined inventory management, we drove a significant increase in our merchandise margin rate in the first quarter of 2021 and in 2020, resulting from a pullback in promotions and a shift to more full-priced selling.
- ***Improved Store Performance.*** Key initiatives in North American stores include simplified execution through the permanent closure of 241 stores in 2020, store labor optimization through an enhanced labor model, fewer floorset moves and a rightsizing of store leadership models, resulting in a decrease in store selling costs.
- ***International Restructuring.*** Through 2020, we took actions to improve performance in our international business, primarily in the United Kingdom, Ireland and China. We transitioned our U.K. and Ireland business to a joint venture with a native U.K. retail business, Next. Partnering with Next allows us to not only leverage our existing scale and capabilities, but also build upon Next's digital platform. In China, we closed our Hong Kong flagship store, renegotiated our leases for key street locations and reduced overhead in our home office. We also made digital growth in international markets a priority. Through the first quarter of 2021, we grew our digital footprint with additional web and social commerce sites to a total of 26 as of May 1, 2021, across partner and company owned operations.
- ***Reorganized Corporate Office.*** In 2020, we performed an organizational review of the business to right-size and realign all major corporate functions to better support a standalone VS business. Home office headcount was reduced by approximately 25%. The goal of the restructuring was to create an effective, efficient and independent organizational structure to support a high performing business and culture.

### **The Separation**

On May 11, 2021, LB announced a plan to distribute to LB's stockholders all of the shares of common stock of a newly formed company, VS, that would hold the Spin Business. VS is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of LB and, at the time of the Distribution will hold, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, certain assets and liabilities associated with the Spin Business.

The Separation will be achieved through the transfer of certain assets and liabilities of the Spin Business to VS or its subsidiaries in the Restructuring and the distribution of 100% of the outstanding capital stock of VS pro rata to holders of LB common stock as of the close of business on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, the record date for the Distribution. At the effective time of the Distribution, LB stockholders will receive one share of VS common stock for every shares of LB common stock held on the record date. The Separation is expected to be completed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. Immediately following the Separation, LB stockholders as of the record date for the Distribution will own 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of VS.

Before the Distribution, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other ancillary agreements with LB to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationship with LB after the Separation. These agreements will provide for the allocation between VS and LB of LB's assets, liabilities and obligations (including with respect to employee matters, intellectual property matters, tax matters, domestic transportation services matters, and certain other matters). VS and LB will also enter into a L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement and a VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement, which will provide for LB to provide to VS, and VS to provide to LB, respectively, on a transitional basis, certain services or functions that the companies historically have shared, and one or more commercial agreements relating to the ownership, management, maintenance, support, and use of certain shared aircraft, the provision of campus security and emergency operations services by VS to LB, the provision of domestic transportation services by LB to VS, the lease of space in one of LB's distribution centers to VS and the use of certain of LB's formulas relating to certain candle bases and fragrances by VS.

The LB Board of Directors believes separating the Spin Business from LB's other businesses is in the best interests of LB and its stockholders and has concluded the Separation will provide LB and VS with a number of potential opportunities and benefits, including the following:

- **Strategic and Management Focus.** Permit the management team of each company to focus on its own strategic priorities with financial targets that best fit its own business and opportunities. We believe the Separation will enable each company's management team to better position its businesses to capitalize on developing macroeconomic trends, increase managerial focus to pursue its individual strategies and leverage its key strengths to drive performance. The management of each resulting company will be able to concentrate on its core competencies and growth opportunities and will have increased flexibility and speed to design and implement strategies based on the characteristics of its business.
- **Resource Allocation and Capital Deployment.** Allow each company to allocate resources, incentivize employees and deploy capital to capture the significant long-term opportunities in their respective markets. The Separation will enable each company's management team to implement a capital structure, dividend policy and growth strategy tailored to each unique business. Both businesses are expected to have direct access to the debt and equity capital markets to fund their respective growth strategies.
- **Investor Choice.** Provide investors, both current and prospective, with the ability to value the two companies based on their distinct business characteristics and make more targeted investment decisions based on those characteristics. Separating the two businesses will provide investors with a more targeted investment opportunity so that investors interested in our business will have the opportunity to acquire stock of VS.
- **Employee Incentives and Retention.** Enable each company to better incentivize, attract, and retain key employees through the use of equity compensation. Separating the two businesses will allow each company to design stock option and similar programs that better incentivize management to enhance business performance because the stock price performance of each company will be based on the performance of its own business.

While a number of potential costs and risks were also considered, including, among others, risks relating to the creation of a new public company, such as increased costs from operating as a separate public company, the risk of volatility in our stock price immediately following the Distribution due to sales by LB's stockholders whose investment objectives may not be met by our common stock, the time it may take for us to attract our optimal stockholder base, potential disruptions to each business, the loss of synergies, scale and joint purchasing power, increased administrative costs, one-time separation costs, the fact that each company will be less diversified following the Separation, and the potential inability to realize the anticipated benefits of the Separation, it was nevertheless determined that the potential benefits of the Separation outweighed the potential costs and risks in connection therewith and provided the best opportunity to achieve the above benefits and enhance stockholder value.

The distribution of our common stock as described in this information statement is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions. For more information, see "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to the Separation" and "The Separation—Conditions to the Distribution" included elsewhere in this information statement.

### Corporate Information

VS was incorporated in Delaware on April 9, 2021. VS does not currently have any operations, has no assets and is not expected to conduct any operations until the completion of the Restructuring on or prior to the Distribution Date, pursuant to which certain assets related to the Spin Business will be contributed to and certain liabilities related to the Spin Business will be assumed by VS in accordance with the Separation and Distribution Agreement and other agreements entered into in connection with the Separation. Our principal executive offices are located at 4 Limited Parkway East, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 and our telephone number is 614-577-7000. Our Internet site will be victoriassecretandco.com. Our website and the information contained therein or connected thereto is not incorporated into this information statement or the registration statement of which it forms a part.



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE SEPARATION

***Please see “The Separation” for a more detailed description of the matters summarized below.***

**Q:** *Why am I receiving this document?*

**A:** You are receiving this document because you are a holder of shares of LB common stock on the record date for the Distribution and, as such, will be entitled to receive shares of VS common stock upon completion of the transactions described in this information statement. We are sending you this document to inform you about the Separation and to provide you with information about VS and its business and operations upon completion of the Separation.

**Q:** *What do I have to do to participate in the Separation?*

**A:** Nothing. You will not be required to pay any cash or deliver any other consideration in order to receive the shares of VS common stock that you will be entitled to receive upon completion of the Separation. In addition, no stockholder approval will be required for the Separation and therefore you are not being asked to provide a proxy with respect to any of your shares of LB common stock in connection with the Separation and you should not send us a proxy. The Distribution will not affect the number of outstanding shares of LB common stock or any rights of LB stockholders.

**Q:** *Why is LB separating the Spin Business from its other businesses?*

**A:** The LB Board of Directors believes separating our business from LB’s other businesses will provide both companies with a number of potential opportunities and benefits, such as enabling (1) the management team of each company to focus on its own strategic priorities with financial targets that best fit its own business and opportunities; (2) each company to allocate resources and deploy capital in a manner consistent with its own priorities; (3) investors, both current and prospective, to value the two companies based on their distinct business characteristics and make more targeted investment decisions based on those characteristics; and (4) each company to better incentivize, attract, and retain key employees through the use of equity compensation.

**Q:** *What is VS?*

**A:** VS is a newly formed Delaware corporation that will hold the Spin Business, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, and be publicly traded following the Separation.

**Q:** *How will LB accomplish the Separation of VS?*

**A:** The Separation involves the Restructuring (i.e., the transfer of certain assets and liabilities related to the Spin Business to VS or its subsidiaries) and the Distribution (i.e., LB’s distribution to its stockholders of all the shares of VS’s common stock). Following this Restructuring and Distribution, VS will be a publicly traded company independent from LB, and LB will not retain any ownership interest in VS.

**Q:** *What will I receive in the Distribution?*

**A:** At the effective time of the Distribution, you will be entitled to receive one share of VS common stock for every        shares of LB common stock held by you on the record date.

**Q:** *How does my ownership in LB change as a result of the Separation?*

**A:** Your ownership of LB stock will not be affected by the Separation.

**Q:** *What is the record date for the Distribution?*

**A:** The record date for the Distribution is        , 2021, and ownership will be determined as of the close of business on that date. When we refer to the record date in this information statement, we are referring to that time and date.



*Q: When will the Distribution occur?*

A: The Distribution is expected to occur on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

*Q: As a holder of shares of LB common stock as of the record date for the Distribution, how will shares of VS be distributed to me?*

A: At the effective time, we will instruct our transfer agent and distribution agent to make book-entry credits for the shares of VS common stock that you are entitled to receive. Since shares of VS common stock will be in uncertificated book-entry form, you will receive share ownership statements (and will not receive any physical share certificates).

*Q: What if I hold my shares through a broker, bank or other nominee?*

A: LB stockholders who hold their shares through a broker, bank or other nominee will have their brokerage account credited with VS common stock. For additional information, those stockholders should contact their broker or bank directly.

*Q: Why is no LB stockholder vote required to approve the Separation and its material terms?*

A: LB is incorporated in Delaware. Delaware law does not require a stockholder vote to approve the Separation because the Separation does not constitute a sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the assets of LB.

*Q: How will fractional shares be treated in the Distribution?*

A: You will not receive fractional shares of VS common stock in the Distribution. The distribution agent will aggregate and sell on the open market the fractional shares of VS common stock that would otherwise be issued in the Distribution, and if you would otherwise be entitled to receive a fractional share of VS common stock in connection with the Distribution, you will instead receive the net cash proceeds of the sale attributable to such fractional share.

*Q: What are the U.S. federal income tax consequences to me of the Distribution?*

A: A condition to the closing of the Separation is LB's receipt of an opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, to the effect that the Distribution will qualify under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), as a transaction that is generally tax-free to LB and to its stockholders. On the basis that the Distribution so qualifies, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, you will not recognize any gain or loss, and no amount will be included in your income in connection with the Distribution, except with respect to any cash received in lieu of fractional shares. You should review the section entitled "The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution" for a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Distribution.

*Q: How will I determine the tax basis I will have in my LB shares after the Distribution and the VS shares I receive in the Distribution?*

A: Generally, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, your aggregate basis in your shares of LB common stock and the shares of VS common stock you receive in the Distribution (including any fractional shares for which cash is received) will equal the aggregate basis of LB common stock held by you immediately before the Distribution. This aggregate basis will be allocated between your shares of LB common stock and the shares of VS common stock you receive in the Distribution (including any fractional shares for which cash is received) in proportion to the relative fair market value of each immediately following the Distribution. See "The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution."

*Q: How will LB's common stock and VS's common stock trade after the Separation?*

A: There is currently no public market for VS common stock. VS's shares of common stock will be listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "VSCO." LB common stock will continue to trade on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "LB."

- Q: If I sell my shares of LB common stock before or on the Distribution Date, will I still be entitled to receive VS shares in the Distribution with respect to the sold shares?*
- A:* Beginning on or shortly before the record date and continuing up to and including the Distribution Date, we expect there will be two markets in LB common stock: a “regular-way” market and an “ex-distribution” market. Shares of LB common stock that trade on the “regular-way” market will trade with an entitlement to receive shares of our common stock to be distributed in the Distribution. Shares that trade on the “ex-distribution” market will trade without an entitlement to receive shares of our common stock to be distributed in the Distribution, so that holders who initially sell LB shares ex-distribution will still be entitled to receive shares of VS common stock even though they have sold their shares of LB common stock before the Distribution, because the LB shares were sold after the record date. Therefore, if you owned shares of LB common stock on the record date and sell those shares on the “regular-way” market before the Distribution Date, you will also be selling the right to receive the shares of our common stock that would have been distributed to you in the Distribution. If you own shares of LB common stock as of the close of business on the record date and sell these shares in the “ex-distribution” market on any date up to and including the Distribution Date, you will still receive the shares of our common stock that you would be entitled to receive in respect of your ownership of the shares of LB common stock that you sold. You are encouraged to consult with your financial advisor regarding the specific implications of selling your LB common stock prior to or on the Distribution Date.
- Q: Will I receive a stock certificate for VS shares distributed as a result of the Distribution?*
- A:* No. Registered holders of LB common stock who are entitled to participate in the Distribution will receive a book-entry account statement reflecting their ownership of VS common stock. For additional information, registered stockholders in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico should contact LB’s transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC (“AST”), in writing at C/O: Shareholder Services, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, Toll Free at 1-877-248-6417 or through its website at [www.astfinancial.com](http://www.astfinancial.com). Stockholders from outside the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico may call 1-718-921-8317. See “The Separation—When and How You Will Receive the Distribution of VS Shares.”
- Q: Can LB decide to cancel the Distribution of the VS common stock even if all the conditions have been met?*
- A:* Yes. The LB Board of Directors has the right to terminate, or modify the terms of, the Separation at any time prior to the Distribution, even if all of the conditions to the Distribution are satisfied.
- Q: Do I have appraisal rights?*
- A:* No, LB stockholders do not have any appraisal rights in connection with the Separation.
- Q: Will VS incur any debt in connection with the Separation?*
- A:* Yes. We anticipate having \$1.0 billion in principal aggregate amount of indebtedness upon completion of the Separation, consisting of a \$400 million term loan facility and \$600 million of senior notes, the proceeds of which we intend to use to make the LB Cash Payment and to pay related fees and expenses. We also expect to establish a \$750 million asset-based revolving facility, which is expected to be undrawn at the Separation. See “The Separation—Incurrence of Debt” and “Description of Material Indebtedness.”
- Following the Separation, our debt obligations could restrict our business and may adversely impact our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, the Separation may increase the overall cost of debt funding and decrease the overall debt capacity and commercial credit available to the businesses collectively. Also, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be harmed by a deterioration of our credit profile or by factors adversely affecting the credit markets generally. See “Risk Factors—Risks Relating to the Separation.”
- Q: Does VS intend to pay cash dividends?*
- A:* We do not currently intend to pay any cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings to fund the development and expansion of our business. The declaration and amount of any dividends to holders of our common stock will be at the

discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon many factors, including our financial condition, earnings, cash flows, capital requirements of our business, covenants associated with our debt obligations, legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice and any other factors the Board of Directors deems relevant. See “Dividend Policy.”

*Q: Will the Separation affect the trading price of my LB stock?*

A: Yes. The trading price of shares of LB common stock immediately following the Distribution is expected to be lower than immediately prior to the Distribution because the trading price will no longer reflect the value of the Spin Business. We cannot provide you with any assurance regarding the price at which the LB shares will trade following the Separation.

*Q: What will happen to outstanding LB equity compensation awards?*

A: In connection with the Separation, outstanding LB equity awards will generally be equitably adjusted in a manner that is intended to preserve the aggregate intrinsic value of such awards as of immediately before and after the Distribution.

Specifically, we intend that, in connection with the Separation, (i) outstanding LB equity awards held by individuals who will continue to be employed by or provide services to LB as well as former VS employees will be equitably adjusted to reflect the difference in the value of LB common stock before and after the Distribution in a manner that is intended to preserve the overall intrinsic value of the awards by taking into account the relative value of LB common stock before and after the Distribution, and (ii) outstanding LB equity awards held by individuals who are then-currently employed by or otherwise providing services to VS, or whose employment or engagement will be transferred to VS in connection with and prior to the Separation, will be converted into equity awards that will be settled in shares of VS common stock in a manner intended to equitably preserve the overall intrinsic value of the converted equity awards by taking into account the relative value of LB common stock before the Distribution and the value of VS common stock after the Distribution.

For additional details, see “Treatment of Outstanding Equity Compensation Awards.”

*Q: What will the relationship between LB and VS be following the Separation?*

A: After the Separation, LB will not own any shares of VS common stock, and each of LB and VS will be independent, publicly traded companies with their own management teams and boards of directors. However, in connection with the Separation, we will enter into a number of agreements with LB that, among other things, govern the Separation and certain transitional services and other commercial arrangements and allocate responsibilities for obligations arising before and after the Separation, including, among others, obligations relating to transition services, employee matters, tax matters and certain commercial arrangements. See “The Separation—Agreements with LB.”

*Q: Who is the transfer agent for VS common stock?*

A: AST will be the transfer agent for VS common stock. AST’s mailing address is C/O: Shareholder Services, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, United States and AST’s phone number for stockholders in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico is Toll Free 1-877-248-6417 and for stockholders from outside the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico is 1-718-921-8317.

*Q: Who is the distribution agent for the Distribution?*

A: American Stock Transfer, or AST.

Q: *Who can I contact for more information?*

A: If you have questions relating to the mechanics of the Distribution, you should contact the distribution agent:

American Stock Transfer  
C/O: Shareholder Services  
6201 15th Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11219  
United States  
Toll Free: 1-877-248-6417  
International: 1-718-921-8317

Before the Separation, if you have questions relating to the transactions described herein, you should contact LB at:

Amie Preston  
L Brands, Inc.  
Three Limited Parkway  
Columbus, Ohio 43230  
1-614-415-6704

After the Separation, if you have questions relating to the transactions described herein, you should contact VS at:

Jason Ware  
Victoria's Secret & Co.  
4 Limited Parkway East  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068  
1-614-577-7000

## SUMMARY OF THE SEPARATION

The following is a summary of the material terms of the Separation, including the Restructuring, the Distribution and certain other related transactions.

<b>Distributing Company</b>	L Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation. After the Distribution, LB will not own any shares of VS common stock.
<b>Distributed Company</b>	Victoria's Secret & Co., a Delaware corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of LB and, at the time of the Distribution, will hold, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, certain assets and liabilities of the Spin Business. After the Distribution, VS will be an independent, publicly traded company.
<b>Distributed Company Structure</b>	VS is a holding company. At the time of the Distribution, it will own the shares of a number of subsidiaries operating the Spin Business.
<b>Record Date</b>	The record date for the Distribution is on the close of business on                      , 2021
<b>Distribution Date</b>	The Distribution Date is                      , 2021.
<b>Distributed Securities</b>	LB will distribute 100% of the shares of VS common stock outstanding immediately prior to the Distribution. Based on the approximately                      shares of LB common stock outstanding on                      , 2021, and applying the distribution ratio of one share of VS common stock for every                      shares of LB common stock, LB will distribute approximately                      shares of VS common stock to LB stockholders who hold LB common stock as of the record date.
<b>Distribution Ratio</b>	Each holder of LB common stock will receive one share of VS common stock for every                      shares of LB common stock held as of the close of business on                      , 2021.
<b>Fractional Shares</b>	LB will not distribute any fractional shares of VS common stock to LB stockholders. Instead, as soon as practicable on or after the Distribution Date, the distribution agent will aggregate fractional shares into whole shares, sell the whole shares in the open market at prevailing prices and distribute the net cash proceeds, net of brokerage fees and commissions, transfer taxes and other costs and after making appropriate deductions of the amounts required to be withheld for U.S. federal income tax purposes, if any, from the sales pro rata to each holder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share in the Distribution. The distribution agent will determine when, how, through which broker-dealers and at what prices to sell the aggregated fractional shares. Recipients of cash in lieu of fractional shares will not be entitled to any minimum sale price for the fractional shares or to any interest on the amounts of payments made in lieu of fractional shares. The receipt of cash in lieu of fractional shares generally will be

	<p>taxable to the recipient stockholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes as described in “The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution.”</p> <p><b>Distribution Method</b></p> <p>VS common stock will be issued only by direct registration in book-entry form. Registration in book-entry form is a method of recording stock ownership when no physical paper share certificates are issued to stockholders, as is the case in this Distribution.</p> <p><b>Conditions to the Distribution</b></p> <p>The Distribution is subject to the satisfaction or waiver by LB of the following conditions, as well as other conditions described in this information statement in “The Separation—Conditions to the Distribution”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEC will have declared effective our registration statement on Form 10, of which this information statement is a part, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), no stop order suspending the effectiveness of our registration statement on Form 10 will be in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose will have been instituted or threatened by the SEC, and this information statement, or a notice of Internet availability thereof, will have been mailed to the holders of LB common stock as of the record date for the Distribution;</li> <li>• Our common stock to be delivered in the Distribution will have been approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance;</li> <li>• LB shall have received the opinion of Davis Polk &amp; Wardwell LLP to the effect that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Distribution, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a generally tax-free “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a generally tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code, and the distribution by LB of the proceeds from the LB Cash Payment to its creditors in retirement of outstanding LB indebtedness or to LB stockholders in repurchase of, or distribution with respect to, shares of LB common stock, should qualify as money distributed to LB creditors or stockholders in connection with the reorganization for purposes of Section 361(b) of the Code;</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any material governmental approvals and consents and any material permits, registrations and consents from third parties, in each case, necessary to effect the Distribution, shall have been obtained; and</li> <li>No event or development will have occurred or exist that, in the judgment of the LB Board of Directors, in its sole and absolute discretion, makes it inadvisable to effect the Separation or other transactions contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement or by any of the ancillary agreements contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement.</li> </ul> <p>We cannot assure you that all of the conditions will be satisfied or waived. The fulfillment of the conditions to the Distribution will not create any obligations on LB's part to effect the Separation, and the LB Board of Directors has reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to abandon, modify or change the terms of the Separation, including by accelerating or delaying the timing of the consummation of all or part of the Distribution, at any time prior to the Distribution Date.</p>
<b>Stock Exchange Listing</b>	<p>We have been approved to have our shares of common stock listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "VSCO," subject to official notice of issuance.</p>
<b>Dividend Policy</b>	<p>We do not currently intend to pay any cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings to fund the development and expansion of our business. The declaration and amount of any dividends to holders of our common stock will be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon many factors, including our financial condition, earnings, cash flows, capital requirements of our business, covenants associated with our debt obligations, legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice and any other factors the Board of Directors deems relevant. For more information, see "Dividend Policy."</p>
<b>Transfer Agent</b>	<p>American Stock Transfer.</p>
<b>U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences</b>	<p>A condition to the closing of the Separation is LB's receipt of the opinion of Davis Polk &amp; Wardwell LLP to the effect that the Distribution will qualify under the Code as a transaction that is generally tax-free to LB and to its stockholders. You should review the section entitled "The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution" for a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Distribution.</p>

## SUMMARY RISK FACTORS

We are subject to a number of risks, including risks related to the Separation, including the Restructuring and the Distribution, and other related transactions. The following list of risk factors is not exhaustive. Please read “Risk Factors” carefully for a more thorough description of these and other risks.

### Risks Relating to the Separation

- We may not realize the anticipated benefits from the Separation, and the Separation could harm our business.
- We have no history of operating as an independent company, and our historical combined and unaudited pro forma financial information is not necessarily representative of the results that we would have achieved as an independent, publicly traded company and may not be a reliable indicator of our future results.
- We will incur significant costs to create the infrastructure necessary to operate as an independent public company, and may experience operational disruptions in connection with the Separation.
- Until the Distribution occurs, the LB Board of Directors has sole discretion to change the terms of the Separation in ways that may be unfavorable to us.
- Following the Separation, we will have debt obligations that could restrict our business and adversely impact our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. In addition, the separation of our business from LB may increase the overall cost of debt funding and decrease the overall debt capacity and commercial credit available to us.

### Risks Relating to Our Business

- Our net sales, profit results and cash flows are sensitive to, and may be affected by, general economic conditions, consumer confidence, spending patterns, significant health hazards or pandemics, weather or other market disruptions.
- The COVID-19 global pandemic has had and is expected to continue to have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.
- We have incurred operating losses in the past and we cannot assure you that we will be able to generate sufficient revenue to sustain profitability in the future.
- Our net sales, operating income, cash and inventory levels fluctuate on a seasonal basis.
- Turnover in company leadership or other key positions may have an adverse impact on company performance.
- We may be impacted by our ability to attract, develop and retain qualified associates and manage labor-related costs.
- Our net sales depend on a volume of traffic to our stores and the availability of suitable lease space.
- Our ability to grow depends in part on new store openings and existing store remodels and expansions.
- Our international operations and our plans for international expansion include risks that could impact our results and reputation.
- Our direct channel business includes risks that could have an effect on our results.
- Our ability to protect our reputation could have a material effect on our brand images.
- If our marketing, advertising and promotional programs are unsuccessful, or if our competitors are more effective with their programs than we are, our revenue or results of operations may be adversely affected.
- Our ability to adequately maintain, enforce and protect our trade names, trademarks and patents could have an impact on our brand images and ability to penetrate new markets.



- Our ability to compete favorably in our highly competitive segment of the retail industry could impact our results.
- Our ability to manage the life cycle of our brands and to remain current with fashion trends and launch new product lines successfully could impact the image and relevance of our brands.
- We may be impacted by our ability to adequately source, distribute and sell merchandise and other materials on a global basis.
- We rely on a number of vendor and distribution facilities located in the same vicinity, making our business susceptible to local and regional disruptions or adverse conditions.
- We may be impacted by our vendors' ability to manufacture and deliver products in a timely manner, meet quality standards and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
- We significantly rely on our and our third-party service providers' ability to implement and sustain information technology systems and to protect associated data and system availability.
- Any significant compromise or breach of our data security, including the security of customer, associate, third-party or company information, could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.
- Shareholder activism could cause us to incur significant expense, hinder execution of our business strategy and impact our stock price.
- Changes in laws, regulations or technology platform rules relating to data privacy and security, or any actual or perceived failure by us to comply with such laws and regulations, or contractual or other obligations relating to data privacy and security, could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.
- We may be adversely impacted by certain compliance or legal matters and changes in taxation, trade and other regulatory requirements.

**Risks Relating to Our Common Stock**

- Because there has not been any public market for our common stock, the market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the initial market price of our common stock following the Separation.
- A large number of our shares are or will be eligible for future sale, which may cause the market price of our common stock to decline.
- Because our common stock may not be included in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and it may not be included in other stock indices, significant amounts of our common stock will likely need to be sold in the open market where there may not be offsetting demand.
- Provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and certain provisions of Delaware law could delay or prevent a change in control of VS.
- Your percentage ownership in VS may be diluted in the future.

## RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider each of the following risks and all of the other information contained in this information statement. Some of these risks relate principally to the Separation, while others relate principally to our business and the industry in which we operate or to the securities markets generally and ownership of our common stock. Our business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition or cash flows could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks, and, as a result, the trading price of our common stock could decline.

### Risks Relating to the Separation

***We may not realize the anticipated benefits from the Separation, and the Separation could harm our business.***

We may not be able to achieve the full strategic and financial benefits expected to result from the Separation, or such benefits may be delayed or not occur at all. The Separation is expected to enhance strategic and management focus, provide a distinct investment identity and allow us to efficiently allocate resources and deploy capital. We may not achieve these and other anticipated benefits for a variety of reasons, including, among others:

- The Separation will require significant amounts of management's time and effort, which may divert management's attention from operating and growing our business;
- Following the Separation, we may be more susceptible to economic downturns and other adverse events than if we were still a part of LB;
- Following the Separation, our business will be less diversified than LB's business prior to the Separation; our business will also experience a loss of scale and access to certain financial, managerial and professional resources from which we have benefited in the past; and
- The other actions required to separate the respective businesses could disrupt our operations.

If we fail to achieve some or all of the benefits expected to result from the Separation, or if such benefits are delayed, our business could be harmed.

***We have no history of operating as an independent company, and our historical combined and unaudited pro forma financial information is not necessarily representative of the results that we would have achieved as an independent, publicly traded company and may not be a reliable indicator of our future results.***

Our historical combined and unaudited pro forma combined financial information included in this information statement have been derived from LB's consolidated financial statements and accounting records and are not necessarily indicative of our future results of operations, financial condition or cash flows, nor do they reflect what our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows would have been as an independent public company during the periods presented. In particular, the historical combined financial information included in this information statement is not necessarily indicative of our future results of operations, financial condition or cash flows primarily because of the following factors:

- Prior to the Separation, the Spin Business has been operated by LB as part of its broader corporate organization, rather than as an independent company. LB or one of its affiliates provide support for various corporate functions for us, such as information technology, shared services, insurance, logistics, human resources, finance and internal audit. We will become a smaller, less diversified company as a result of the Separation;
- Our historical combined financial results reflect the direct, indirect and allocated costs for such services historically provided by LB, and these costs may significantly differ from the comparable expenses we would have incurred as an independent company;
- Our working capital requirements and capital expenditures historically have been satisfied as part of LB's corporate-wide cash management and centralized funding programs, and our cost of debt and other capital may significantly differ from that which is reflected in our historical combined financial statements;
- The historical combined financial information may not fully reflect the costs associated with the Separation, including the costs related to being an independent public company;

- Our historical combined financial information does not reflect our obligations under the various transitional and other agreements we will enter into with LB in connection with the Separation, though costs under such agreements are expected to be broadly similar to what was charged to the Spin Business in the past; and
- Currently, our business is integrated with that of LB and we benefit from LB's size and scale in costs, employees and vendor and customer relationships. Thus, costs we will incur as an independent company may significantly exceed comparable costs we would have incurred as part of LB and some of our vendor and customer relationships may be weakened or lost.

We based the pro forma adjustments included in this information statement on available information and assumptions that we believe are reasonable and factually supportable; actual results, however, may vary. In addition, our unaudited pro forma combined financial information included in this information statement may not give effect to various ongoing additional costs we may incur in connection with being an independent public company. Accordingly, our unaudited pro forma combined financial statements do not reflect what our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows would have been as an independent public company and are not necessarily indicative of our future financial condition or future results of operations.

Please refer to "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our historical combined financial statements and the notes to those statements included elsewhere in this information statement.

***We have historically operated within LB, and there are risks associated with the Separation.***

We have historically operated within LB and a number of aspects of our current relationship with LB will change as a result of the Separation. For example, some of our landlords, vendors or other contract counterparties may have contracted with us because we were part of LB, and we may have difficulty obtaining favorable terms in our leases and other contractual arrangements in the future as a result of the Separation. LB also currently provides guarantees for our benefit to third parties with respect to certain of our contractual obligations, including guarantees to landlords with respect to our obligations under certain leases. Following the Separation, we may not be able to obtain similar terms for new contracts, or renew existing contracts, without LB providing guarantees of our obligations under such contracts. In addition, pursuant to the Separation and Distribution Agreement, we are required to reimburse LB for any payments made by LB or any of its subsidiaries for any liabilities arising out of their obligations under these guarantees. Such payments are not subject to any cap and may be significant. These and other changes could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Furthermore, in connection with the Separation, we will enter into certain commercial arrangements with LB pursuant to which we and LB will continue to provide to each other, on an ongoing basis, certain functions and services that the companies have historically shared. See "The Separation—Agreements with LB—Commercial Arrangements." LB may not successfully execute its obligations to us under these arrangements, and any interruption in the functions or services that will be provided to us by LB following the Distribution could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. LB may also allege that we have failed to perform our obligations to LB under these arrangements, which may subject us to claims and liability. In addition, performing our obligations to LB under these commercial arrangements may also require significant time and resources, and may divert management's attention from the operation of the Spin Business.

***We will incur significant costs to create the infrastructure necessary to operate as an independent public company, and may experience operational disruptions in connection with the Separation.***

LB currently performs many important corporate functions for us, including information technology, shared services, insurance, logistics, human resources, finance and internal audit. The cost of these services has been allocated to us based on direct usage when identifiable or, when not directly identifiable, on the basis of proportional net revenues or other relevant metrics, as applicable. Following the Separation, LB will continue to provide some of these services to us on a transitional basis, generally for a period of up to two years, other than information technology services, which will be provided for a period of up to three years following the Distribution, pursuant to an L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement that we will enter into with LB. See "The Separation—Agreements with LB—L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement." LB may not

successfully execute all of these functions during the transition period or we may have to expend significant efforts or costs materially in excess of those estimated under the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement. Any interruption in these services could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In addition, at the end of this transition period, we will need to perform these functions ourselves or hire third parties to perform these functions on our behalf. The costs associated with performing or outsourcing these functions may exceed the amounts reflected in our historical combined financial statements that were incurred as a business segment of LB. We expect to incur costs beginning in the second quarter of 2021 to establish the necessary infrastructure and create the systems and services to replace many of the systems and services that LB currently provides to us. However, we may not be successful in implementing these systems and services in a timely manner or at all, and we may incur additional costs in connection with, or following, the implementation of these systems and services. A significant increase in the costs of performing or outsourcing these functions could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In addition, following the Separation, we will provide to LB, on a transitional basis, certain services or functions transferred to us in connection with the Separation that the companies have historically shared, generally for a period of up to two years following the Distribution, other than information technology services, which will be provided for a period of up to three years following the Distribution, pursuant to a VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement that we will enter into with LB. See “The Separation—Agreements with LB—VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement.” Performing our obligations under the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement may require significant time and resources, and may divert management’s attention from the operation of the Spin Business. LB may also allege that we have failed to perform our obligations to LB under the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement, which may subject us to claims and liability.

Furthermore, we may experience certain operational disruptions in connection with the Separation as we transition to operating as an independent public company, including information technology disruptions as certain data, software, information technology hardware and other information technology assets and systems are transitioned or re-allocated between us and LB, or as we implement new systems or upgrades in connection with such transition. In addition, the efforts related to the separation of the information technology environment will require significant resources that could impact our ability to keep pace with ongoing advancement of information technology needs of the business. Our ability to effectively manage and operate our business depends significantly on information technology systems, and any failure, disruption, interruption, malfunction or other issue with respect to such systems could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

***The obligations associated with being a public company will require significant resources and management attention.***

Currently, we are not directly subject to the reporting and other requirements of the Exchange Act. Following the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this information statement forms a part, we will be directly subject to such reporting and other obligations under the Exchange Act and the rules of the NYSE. As an independent public company, we will be required to, among other things:

- Prepare and distribute periodic reports, proxy statements and other stockholder communications in compliance with the federal securities laws and rules;
- Have our own Board of Directors and committees thereof, which comply with federal securities laws and rules;
- Maintain an internal audit function;
- Institute our own financial reporting and disclosure compliance functions;
- Establish an investor relations function;
- Establish internal policies, including those relating to trading in our securities and disclosure controls and procedures; and
- Comply with the rules and regulations implemented by the SEC, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Act, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the NYSE.

These reporting and other obligations will place significant demands on our management and our administrative and operational resources, including accounting resources, and we expect to face increased legal, accounting, administrative and other costs and expenses relating to these demands that we had not incurred as a segment of LB. Our investment in compliance with existing and evolving regulatory requirements will result in increased administrative expenses and a diversion of management's time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***If we fail to maintain effective internal controls, we may not be able to report our financial results accurately or timely or prevent or detect fraud, which could have a material adverse effect on our business or the market price of our securities.***

In accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, our management will be required to conduct an annual assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and include a report on these internal controls in the annual reports we will file with the SEC on Form 10-K. Our independent registered public accounting firm may not be required to formally attest to the effectiveness of our internal controls until the year following the first annual report required to be filed with the SEC. When required, this process will require significant documentation of policies, procedures and systems, review of that documentation by our internal auditing and accounting staff and our outside independent registered public accounting firm, and testing of our internal controls over financial reporting by our internal auditing and accounting staff and our outside independent registered public accounting firm. This process will involve considerable time and attention, may strain our internal resources, and will increase our operating costs. We may experience higher than anticipated operating expenses and outside auditor fees during the implementation of these changes and thereafter. If management or our independent registered public accounting firm determines that our internal control over financial reporting is not effective, investors may lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports and the market price of our common stock could be negatively affected, and we could become subject to investigations by the NYSE, the SEC or other regulatory authorities, which could require additional financial and management resources. In addition, if our controls are not effective, our ability to accurately and timely report our financial position could be impaired, which could result in late filings of our annual and quarterly reports under the Exchange Act, restatements of our combined financial statements, a decline in our stock price, or suspension or delisting of our common stock from the NYSE, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, prospects and results of operations.

***Until the Distribution occurs, the LB Board of Directors has sole discretion to change the terms of the Separation in ways that may be unfavorable to us.***

Until the Distribution occurs, VS's business will be a business segment of LB. Completion of the Separation remains subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, some of which are in the sole and absolute discretion of LB, including final approval by the LB Board of Directors. Additionally, LB has the sole and absolute discretion to change certain terms of the Separation, including the amount of any payment we make to LB, the amount of our indebtedness and the allocation of contingent liabilities, which changes could be unfavorable to us. In addition, LB may decide at any time prior to the completion of the Separation not to proceed with the Separation.

***In connection with the Separation, LB will indemnify us for certain liabilities and we will indemnify LB for certain liabilities. If we are required to act under these indemnities to LB, we may need to divert cash to meet those obligations, which could adversely affect our financial results. Moreover, the LB indemnity may not be sufficient to insure us against the full amount of liabilities for which it will be allocated responsibility, and LB may not be able to satisfy its indemnification obligations to us in the future.***

Pursuant to the Separation and Distribution Agreement and other agreements with LB, LB will agree to indemnify us for certain liabilities, and we will agree to indemnify LB for certain liabilities, as discussed further in "The Separation—Agreements with LB." In addition, we will be required to reimburse LB for any payments made by LB or any of its subsidiaries for any liabilities arising out of their obligations under guarantees provided by them for our benefit to third parties with respect to certain of our contractual obligations, if such guarantees are not removed or replaced by the time of the Separation. Payments that we may be required to provide under indemnities and reimbursements to LB are not subject to any cap, may be significant and could negatively affect our business, particularly under indemnities relating to our actions that could affect the tax-free nature of the

Separation. Third parties could also seek to hold us responsible for the liabilities that LB has agreed to retain, and under certain circumstances, we may be subject to continuing contingent liabilities of LB following the Separation that arise relating to the operations of the Spin Business during the time that it was a business segment of LB prior to the Separation, such as certain tax liabilities which relate to periods during which taxes of the Spin Business were reported as a part of LB; certain liabilities retained by LB which relate to contracts or other obligations entered into jointly by the Spin Business and LB's retained business; certain environmental liabilities related to sites at which both LB and the Spin Business operated; and certain liabilities arising from third-party claims in respect of contracts in which both LB and the Spin Business supply goods or provide services.

LB has agreed to indemnify us for such contingent liabilities. While we have no reason to expect that LB will not be able to support its indemnification obligations to us, we can provide no assurance that LB will be able to fully satisfy its indemnification obligations or that such indemnity obligations will be sufficient to cover our liabilities for matters which LB has agreed to retain, including such contingent liabilities. Moreover, even if we ultimately succeed in recovering from LB any amounts for which we are indemnified, we may be temporarily required to bear these losses ourselves. Each of these risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain insurance coverage following the Distribution on terms that justify its purchase, and any such insurance may not be adequate to offset costs associated with certain events.***

We will have to obtain our own insurance policies after the Distribution is complete. Although we expect to have insurance policies in place as of the Distribution that cover certain, but not all, hazards that could arise from our operations, we can provide no assurance that we will be able to obtain such coverage, that the cost of such coverage will be similar to those incurred by LB or that such coverage will be adequate to protect us from costs incurred with certain events. The occurrence of an event that is not insured or not fully insured could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows in the future.

***Following the Separation, we will have debt obligations that could restrict our business and adversely impact our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. In addition, the separation of our business from LB may increase the overall cost of debt funding and decrease the overall debt capacity and commercial credit available to us.***

We anticipate having \$1.0 billion in principal aggregate amount of indebtedness upon completion of the Separation, consisting of a \$400 million term loan facility and \$600 million of senior notes, the proceeds of which we intend to use to make the LB Cash Payment and to pay related fees and expenses. We also expect to establish a \$750 million asset-based revolving facility, which is expected to be undrawn at the Separation. See "The Separation—Incurrence of Debt" and "Description of Material Indebtedness." This level of debt could have significant consequences on our future operations, including:

- Resulting in an event of default if we fail to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants contained in our debt agreements, which could result in all of our debt becoming immediately due and payable;
- Reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes, and limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for these purposes;
- Limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, and increasing our vulnerability to, changes in our business, the industry in which we operate and the general economy; and
- Placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to any of our competitors that have less debt or are less leveraged.

Any of the above-listed factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We may also incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future.

In addition, we may be unable to service or refinance our debt or maintain compliance with restrictive covenants in our debt instruments. Our cash flow from operations will provide the primary source of funds for our debt service payments. If our cash flow from operations declines, we may be unable to service or refinance

our current debt. If we fail to comply with any covenant in the future, including any financial covenant, it could result in an event of default and make the entire debt incurred thereunder immediately due and payable or we may be forced to sell assets, restructure our indebtedness or seek additional equity capital, which would dilute our stockholders' interests.

In addition, any future indenture or credit agreements that we may enter into may include restrictive covenants that, subject to certain exceptions and qualifications, restrict or limit our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends, make certain investments, sell certain assets and enter into certain strategic transactions, including mergers and acquisitions. These covenants and restrictions could affect our ability to operate our business, and may limit our ability to react to market conditions or take advantage of potential business opportunities as they arise. The Separation may increase the overall cost of debt funding and decrease the overall debt capacity and commercial credit available to us.

***The phase-out of LIBOR, or the replacement of LIBOR with a different reference rate, may adversely affect interest rates.***

Interest on our Term Loan B Facility (as defined below), which is scheduled to mature in 2028, and ABL Facility (as defined below), which is scheduled to mature in 2026, is expected to be calculated based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or an alternative base rate. On July 27, 2017, the U.K.'s Financial Conduct Authority (the authority that administers LIBOR) announced that it intends to phase out LIBOR by the end of 2023. It is unclear whether new methods of calculating LIBOR will be established such that it continues to exist after 2021, or if alternative rates or benchmarks will be adopted. Changes in the method of calculating LIBOR, or the replacement of LIBOR with an alternative rate or benchmark, may adversely affect interest rates and result in higher borrowing costs. This could materially and adversely affect our results of operations, cash flows, and liquidity. We cannot predict the effect of the potential changes to LIBOR or the establishment and use of alternative rates or benchmarks. We may need to renegotiate our credit facility or incur other indebtedness, and changes in the method of calculating LIBOR, or the use of an alternative rate or benchmark, may negatively impact the terms of such renegotiated credit facility or such other indebtedness.

***Transfer or assignment to us of some contracts and other assets will require the consent of a third party. If such consent is not given, we may not be entitled to the benefit of such contracts, investments and other assets in the future.***

Transfer or assignment of some of the contracts and other assets in connection with the Separation will require the consent of a third party to the transfer or assignment. Similarly, in some circumstances, we are joint beneficiaries of contracts, and we will need to enter into a new agreement with the third party to replicate the existing contract or assign the portion of the existing contract related to the Spin Business. While we anticipate that most of these contract assignments and new agreements will be obtained prior to the Separation, we may not be able to obtain all required consents or enter into all such new agreements, as applicable, until after the Distribution Date. Some parties may use the requirement of a consent to seek more favorable contractual terms from us, which could include our having to obtain letters of credit or other forms of credit support. If we are unable to obtain such consents or such credit support on commercially reasonable and satisfactory terms, we may be unable to obtain some of the benefits, assets and contractual commitments that are intended to be allocated to us as part of the Separation. In addition, where we do not intend to obtain consent from third-party counterparties based on our belief that no consent is required, the third-party counterparties may challenge the transaction on the basis that the terms of the applicable commercial arrangements require their consent. We may incur substantial litigation and other costs in connection with any such claims and, if we do not prevail, our ability to use these assets could be adversely impacted.

We cannot provide assurance that all such required third-party consents and new agreements will be procured or put in place, as applicable, prior to the Distribution Date. Consequently, we may not realize certain of the benefits that are intended to be allocated to us as part of the Separation.

***After the Separation, some of our directors and officers may have actual or potential conflicts of interest because of their equity ownership in LB.***

Because of their current or former positions with LB, following the Separation, some of our directors and executive officers may own shares of LB common stock or have options to acquire shares of LB common stock, and the individual holdings may be significant for some of these individuals compared to their total assets. This



ownership may create, or may create the appearance of, conflicts of interest when these directors and officers are faced with decisions that could have different implications for LB or us. For example, potential conflicts of interest could arise in connection with the resolution of any dispute that may arise between LB and us regarding the terms of the agreements governing the Separation and the relationship thereafter between the companies.

***The combined post-Distribution value of LB and VS shares may not equal or exceed the pre-Distribution value of LB shares.***

After the Separation, we expect that LB common stock will continue to be traded on the NYSE. We have been approved to list the shares of our common stock on the NYSE. We cannot assure you that the combined trading prices of LB common stock and our common stock after the Separation, as adjusted for any changes in the combined capitalization of both companies, will be equal to or greater than the trading price of LB common stock prior to the Separation. Until the market has fully evaluated the business of LB without the Spin Business and potentially thereafter, the price at which LB common stock trades may fluctuate significantly. Similarly, until the market has fully evaluated our business and potentially thereafter, the price at which our common stock trades may fluctuate significantly.

***We potentially could have received better terms from unaffiliated third parties than the terms we will receive in our agreements with LB.***

The agreements we will enter into with LB in connection with the Separation will be negotiated while we are still part of LB's business. See "The Separation—Agreements with LB." Accordingly, during the period in which the terms of those agreements will have been negotiated, we did not have an independent Board of Directors or a management team independent of LB. The terms of the agreements negotiated in the context of the Separation relate to, among other things, the allocation of assets, intellectual property, liabilities, rights and other obligations between LB and us, and arm's-length negotiations between LB and an unaffiliated third party in another form of transaction, such as a buyer in a sale of a business transaction, may have resulted in more favorable terms to the unaffiliated third party.

***LB stockholders do not have dissenters' rights with respect to the Separation.***

LB stockholders do not have any dissenters' rights in connection with the Separation. Therefore, any LB stockholders who disagree with the Separation will be left without recourse other than selling their VS shares. Such stockholders may be unable to subsequently sell their shares at the prices they desire or at all.

***If the Restructuring and Distribution, together with certain related transactions, do not qualify as transactions that are tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes or non-U.S. tax purposes, LB and/or holders of LB common stock could be subject to significant tax liability.***

It is intended that the Distribution, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a generally tax-free "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a generally tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code. The consummation of the Separation and the related transactions is conditioned upon the receipt of the opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP to the effect that such transactions will qualify for this intended tax treatment and that LB's use of proceeds from the LB Cash Payment should qualify as money distributed to LB creditors or stockholders in connection with the "reorganization." In addition, it is intended that the Restructuring steps generally will qualify as transactions that are tax-free for U.S. federal income tax and applicable non-U.S. tax purposes. The opinion will rely on certain representations, assumptions and undertakings, including those relating to the past and future conduct of our business, and the opinion would not be valid if such representations, assumptions and undertakings were incorrect. Notwithstanding the opinion, the IRS could determine that the Distribution should be treated as a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes if it determines that any of the representations, assumptions or undertakings that were relied on for the opinion are false or have been violated, if it disagrees with the conclusions in the opinion, or for other reasons, including as a result of significant changes in the stock ownership of LB or us after the Distribution. For more information regarding the opinions see "The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution—Tax Opinion."

If the Restructuring and Distribution fail to qualify for tax-free treatment, for any reason, LB and/or holders of LB common stock would be subject to substantial U.S. and/or applicable non-U.S. taxes as a result of the Restructuring, Distribution and certain related transactions, and we could incur significant liabilities under applicable law or as a result of the Tax Matters Agreement. See "The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution."



***If the Distribution is taxable to LB as a result of a breach by us of any covenant or representation made by us in the Tax Matters Agreement (as defined below), we generally will be required to indemnify LB; the obligation to make payments on this indemnification obligation could have a material adverse effect on us.***

As described above, it is intended that the Distribution, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as generally tax-free transactions to LB and to holders of LB common stock, except with respect to any cash received in lieu of fractional shares. If the Distribution and/or related transactions are not so treated or are taxable to LB (see “The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution”) due to a breach by us (or any of our subsidiaries) of any covenant or representation made by us in the Tax Matters Agreement, we generally will be required to indemnify LB for all tax-related losses suffered by LB. In addition, we will not control the resolution of any tax contest relating to taxes suffered by LB in connection with the Separation, and we may not control the resolution of tax contests relating to any other taxes for which we may ultimately have an indemnity obligation under the Tax Matters Agreement. In the event that LB suffers tax-related losses in connection with the Separation that must be indemnified by us under the Tax Matters Agreement, the indemnification liability could have a material adverse effect on us.

***We will be subject to significant restrictions on our actions following the Separation in order to avoid triggering significant tax-related liabilities.***

The Tax Matters Agreement generally will prohibit us from taking certain actions that could cause the Distribution and certain related transactions to fail to qualify as tax-free transactions, including:

- During the two-year period following the Distribution Date (or otherwise pursuant to a “plan” within the meaning of Section 355(e) of the Code), we may not cause or permit certain business combinations or transactions to occur;
- During the two-year period following the Distribution Date, we may not discontinue the active conduct of our business (within the meaning of Section 355(b)(2) of the Code);
- During the two-year period following the Distribution Date, we may not sell or otherwise issue our common stock, other than pursuant to issuances that satisfy certain regulatory safe harbors set forth in Treasury regulations related to stock issued to employees and retirement plans;
- During the two-year period following the Distribution Date, we may not redeem or otherwise acquire any of our common stock, other than pursuant to open-market repurchases of less than 20% of our common stock (in the aggregate);
- During the two-year period following the Distribution Date, we may not amend our certificate of incorporation (or other organizational documents) or take any other action, whether through a stockholder vote or otherwise, affecting the voting rights of our common stock; and
- More generally, we may not take any action that could reasonably be expected to cause the Separation and certain related transactions to fail to qualify as tax-free transactions for U.S. federal income tax purposes or for non-U.S. tax purposes.

If we take any of the actions above and such actions result in tax-related losses to LB, we generally will be required to indemnify LB for such tax-related losses under the Tax Matters Agreement. See “The Separation—Agreements with LB—Tax Matters Agreement.” Due to these restrictions and indemnification obligations under the Tax Matters Agreement, we may be limited in our ability to pursue strategic transactions, equity or convertible debt financings or other transactions that may otherwise be in our best interests. Also, our potential indemnity obligation to LB might discourage, delay or prevent a change of control that our stockholders may consider favorable.

***Our accounting and other management systems and resources may not be adequately prepared to meet the financial reporting and other requirements to which we will be subject following the Separation.***

Prior to the Separation, our financial results were included within the consolidated results of LB, and we were not directly subject to reporting and other requirements of the Exchange Act. These and other obligations will place significant demands on our management, administrative, and operational resources, including accounting and information technology resources. To comply with these requirements, we anticipate that we will need to duplicate information technology infrastructure, implement additional financial and management controls,

reporting systems and procedures and hire additional accounting, finance, tax, treasury and information technology staff. If we are unable to do this in a timely and effective fashion, our ability to comply with our financial reporting requirements and other rules that apply to reporting companies could be impaired and our business could be harmed.

### **Risks Relating to Our Business**

***Our net sales, profit results and cash flows are sensitive to, and may be affected by, general economic conditions, consumer confidence, spending patterns, significant health hazards or pandemics, weather or other market disruptions.***

Our net sales, profit, cash flows and future growth may be affected by negative local, regional, national or international political or economic trends or developments that reduce the consumers' ability or willingness to spend, including the effects of national and international security concerns such as war, terrorism or the threat thereof. In addition, market disruptions due to natural disasters, significant health hazards or pandemics, or other major events or the prospect of these events could also impact consumer spending and confidence levels. Extreme weather conditions in the areas in which our stores are located, particularly in markets where we have multiple stores, could adversely affect our business. Purchases of our products may decline during periods when economic or market conditions are unsettled or weak. In such circumstances, we may increase the number of promotional sales, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

The decision by the U.K. to leave the European Union (commonly referred to as "Brexit") has increased the uncertainty in the economic and political environment in Europe. On December 24, 2020, the U.K. and EU reached a post-Brexit Trade and Cooperation Agreement that contains new rules governing the new relationship between the U.K. and the EU, including with respect to trade, travel and immigration among other things. Our business in the U.K. may be adversely impacted by ongoing uncertainty, fluctuations in currency exchange rates, changes in trade policies, or changes in labor, immigration, tax, data privacy or other laws. Any of these effects, among others, could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

***The COVID-19 global pandemic has had and is expected to continue to have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.***

In March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. This pandemic has negatively affected the U.S. and global economies, disrupted global supply chains and financial markets, and led to significant travel and transportation restrictions, including mandatory closures and orders to "shelter-in-place." The actions that governments around the world have taken to contain the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in a period of disruption, including closure of our stores, limited store operating hours, reduced customer traffic and consumer spending and delays in manufacturing and shipping of products and raw materials. During this period, we are focused on protecting the health and safety of our customers, employees, contractors, suppliers, and other business partners. We are also working with our suppliers to minimize potential disruptions, while managing our business in response to a changing dynamic. Our business operations and financial performance for 2020 have been materially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All of our stores in North America were closed on March 17, 2020 and almost all remained closed throughout the remainder of the first quarter. We reopened our stores by the end of the second quarter 2020 in accordance with local restrictions and where we believed we could provide for the safety and well-being of our employees and customers. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the speed at which the pandemic continues to impact our markets, we are continuing to assess the situation, including government-imposed restrictions, market by market.

We are unable to accurately predict the full impact that COVID-19 will have on our operations going forward due to uncertainties which will be dictated by the length of time that such disruptions continue, which will, in turn, depend on the currently unknowable duration and spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, actions taken to limit the spread, and the public's willingness to comply with such actions, the availability and efficacy of a vaccine and positive treatments for COVID-19, and the impact of governmental regulations that might be imposed in response to the pandemic. Numerous state and local jurisdictions have imposed, and others in the future may impose, shelter-in-place orders, quarantines, executive orders and similar government orders and restrictions for their residents to control the spread of COVID-19. Such orders, restrictions and changes in consumer behavior have negatively impacted our operations, especially in our stores. In addition to these more

near-term impacts, we are unable to accurately predict the full impact COVID-19 will have on our longer-term operations as well, particularly with respect to our current mix of merchandise offerings, event-based categories and store traffic trends.

To the extent COVID-19 adversely affects our business, operations, financial condition and operating results, it may also have the effect of heightening many of the other risks described in this “Risk Factors” section, such as those relating to our high level of indebtedness, our need to generate sufficient cash flows to service our indebtedness and our ability to comply with the covenants contained in the agreements that govern our indebtedness.

***We have incurred operating losses in the past and we cannot assure you that we will be able to generate sufficient revenue to sustain profitability in the future.***

For the years ended January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, we had net losses of \$72 million and \$897 million, respectively, and for the thirteen weeks ended May 2, 2020, we had a net loss of \$299 million. In 2019, the net loss included a \$720 million charge related to the impairment of goodwill. In 2020, our business operations and financial performance were materially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. See also “Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Business—The COVID-19 global pandemic has had and is expected to continue to have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations” in this information statement. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to improve business performance, we launched a profit improvement plan beginning in the third quarter of 2020. Although we began to see performance improve in the third and fourth quarters of 2020 and reported net income of \$174 million in the first quarter of 2021, we cannot assure you that we will generate sufficient revenue from our operations to remain profitable for any substantial period of time. Our failure to maintain profitability could negatively affect the value of our securities and our ability to repay our indebtedness, raise capital and continue operations.

***Our net sales, operating income, cash and inventory levels fluctuate on a seasonal basis.***

We experience major seasonal fluctuations in our net sales and operating income, with a significant portion of our operating income typically realized during the fourth quarter holiday season. Any decrease in sales or margins during this period could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Seasonal fluctuations also affect our cash and inventory levels, since we usually order merchandise in advance of peak selling periods and sometimes before new fashion trends are confirmed by customer purchases. We must carry a significant amount of inventory, especially before the holiday season selling period. If we are not successful in selling inventory, we may have to sell the inventory at significantly reduced prices or may not be able to sell the inventory at all, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Turnover in company leadership or other key positions may have an adverse impact on company performance.***

We may experience further changes in key leadership or key positions in the future. The departure of key leadership personnel can result in the loss of significant knowledge and experience. This loss of knowledge and experience can be mitigated through successful hiring and transition, but there can be no assurance that we will be successful in such efforts. Attracting and retaining qualified senior leadership may be more challenging under adverse business conditions. Failure to attract and retain the right talent, or to smoothly manage the transition of responsibilities resulting from such turnover, could affect our ability to meet our challenges and may cause us to miss performance objectives or financial targets or disrupt our relationships with our customers.

***We may be impacted by our ability to attract, develop and retain qualified associates and manage labor-related costs.***

We believe our competitive advantage is providing a positive, engaging and satisfying experience for each individual customer, which requires us to have highly trained and engaged associates. Our success depends in part upon our ability to attract, develop and retain a sufficient number of qualified associates, including store personnel and talented merchants. The turnover rate in the retail industry is generally high, and qualified individuals of the requisite caliber and number needed to fill these positions may be in short supply in some

areas. Competition for such qualified individuals or changes in labor and healthcare laws could require us to incur higher labor costs. Our inability to recruit a sufficient number of qualified individuals in the future may delay planned openings of new stores or affect the speed with which we expand. Delayed store openings, significant increases in associate turnover rates or significant increases in labor-related costs could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our net sales depend on a volume of traffic to our stores and the availability of suitable lease space.***

Most of our stores are located in retail shopping areas including malls and other types of retail centers. Sales at these stores are derived, in part, from the volume of traffic in those retail areas. Our stores benefit from the ability of the retail center and other attractions in an area, including “destination” retail stores, to generate consumer traffic in the vicinity of our stores. Sales volume and retail traffic may be adversely affected by factors that we cannot control, such as economic downturns or changes in consumer demographics in a particular area, consumer trends away from brick-and-mortar retail toward online shopping, competition from internet and other retailers and other retail areas where we do not have stores, significant health hazards or pandemics, the closing of other stores or the decline in popularity or safety in the shopping areas where our stores are located and the deterioration in the financial condition of the operators or developers of the shopping areas in which our stores are located.

Part of our future growth is significantly dependent on our ability to operate stores in desirable locations with capital investment and lease costs providing the opportunity to earn a reasonable return. We cannot be sure as to when or whether such desirable locations will become available at reasonable costs. Some of our store locations require significant upfront capital investment and have material lease commitments. Additionally, we are dependent upon the suitability of the lease spaces that we currently use. The leases that we enter into are generally noncancelable leases with initial terms of 10 years. If we determine that it is no longer economical to operate a store and decide to close it, we may remain obligated under the applicable lease for, among other things, payment of the base rent for the balance of the lease term.

These risks could have a material adverse effect on our ability to grow and our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our ability to grow depends in part on new store openings and existing store remodels and expansions.***

Our continued growth and success will depend in part on our ability to open and operate new stores and expand and remodel existing stores on a timely and profitable basis. Accomplishing our new and existing store expansion goals will depend upon a number of factors, including the ability to partner with developers and landlords to obtain suitable sites for new and expanded stores at acceptable costs, the hiring and training of qualified personnel and the integration of new stores into existing operations. There can be no assurance we will be able to achieve our store expansion goals, manage our growth effectively, successfully integrate the planned new stores into our operations or operate our new, remodeled and expanded stores profitably. These risks could have a material adverse effect on our ability to grow and results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our international operations and our plans for international expansion include risks that could impact our results and reputation.***

We intend to continue to operate internationally and further expand into international markets, including mainland China, through partner arrangements and/or company-operated stores. The risks associated with international markets include difficulties in attracting customers due to a lack of customer familiarity with our brands, our lack of familiarity with local customer preferences and seasonal differences in the market. Any of these difficulties may lead to disruption in the overall timing of our international expansion efforts or increased costs. Further, entry into other markets may bring us into competition with new competitors or with existing competitors with an established market presence. Other risks include general economic conditions in specific countries or markets, volatility in the geopolitical landscape, restrictions on the repatriation of funds held internationally, disruptions or delays in shipments, occurrence of significant health hazards or pandemics, changes in diplomatic and trade relationships, political instability and foreign governmental regulation. Such expansions will also have upfront investment costs that may not be accompanied by sufficient revenues to achieve typical or expected operational and financial performance.

Further, our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates. See “Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates could impact our financial condition and results of operations” below.

These risks could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our licensees, franchisees and wholesalers could take actions that could harm our business or brand images.***

We have global representation through independently owned stores operated by our partners. Although we have criteria to evaluate and select prospective partners, the level of control we can exercise over our partners is limited, and the quality and success of their operations may be diminished by any number of factors beyond our control. For example, our partners may not have the business acumen or financial resources necessary to successfully operate stores in a manner consistent with our standards and may not hire and train qualified store managers and other personnel. Further, we have no control as to whether our partners comply with federal and local law. Our brand image and reputation may suffer materially, and our sales could decline if our partners do not operate successfully. These risks could have an adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our direct channel business includes risks that could have an effect on our results.***

Our direct operations are subject to numerous risks that could have a material adverse effect on our results. Risks include, but are not limited to, the difficulty in recreating the in-store experience through our direct channels; domestic or international resellers purchasing merchandise and reselling it outside our control; our ability to anticipate and implement innovations in technology and logistics in order to appeal to existing and potential customers who increasingly rely on multiple channels to meet their shopping needs; the failure of and risks related to the systems that operate our web infrastructure, websites and the related support systems, including computer viruses, theft of customer information, privacy concerns, telecommunication failures and electronic break-ins and similar disruptions.

In addition, even though sales in our direct channel increased 31% to \$2.2 billion in 2020 from \$1.7 billion in 2019, we are unable to predict how much of this increase was a shift due to store closures as opposed to a permanent channel shift to online selling, as well as how the consumer will engage with our channels in the future and whether the growth in the direct channel will continue after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will continue to experience increase in sales in our direct channel in the future.

Our failure to maintain efficient and uninterrupted order-taking and fulfillment operations could also have a material adverse effect on our results. The satisfaction of our online customers depends on their timely receipt of merchandise. If we encounter difficulties with the distribution facilities, or if the facilities were to shut down for any reason, including as a result of fire, natural disaster or work stoppage, we could face shortages of inventory; incur significantly higher costs and longer lead times associated with distributing our products to our customers; and cause customer dissatisfaction.

Any of these issues could have a material adverse effect on our operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our ability to protect our reputation could have a material effect on our brand images.***

Our ability to maintain our reputation is critical to our brand images. Our reputation could be jeopardized if we fail to maintain high standards for merchandise quality and integrity. Any negative publicity, including information publicized through traditional or social media platforms and similar venues such as blogs, websites and other forums, may affect our reputation and brand and, consequently, reduce demand for our merchandise, even if such publicity is unverified or inaccurate.

Failure to comply with or the perception that we have failed to comply with ethical, social, product, labor, privacy and environmental standards, or related political considerations, could also jeopardize our reputation and potentially lead to various adverse consumer actions, including boycotts. Failure to comply with local laws and regulations, to maintain an effective system of internal controls, to maintain the security of customer, associate,

third-party and company information or to provide accurate and timely financial statement information could also hurt our reputation. Damage to our reputation or loss of consumer confidence for any of these or other reasons could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows, as well as require additional resources to rebuild our reputation.

***If our marketing, advertising and promotional programs are unsuccessful, or if our competitors are more effective with their programs than we are, our revenue or results of operations may be adversely affected.***

Customer traffic and demand for our merchandise are influenced by our advertising, marketing and promotional activities, the name recognition and reputation of our brands and the location of and service offered in our stores. Although we use marketing, advertising and promotional programs to attract customers through various media, including social media, websites, mobile applications, email, print and television, some of our competitors may expend more for their programs than we do, or use different approaches than we do, which may provide them with a competitive advantage. Our programs may not be effective or could require increased expenditures, which could have a material adverse effect on our revenue and results of operations.

***Our ability to adequately maintain, enforce and protect our trade names, trademarks and patents could have an impact on our brand images and ability to penetrate new markets.***

We believe that our trade names, trademarks and patents are important assets and an essential element of our strategy. We have obtained or applied for federal registration of these trade names, trademarks and patents and have applied for or obtained registrations in many foreign countries. There can be no assurance that we will obtain such registrations or that the registrations we obtain will prevent the imitation of our products or infringement or other violation of our intellectual property rights by others. In particular, the laws of certain foreign countries may not protect proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the U.S. If any third-party copies our products or our stores in a manner that projects lesser quality or carries a negative connotation, it could have a material adverse effect on our brand image and reputation as well as our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Third parties may assert rights in or ownership of our trademarks and other intellectual property rights, or trademarks that are similar to our trademarks, or claim that we are infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating their intellectual property rights. We may be unable to successfully resolve these type of conflicts to our satisfaction and may be required to enter into costly license agreements, be required to pay significant royalty, settlements costs or damages, be required to rebrand our products and/or be prevented from selling some of our products.

***Our ability to compete favorably in our highly competitive segment of the retail industry could impact our results.***

The retail industry is highly competitive. We compete for sales with a broad range of other retailers, including individual and chain specialty stores, department stores and discount retailers. In addition to the traditional store-based retailers, we also compete with direct marketers or retailers that sell similar lines of merchandise and who target customers through online channels. Brand image, marketing, design, price, service, assortment, quality, image presentation and fulfillment are all competitive factors in both the store-based and online channels.

Some of our competitors may have greater financial, marketing and other resources available and trends across our product categories may favor our competitors. We rely to a greater degree than some of our competitors on physical locations in shopping malls and centers and so declines in traffic to such locations may affect us more significantly than our competitors. Some of our competitors sell their products in stores that are located in the same shopping malls and centers as our stores. In addition to competing for sales, we compete for favorable site locations and lease terms in shopping malls and centers.

Increased competition, combined with declines in mall and/or online website traffic, could result in price reductions, increased marketing expenditures and loss of pricing power and market share, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our ability to manage the life cycle of our brands and to remain current with fashion trends and launch new product lines successfully could impact the image and relevance of our brands.***

Our success depends in part on management's ability to effectively manage the life cycle of our brands and to anticipate and respond to changing fashion preferences and consumer demands and to translate market trends



into appropriate, salable product offerings in advance of the actual time of sale to the customer. We are dependent on certain product categories, and a decline in consumer demand in these product categories could negatively affect our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. Customer demands and fashion trends change rapidly. If we are unable to successfully anticipate, identify or react to changing styles or trends or we misjudge the market for our products or any new product lines, our sales will be lower, potentially resulting in significant amounts of unsold inventory. In response, we may be forced to increase our marketing promotions or price markdowns. These risks could have a material adverse effect on our brand image and reputation as well as our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***We may be impacted by our ability to adequately source, distribute and sell merchandise and other materials on a global basis.***

We source merchandise and other materials directly in international markets and in our domestic market. We distribute merchandise and other materials globally to our partners in international locations and to our stores. Many of our imports and exports are subject to a variety of customs regulations and international trade arrangements, including existing or potential duties, tariffs or safeguard quotas. We compete with other companies for production facilities.

We also face a variety of other risks generally associated with doing business on a global basis. For example:

- political instability, environmental hazards or natural disasters which could negatively affect international economies, financial markets and business activity;
- significant health hazards or pandemics, which could result in closed factories, reduced workforces, scarcity of raw materials, and scrutiny or embargoing of goods produced in infected areas;
- imposition of new or retaliatory trade duties, sanctions or taxes and other charges on imports or exports;
- evolving, new or complex legal and regulatory matters;
- volatility in currency exchange rates;
- local business practice and political issues (including issues relating to compliance with domestic or international labor standards) which may result in adverse publicity or threatened or actual adverse consumer actions, including boycotts;
- potential delays or disruptions in shipping and transportation and related pricing impacts;
- disruption due to labor disputes; and
- changing expectations regarding product safety due to new legislation or other factors.

We also rely upon third-party transportation providers for substantially all of our product shipments, including shipments to and from our distribution centers, to our stores and to our customers. Our utilization of these delivery services for shipments is subject to risks, including increases in labor costs and fuel prices, which would increase our shipping costs, and associate strikes and inclement weather, which may impact our transportation providers' ability to provide delivery services that adequately meet our shipping needs. Further, the rapid increase in demand for online shopping has led to increased pressure on the capacity of our fulfillment network.

For example, the COVID-19 global pandemic has negatively impacted the global economy, disrupted consumer spending and global supply chains, and created significant volatility and disruption of financial markets. The COVID-19 global pandemic resulted in the temporary shut-down of many of our supply chain facilities. The pandemic continues to have the potential to significantly impact our supply chain if the factories that manufacture our products, the distribution centers where we manage our inventory, or the operations of our logistics and other service providers are disrupted, temporarily closed or experience worker shortages. We may also see disruptions or delays in shipments and negative impacts to pricing of certain components of our products. In addition, the impact of COVID-19 on macroeconomic conditions may impact the proper functioning of financial and capital markets, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, and interest rates. Even after the COVID-19 global pandemic has subsided, we may continue to experience adverse impacts to our business as a result of any economic recession or depression that has occurred or may occur in the future.

***We rely on a number of vendor and distribution facilities located in the same vicinity, making our business susceptible to local and regional disruptions or adverse conditions.***

To achieve the necessary speed and agility in producing our beauty and personal care products, we rely heavily on vendor and distribution facilities in close proximity to our headquarters in Central Ohio. As a result of geographic concentration of the vendor and distribution facilities that we rely upon, our operations are susceptible to local and regional factors, such as accidents, system failures, economic and weather conditions, natural disasters, demographic and population changes, and other unforeseen events and circumstances. Any significant interruption in the operations of these facilities could lead to inventory issues or increased costs, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates could impact our financial condition and results of operations.***

We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk with respect to our sales, profits, assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. In addition, our royalty arrangements are calculated based on sales in local currency and, as such, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Although we use foreign currency forward contracts to hedge certain foreign currency risks, these measures may not succeed in offsetting all of the short-term negative impacts of foreign currency rate movements on our business and results of operations. Hedging would generally not be effective in offsetting the long-term impact of sustained shifts in foreign exchange rates on our business results. As a result, the fluctuation in the value of the U.S. dollar against other currencies could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***We may be impacted by our vendors' ability to manufacture and deliver products in a timely manner, meet quality standards and comply with applicable laws and regulations.***

We purchase products from third-party vendors. Factors outside our control, such as production or shipping delays or quality problems, could disrupt merchandise deliveries and result in lost sales, cancellation charges or excessive markdowns.

In addition, quality problems could result in a product liability judgment or a widespread product recall that may negatively impact our sales and profitability for a period of time depending on product availability, competition reaction and consumer attitudes. Even if the product liability claim is unsuccessful or is not fully pursued, the negative publicity surrounding any assertions could adversely impact our reputation with existing and potential customers and our brand image.

Our business could also suffer if our third-party vendors fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations. While our internal and vendor operating guidelines promote ethical business practices and our associates visit and monitor the operations of our third-party vendors, we do not control these vendors or their practices. The violation of labor, environmental or other laws by third-party vendors used by us, or the divergence of a third-party vendor's or partner's labor or environmental practices from those generally accepted as ethical or appropriate, could interrupt or otherwise disrupt the shipment of finished products to us or damage our reputation.

These risks could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our results may be affected by fluctuations in product input costs.***

Product input costs, including freight, labor and raw materials, fluctuate. These fluctuations may result in an increase in our production costs. We may not be able to, or may elect not to, pass these increases on to our customers which may adversely impact our profit margins. These risks could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Our ability to adequately protect our assets from loss and theft.***

Our assets are subject to loss, including those caused by illegal or unethical conduct by associates, customers, vendors or unaffiliated third parties. We have experienced events such as inventory shrinkage in the past, and we cannot assure that incidences of loss and theft will decrease in the future or that the measures we are taking will effectively reduce these losses. Higher rates of loss or increased security costs to combat theft could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.



***Our results may be affected by fluctuations in energy costs.***

Energy costs have fluctuated in the past. These fluctuations may result in an increase in our transportation costs for distribution, utility costs for our retail stores and costs to purchase products from our manufacturers. A continual rise in energy costs could adversely affect consumer spending and demand for our products and increase our operating costs, both of which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***We may be impacted by increases in the cost of mailing, paper, printing or other order fulfillment logistics.***

Postal rate increases and paper and printing costs will affect the cost of our order fulfillment and promotional mailings. We rely on discounts from the basic postal rate structure, such as discounts for bulk mailings and sorting. Future paper and postal rate increases could adversely impact our earnings if we are unable to recover these costs or if we are unable to implement more efficient printing, mailing, delivery and order fulfillment systems. We may face unexpected costs in transportation, warehousing or other logistics-related services. These risks could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***We self-insure certain risks and may be impacted by unfavorable claims experience.***

We are self-insured for various types of insurable risks including associate medical benefits, workers' compensation, property, general liability and automobile up to certain stop-loss limits. Claims are difficult to predict and may be volatile. Any adverse claims experience could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***We significantly rely on our and our third-party service providers' ability to implement and sustain information technology systems and to protect associated data and system availability.***

Our success depends, in part, on the secure and uninterrupted performance of our and our third-party services providers' and vendors' information technology systems. Our information technology systems, as well as those of our service providers and vendors are vulnerable to damage, interruption or breach from a variety of sources, including cyberattacks, ransomware attacks, telecommunication failures, malicious human acts and natural disasters. Moreover, despite maintaining comprehensive measures, some of our systems, e-commerce environments, servers and those of our service providers and vendors are potentially vulnerable to physical or electronic break-ins, computer viruses and similar disruptive problems. Such incidents could disrupt our operations including our ability to timely ship and track product orders and project inventory requirements, and lead to interruptions or delays in our supply chain. Additionally, these types of problems could result in an actual or perceived breach of confidential customer, merchandise, financial, employee or other important information (including personal information), which could result in damage to our reputation, costly litigation, customer complaints, negative publicity, breach notification obligations, regulatory or administrative sanctions, inquiries, orders or investigations, indemnity obligations, damages for contract breach or penalties for violations of applicable laws or regulations. The increased use of smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices may also heighten these and other operational risks. Despite the precautions we have taken, unanticipated problems or events may nevertheless cause failures in, or unauthorized access to, our and our third-party services providers' and vendors' information technology systems. Sustained or repeated system disruptions that interrupt our ability to process orders and deliver products to the stores, impact our customers' ability to access our websites in a timely manner, or expose confidential customer information, merchandise, financial or other important information (including personal information) could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In addition, from time to time, we make hardware, software and code modifications and upgrades to our information technology systems for point-of-sale, e-commerce, mobile apps, merchandising, planning, sourcing, logistics, inventory management and support systems including human resources and finance. Modifications involve replacing existing systems with successor systems, making changes to existing systems or acquiring new systems with new functionality. We are aware of inherent risks associated with replacing and modifying our information technology systems, including risks relative to data integrity and system disruptions. Information technology system disruptions or data corruption, if not anticipated and appropriately mitigated, could have a material adverse effect on our operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In addition to our own systems, networks and databases, we use third-party service providers to store, transmit and otherwise process certain of this information on our behalf, and our third-party service providers are subject to similar cybersecurity risks. Due to applicable laws and regulations or contractual obligations, we may be held responsible for any cybersecurity incident attributed to our service providers as they relate to the information we share with them or to which they are granted access. Although we contractually require these service providers to implement and maintain a standard of security (such as implementing reasonable measures), we cannot control third parties and cannot guarantee that a security breach will not occur in their systems.

***Any significant compromise or breach of our data security, including the security of customer, associate, third-party or company information, could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.***

In the operation of our business, we collect, use, transmit and otherwise process a large volume of personal and other confidential, proprietary and sensitive information. Information systems are susceptible to an increasing threat of continually evolving cybersecurity risks. Any significant compromise or breach of our data security, media reports about such an incident, whether accurate or not, or our failure to make adequate or timely disclosures to the public or law enforcement agencies following any such event, whether due to delayed discovery or a failure to follow existing protocols, could significantly damage our reputation with our customers, associates, investors and other third parties, cause the disclosure of personal, confidential, proprietary or sensitive customer, associate, third-party or company information, cause interruptions to our operations and distraction to our management, cause our customers to stop shopping with us and result in significant legal, regulatory and financial liabilities and lost revenues.

While we train our associates and have implemented systems, processes and security measures to protect our physical facilities and information technology systems against unauthorized access and prevent data loss, there is no guarantee that these procedures are adequate to safeguard against all data security threats. Despite these measures, we may be vulnerable to targeted or random attacks on our systems that could lead to security breaches, phishing attacks, denial of service attacks, acts of vandalism, computer viruses, malware, ransomware, misplaced or lost data, programming and/or human errors or similar events. Our systems and facilities are also subject to compromise from internal threats, such as theft, misuse, unauthorized access or other improper actions by employees, third-party service providers and other third parties with otherwise legitimate access to our systems, website or facilities (which risks may be heightened as a result of work-from-home policies and technologies implemented in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic). Furthermore, because the methods of cyber-attack and deception change frequently, are increasingly complex and sophisticated, and can originate from a wide variety of sources, including nation-state actors, despite our reasonable efforts to ensure the integrity of our systems and website, it is possible that we may not be able to anticipate, detect, appropriately react and respond to, or implement effective preventative measures against, all cybersecurity incidents.

We may be required to expend significant capital and other resources to protect against, respond to, and recover from any potential, attempted, or existing cybersecurity incidents. As cybersecurity incidents continue to evolve, we may be required to expend significant additional resources to continue to modify or enhance our protective measures or to investigate and remediate any information security vulnerabilities. In addition, our remediation efforts may not be successful, or may not be completed in a timely manner. The inability to implement, maintain and upgrade adequate safeguards could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flow. Moreover, there could be public announcements regarding any cybersecurity incidents and any steps we take to respond to or remediate such incidents, and if securities analysts or investors perceive these announcements to be negative, it could, among other things, have a substantial adverse effect on the price of our common stock.

While we currently maintain cybersecurity insurance, such insurance may not be sufficient in type or amount to cover us against claims related to breaches, failures or other data security-related incidents, and we cannot be certain that cyber insurance will continue to be available to us on economically reasonable terms, or at all, or that any insurer will not deny coverage as to any future claim. The successful assertion of one or more large claims against us that exceed available insurance coverage, or the occurrence of changes in our insurance policies, including premium increases or the imposition of large deductible or co-insurance requirements, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***Shareholder activism could cause us to incur significant expense, hinder execution of our business strategy and impact our stock price.***

Shareholder activism, which can take many forms and arise in a variety of situations, could result in substantial costs and divert management's and our board's attention and resources from our business. Additionally, such shareholder activism could give rise to perceived uncertainties as to our future, adversely affect our relationships with our associates, customers or service providers and make it more difficult to attract and retain qualified personnel. Also, we may be required to incur significant fees and other expenses related to activist shareholder matters, including for third-party advisors. Our stock price could be subject to significant fluctuation or otherwise be adversely affected by the events, risks and uncertainties of any shareholder activism.

***Our ability to maintain our credit rating could affect our ability to access capital and could increase our interest expense.***

Our credit risk is expected to be evaluated by the major independent rating agencies. Once a credit rating is obtained, any future downgrades could increase the cost of borrowing under any indebtedness we may incur in connection with the Separation or otherwise. Our credit rating is expected to be lower than that of LB. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain our credit ratings once established, and any additional actual or anticipated changes or downgrades in our credit ratings, including any announcement that our ratings are under review for a downgrade, may have a negative impact on our liquidity, capital position and access to capital markets.

***Changes in laws, regulations or technology platform rules relating to data privacy and security, or any actual or perceived failure by us to comply with such laws and regulations, or contractual or other obligations relating to data privacy and security, could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.***

We are, and may increasingly become, subject to various laws, directives, industry standards and regulations, as well as contractual obligations, relating to data privacy and security in the jurisdictions in which we operate. The regulatory environment related to data privacy and security is increasingly rigorous, with new and constantly changing requirements applicable to our business, and enforcement practices are likely to remain uncertain for the foreseeable future. These laws and regulations may be interpreted and applied differently over time and from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and it is possible that they will be interpreted and applied in ways that may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In the U.S., various federal and state regulators, including governmental agencies like the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission, have adopted, or are considering adopting, laws and regulations concerning personal information and data security and have prioritized privacy and information security violations for enforcement actions. Certain state laws may be more stringent or broader in scope, or offer greater individual rights, with respect to personal information than federal, international or other state laws, and such laws may differ from each other, all of which may complicate compliance efforts. For example, the California Consumer Privacy Act ("CCPA"), which increases privacy rights for California residents and imposes obligations on companies that process their personal information, went into effect on January 1, 2020. Among other things, the CCPA requires covered companies to provide new disclosures to California consumers and provide such consumers new data protection and privacy rights, including the ability to opt-out of certain data sharing arrangements of personal information, and the ability to access and delete personal information. The CCPA provides for civil penalties for violations, as well as a private right of action for certain data breaches that result in the loss of personal information. This private right of action may increase the likelihood of, and risks associated with, data breach litigation. Furthermore, in November 2020, California voters passed the California Privacy Rights Act of 2020 ("CPRA"). Effective beginning January 1, 2023, the CPRA imposes additional obligations on companies covered by the legislation and will significantly modify the CCPA, including by expanding California residents' rights with respect to certain sensitive personal information. The CPRA also creates a new state agency that will be vested with authority to implement and enforce the CCPA and CPRA. Other states (such as Virginia) have also passed or plan to pass data privacy laws that are similar to the CCPA, CPRA, and GDPR (described below), further complicating the legal landscape. In addition, laws in all 50 U.S. states require businesses to provide notice to consumers (and, in some cases, to regulators) whose personal information has been accessed or acquired as a result of a data breach. State laws are changing rapidly and there is discussion in Congress of a new comprehensive federal data privacy law to which we would become subject if

it is enacted, which may add additional complexity, variation in requirements, restrictions and potential legal risk, require additional investment of resources in compliance programs, impact strategies and the availability of previously useful data and could result in increased compliance costs or changes in business practices and policies.

We are also subject to international laws, regulations and standards in many jurisdictions, which apply broadly to the collection, use, retention, security, disclosure, transfer and other processing of personal information. For example, the E.U. General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), which became effective in May 2018, greatly increased the European Commission’s jurisdictional reach of its laws and adds a broad array of requirements for handling personal data. EU member states are tasked under the GDPR to enact, and have enacted, certain implementing legislation that adds to and/or further interprets the GDPR requirements and potentially extends our obligations and potential liability for failing to meet such obligations. The GDPR, together with national legislation, regulations and guidelines of the EU member states and the United Kingdom governing the processing of personal data, impose strict obligations and restrictions on the ability to collect, use, retain, protect, disclose, transfer and otherwise process personal data. In particular, the GDPR includes obligations and restrictions concerning data transparency and consent, the overall rights of individuals to whom the personal data relates, the transfer of personal data out of the European Economic Area (“EEA”) or the United Kingdom, security breach notifications and the security and confidentiality of personal data. The GDPR authorizes fines for certain violations of up to 4% of global annual revenue or €20 million, whichever is greater. Recent legal developments in Europe have created further complexity and uncertainty regarding transfers of personal data from the EEA and the United Kingdom to the United States. Most recently, in July 2020, the Court of Justice of the European Union (“CJEU”) invalidated the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Framework (“Privacy Shield”) under which personal data could be transferred from the EEA to the United States. While the CJEU upheld the adequacy of standard contractual clauses, a standard form of contract approved by the European Commission as an adequate personal data transfer mechanism and potential alternative to the Privacy Shield, it made clear that reliance on them alone may not necessarily be sufficient in all circumstances.

Further, the United Kingdom’s decision to leave the EU has created uncertainty with regard to data protection regulation in the United Kingdom. As of January 1, 2021, we are also subject to the UK GDPR and UK Data Protection Act of 2018, which retains the GDPR in the United Kingdom’s national law. These recent developments will require us to review and amend the legal mechanisms by which we make and/or receive personal data transfers. As supervisory authorities issue further guidance on personal data export mechanisms, including circumstances where the standard contractual clauses and other mechanisms cannot be used, and/or start taking enforcement action, we could suffer additional costs, complaints and/or regulatory investigations or fines, or if we are otherwise unable to transfer personal data between and among countries and regions in which we operate, it could affect the manner in which we do business, the geographical location or segregation of our relevant operations, and could adversely affect our financial results.

All of these evolving compliance and operational requirements impose significant costs, such as costs related to organizational changes, implementing additional protection technologies, training associates and engaging consultants, which are likely to increase over time. In addition, such requirements may require us to modify our data processing practices and policies, distract management or divert resources from other initiatives and projects, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. Any failure or perceived failure by us to comply with any applicable federal, state or similar foreign laws and regulations relating to data privacy and security could result in damage to our reputation and our relationship with our customers, as well as proceedings or litigation by governmental agencies or customers, including class action privacy litigation in certain jurisdictions, which could subject us to significant fines, sanctions, awards, penalties or judgments, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***We may be impacted by our ability to comply with regulatory requirements.***

We are subject to numerous regulatory requirements. Our policies, procedures and internal controls are designed to comply with all applicable foreign and domestic laws and regulations, including those required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the U.K. Bribery Act, the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”), among others. Although we have put in place policies and procedures

aimed at ensuring legal and regulatory compliance, our associates, subcontractors, vendors, licensees, franchisees and other third parties could take actions that violate these laws and regulations. Any violations of such laws or regulations could have an adverse effect on our reputation, market price of our common stock, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

It can be difficult to comply with sometimes conflicting regulations in local, national or foreign jurisdictions as well as new or changing regulations. Also, changes in such laws could make operating our business more expensive or require us to change the way we do business. For example, changes in product safety or other consumer protection laws could lead to increased costs for certain merchandise, or additional labor costs associated with readying merchandise for sale. It may be difficult for us to oversee regulatory changes impacting our business, and our responses to changes in the law could be costly and may negatively impact our operations.

***We may be adversely impacted by certain compliance or legal matters.***

We, along with third parties we do business with, are subject to complex compliance and litigation risks. Actions filed against us from time to time include commercial, tort, intellectual property, customer, employment, wage and hour, data privacy, securities, anti-corruption and other claims, including purported class action lawsuits. In addition, notwithstanding our adoption of CDC-recommended guidelines and preventative efforts to ensure the health and safety of our customers and employees, it is possible that our customers and employees may contract COVID-19 while at our stores or facilities, which could subject us to litigation. The cost of defending against these types of claims against us or the ultimate resolution of such claims, whether by settlement or adverse court decision, may harm our business. Further, potential claimants may be encouraged to bring suits based on a settlement from us or adverse court decisions against us. We cannot currently assess the likely outcome of such suits, but if the outcome were negative, it could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In addition, we may be impacted by litigation trends, including class action lawsuits involving consumers and shareholders, that could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, the market price of our common stock, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

***We may be impacted by changes in taxation, trade and other regulatory requirements.***

We are subject to income tax in local, national and international jurisdictions. In addition, our products are subject to import and excise duties and/or sales or value-added taxes in many jurisdictions. We are also subject to the examination of our tax returns and other tax matters by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities and governmental bodies. We plan to regularly assess the likelihood of an adverse outcome resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of our provision for taxes. There can be no assurance as to the outcome of these examinations. Fluctuations in tax rates and duties, changes in tax legislation or regulation or adverse outcomes of these examinations could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

There is increased uncertainty with respect to tax policy and trade relations between the U.S. and other countries, including as a result of any executive action taken or legislative priorities set by the current Biden administration. Major developments in tax policy or trade relations, such as the imposition of unilateral tariffs on imported products, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

**Risks Relating to Our Common Stock**

***Because there has not been any public market for our common stock, the market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the initial market price of our common stock following the Separation.***

Prior to the Separation, there will have been no trading market for shares of our common stock. An active trading market may not develop or be sustained for our common stock after the Separation, and we cannot predict the prices at which our common stock will trade after the Separation. The market price of our common stock could fluctuate significantly due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- Fluctuations in our quarterly or annual earnings results or those of other companies in our industry;

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- Failures of our operating results to meet the estimates of securities analysts or the expectations of our stockholders, or changes by securities analysts in their estimates of our future earnings;
- Announcements by us or our customers, suppliers or competitors;
- Changes in market valuations or earnings of other companies in our industry;
- Changes in laws or regulations which adversely affect our industry or us;
- General economic, industry and stock market conditions;
- Future significant sales of our common stock by our stockholders or the perception in the market of such sales;
- Future issuances of our common stock by us; and
- The other factors described in these “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this information statement.

These and other factors may cause the market price and demand for our common stock to fluctuate substantially, which may limit or prevent investors from readily selling their shares of common stock and may otherwise negatively affect the liquidity of our common stock. In addition, in the past, when the market price of a stock has been volatile, holders of that stock have instituted securities class action litigation against the Company that issued the stock. If any of our stockholders brought a lawsuit against us, we could incur substantial costs defending the lawsuit. Such a lawsuit could also divert the time and attention of our management from our business.

The trading market for our common stock may also be influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us or our business. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to publish reports on us regularly, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline. Moreover, if one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our stock, or if our results of operations do not meet their expectations, our stock price could decline.

***A large number of our shares are or will be eligible for future sale, which may cause the market price of our common stock to decline.***

Upon completion of the Separation, we estimate that we will have outstanding an aggregate of approximately shares of our common stock (based on shares of LB common stock outstanding on , 2021). All of those shares (other than those held by our “affiliates”) will be freely tradable without restriction or registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). Shares held by our affiliates, which include our directors and executive officers, can be sold subject to volume, manner of sale and notice provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act. We estimate that our directors and executive officers, who may be considered “affiliates” for purposes of Rule 144, will beneficially own approximately shares of our common stock immediately following the Separation. We are unable to predict whether large amounts of our common stock will be sold in the open market following the Separation. We are also unable to predict whether a sufficient number of buyers will be in the market at that time. As discussed in the immediately following risk factor, certain index funds will likely be required to sell shares of our common stock that they receive in the Separation. In addition, other LB stockholders may sell the shares of our common stock they receive in the Separation for various reasons. For example, such stockholders may not believe our business profile or level of market capitalization as an independent company fits their investment objectives.

***Because our common stock may not be included in the Standard & Poor’s 500 Index, and it may not be included in other stock indices, significant amounts of our common stock will likely need to be sold in the open market where there may not be offsetting demand.***

A portion of LB’s outstanding common stock is held by index funds tied to the Standard & Poor’s 500 Index and other stock indices. Based on a review of publicly available information as of , 2021, we believe approximately % of LB’s outstanding common stock is held by index funds. Because our common stock may not be included in the Standard & Poor’s 500 Index, and it may not be included in other stock indices at the time of the Separation, index funds currently holding shares of LB common stock will likely be required



to sell the shares of our common stock they receive in the Separation. There may not be sufficient buying interest to offset sales by those index funds. Accordingly, our common stock could experience a high level of volatility immediately following the Separation and, as a result, the price of our common stock could be adversely affected.

***Provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and certain provisions of Delaware law could delay or prevent a change in control of VS.***

The existence of certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and Delaware law could discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of VS that a stockholder may consider favorable. These include provisions:

- Providing the right to our Board of Directors to issue one or more classes or series of preferred stock without stockholder approval;
- Authorizing a large number of shares of stock that are not yet issued, which would allow our Board of Directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, thereby protecting the continuity of our management, or which could be used to dilute the stock ownership of persons seeking to obtain control of us;
- Prohibiting stockholders from taking action by written consent; and
- Establishing advance notice and other requirements for nominations of candidates for election to our Board of Directors or for proposing matters that can be acted on by stockholders at the annual stockholder meetings.

We believe these provisions will protect our stockholders from coercive or otherwise unfair takeover tactics by requiring potential acquirors to negotiate with our Board of Directors and by providing our Board of Directors with more time to assess any acquisition proposal. These provisions are not intended to make us immune from takeovers. However, these provisions apply even if a takeover offer may be considered beneficial by some stockholders and could delay or prevent an acquisition that our Board of Directors determines is not in our and our stockholders' best interests. See "Description of Capital Stock."

***Our amended and restated bylaws will designate Delaware as the exclusive forum for certain litigation that may be initiated by our stockholders, which could limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us and limit the market price of our common stock.***

Pursuant to our amended and restated bylaws, as will be in effect upon the completion of the Separation, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, a state court located within the State of Delaware (or, if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal court for the District of Delaware) shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf; (ii) any action asserting a claim for or based on a breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors or officers or other employees or agents to us or to our stockholders, including a claim alleging the aiding and abetting of such a breach of fiduciary duty; (iii) any action asserting a claim against us or any of our directors or officers or other employees or agents arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or our certificate of incorporation or bylaws; (iv) any action asserting a claim related to or involving us that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine; or (v) any action asserting an "internal corporate claim" as that term is defined in Section 115 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. These exclusive forum provisions will apply to all covered actions, including any covered action in which the plaintiff chooses to assert a claim or claims under federal law in addition to a claim or claims under Delaware law. These exclusive forum provisions, however, will not apply to actions asserting only federal law claims under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, regardless of whether the state courts in the State of Delaware have jurisdiction over those claims. The forum selection clause in our amended and restated bylaws may limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us and limit the market price of our common stock.

***Your percentage ownership in VS may be diluted in the future.***

In the future, your percentage ownership in VS may be diluted because of equity issuances for acquisitions, strategic investments, capital market transactions or otherwise, including equity awards that we may grant to our directors, officers, employees and other service providers. Our compensation committee may grant additional

equity awards to our employees and other service providers after the Separation. These awards would have a dilutive effect on our earnings per share, which could adversely affect the market price of our common stock. From time to time, we may issue additional equity awards to our employees and other service providers under our employee compensation and benefit plans.

In addition, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorize us to issue, without the approval of our stockholders, one or more classes or series of preferred stock having such designations, powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other rights, and such qualifications, limitations or restrictions as our Board of directors generally may determine. The terms of one or more classes or series of preferred stock could dilute the voting power or reduce the value of our common stock. For example, we could grant holders of preferred stock the right to elect some number of our directors in all events or on the happening of specified events or the right to veto specified transactions. Similarly, the repurchase or redemption rights or dividend, distribution or liquidation preferences we could assign to holders of preferred stock could affect the residual value of the common stock. See “Description of Capital Stock—Preferred Stock.”

***Our common stock is and will be subordinate to all of our future indebtedness and any preferred stock, and effectively subordinated to all indebtedness and preferred equity claims against our subsidiaries.***

Shares of our common stock are common equity interests in us and, as such, will rank junior to all of our future indebtedness and other liabilities. Additionally, holders of our common stock may become subject to the prior dividend and liquidation rights of holders of any class or series of preferred stock that our Board of Directors may designate and issue without any action on the part of the holders of our common stock. Furthermore, our right to participate in a distribution of assets upon any of our subsidiaries’ liquidation or reorganization is subject to the prior claims of that subsidiary’s creditors and preferred stockholders.

***We cannot assure you that our Board of Directors will declare dividends in the foreseeable future.***

We do not currently intend to pay any cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings to fund the development and expansion of our business. The declaration and amount of any dividends to holders of our common stock will be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon many factors, including our financial condition, earnings, cash flows, capital requirements of our business, covenants associated with our debt obligations, legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice and any other factors the Board of Directors deems relevant. We may incur expenses or liabilities or be subject to other circumstances in the future that reduce or eliminate the amount of cash that we have available for distribution as dividends, including as a result of the risks described herein.



## THE SEPARATION

### General

On May 11, 2021, LB announced that it was moving forward with a plan to distribute to LB's stockholders all of the shares of common stock of VS through the Separation, including the Restructuring and the Distribution. VS is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of LB and, at the time of the Distribution, LB will hold, through its subsidiaries, certain assets and liabilities associated with the Spin Business. The Separation will be achieved through the transfer of certain assets and liabilities of the Spin Business to VS or its subsidiaries through the Restructuring and the distribution of 100% of the outstanding capital stock of VS to holders of LB common stock on the record date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. At the effective time of the Distribution, LB stockholders will receive one share of VS common stock for every \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock held on the record date. The Separation is expected to be completed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021. Immediately following the Separation, LB stockholders as of the record date will own 100% of the outstanding capital stock of VS. Following the Separation, VS will be an independent, publicly traded company, and LB will retain no ownership interest in VS.

As part of the Separation, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationship with LB after the Separation. These agreements will provide for the allocation between us and LB of the assets, liabilities and obligations of LB and its subsidiaries, and will govern the relationship between VS and LB after the Separation. In addition to the Separation and Distribution Agreement, the other principal agreements to be entered into with LB include:

- Tax Matters Agreement;
- L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement;
- VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement;
- Employee Matters Agreement;
- Domestic Transportation Services Agreement; and
- Certain other commercial arrangements.

The Separation as described in this information statement is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions. For a more detailed description of these conditions, see "—Conditions to the Distribution" below. We cannot provide any assurances that LB will complete the Separation.

### Reasons for the Separation

The LB Board of Directors believes separating the Spin Business from LB's other businesses is in the best interests of LB and its stockholders and has concluded the Separation will provide LB and VS with a number of potential opportunities and benefits, including the following:

- **Strategic and Management Focus.** Permit the management team of each company to focus on its own strategic priorities with financial targets that best fit its own business and opportunities. We believe the Separation will enable each company's management team to better position its businesses to capitalize on developing macroeconomic trends, increase managerial focus to pursue its individual strategies and leverage its key strengths to drive performance. The management of each resulting company will be able to concentrate on its core competencies and growth opportunities, and will have increased flexibility and speed to design and implement corporate strategies based on the characteristics of its business.
- **Resource Allocation and Capital Deployment.** Allow each company to allocate resources, incentivize employees and deploy capital to capture the significant long-term opportunities in their respective markets. The Separation will enable each company's management team to implement a capital structure, dividend policy and growth strategy tailored to each unique business. Both businesses are expected to have direct access to the debt and equity capital markets to fund their respective growth strategies.

- **Investor Choice.** Provide investors, both current and prospective, with the ability to value the two companies based on their distinct business characteristics and make more targeted investment decisions based on those characteristics. Separating the two businesses will provide investors with a more targeted investment opportunity so that investors interested in our business will have the opportunity to acquire stock of VS.
- **Employee Incentives and Retention.** Enable each company to better incentivize, attract, and retain key employees through the use of equity compensation. Separating the two businesses will allow each company to design stock option and similar programs that better incentivize management to enhance business performance because the stock price performance of each company will be based on the performance of its own business.

While a number of potential costs and risks were also considered, including, among others, risks relating to the creation of a new public company, such as increased costs from operating as a separate public company, the risk of volatility in our stock price immediately following the Distribution due to sales by LB's stockholders whose investment objectives may not be met by our common stock, the time it may take for us to attract our optimal stockholder base, potential disruptions to each business, the loss of synergies, scale and joint purchasing power, increased administrative costs, one-time separation costs, the fact that each company will be less diversified following the Separation, and the potential inability to realize the anticipated benefits of the Separation, it was nevertheless determined that the potential benefits of the Separation outweighed the potential costs and risks in connection therewith and provided the best opportunity to achieve the above benefits and enhance stockholder value.

The financial terms of the Separation, including the new indebtedness expected to be incurred by VS or entities that are, or will become, prior to the completion of the Separation, subsidiaries of VS, and the amount of the LB Cash Payment has been, or will be, determined by the LB Board of Directors based on a variety of factors, including establishing an appropriate pro forma capitalization for VS as a stand-alone company considering the historical earnings of the Spin Business and the level of indebtedness relative to earnings of various comparable companies.

### **The Number of Shares You Will Receive**

For every            shares of LB common stock you own as of the close of business on           , 2021, the record date for the Distribution, you will receive one share of VS common stock on the Distribution Date.

### **Treatment of Fractional Shares**

The distribution agent will not distribute any fractional shares of our common stock to LB stockholders. Instead, as soon as practicable on or after the Distribution Date, the distribution agent for the Distribution will aggregate fractional shares into whole shares, sell the whole shares in the open market at prevailing prices and distribute the net cash proceeds from the sales, net of brokerage fees and commissions, transfer taxes and other costs and after making appropriate deductions of the amounts required to be withheld for U.S. federal income tax purposes, if any, pro rata to each holder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share in the Distribution. The distribution agent will determine when, how, through which broker-dealers and at what prices to sell the aggregated fractional shares. Recipients of cash in lieu of fractional shares will not be entitled to any minimum sale price for the fractional shares or to any interest on the amounts of payments made in lieu of fractional shares. The receipt of cash in lieu of fractional shares generally will be taxable to the recipient stockholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes as described below in "The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution—The Distribution."

### **When and How You Will Receive the Distribution of VS Shares**

LB will distribute the shares of our common stock on           , 2021 to holders of record as of the close of business on the record date for the Distribution. The Distribution is expected to be completed following the market closing on the Distribution Date. LB's transfer agent and registrar, AST, will serve as transfer agent and registrar for the VS common stock and as distribution agent in connection with the Distribution.

If you own LB common stock as of the close of business on the record date for the Distribution, the shares of VS common stock that you are entitled to receive in the Distribution will be issued electronically, as of the Distribution Date, to your account as follows:

- **Registered Stockholders.** If you own your shares of LB stock directly, either in book-entry form through an account at AST and/or if you hold paper stock certificates, you will receive your shares of VS common stock by way of direct registration in book-entry form. Registration in book-entry form is a method of recording stock ownership when no physical paper share certificates are issued to stockholders, as is the case in the Distribution.

On or shortly after the Distribution Date, the distribution agent will mail to you an account statement that indicates the number of shares of VS common stock that have been registered in book-entry form in your name.

Stockholders having any questions concerning the mechanics of having shares of our common stock registered in book-entry form may contact AST at the address set forth in “Summary—Questions and Answers About the Separation” in this information statement.

- **Beneficial Stockholders.** Many LB stockholders hold their shares of LB common stock beneficially through a bank or brokerage firm. In such cases, the bank or brokerage firm would be said to hold the stock in “street name” and ownership would be recorded on the bank or brokerage firm’s books. If you hold your LB common stock through a bank or brokerage firm, your bank or brokerage firm will credit your account for the shares of VS common stock that you are entitled to receive in the Distribution. If you have any questions concerning the mechanics of having shares of common stock held in “street name,” we encourage you to contact your bank or brokerage firm.

### **Treatment of Outstanding Equity Compensation Awards**

In connection with the Separation, outstanding LB equity awards will generally be equitably adjusted in a manner that is intended to preserve the aggregate intrinsic value of such awards as of immediately before and after the Distribution.

Specifically, we intend that, in connection with the Separation, (i) outstanding LB equity awards held by individuals who will continue to be employed by or provide services to LB as well as former VS employees will be equitably adjusted to reflect the difference in the value of LB common stock before and after the Distribution in a manner that is intended to preserve the overall intrinsic value of the awards by taking into account the relative value of LB common stock before and after the Distribution, and (ii) outstanding LB equity awards held by individuals who are then-currently employed by or otherwise providing services to VS, or whose employment or engagement will be transferred to VS in connection with and prior to the Separation, will be converted into equity awards that will be settled in shares of VS common stock in a manner intended to equitably preserve the overall intrinsic value of the converted equity awards by taking into account the relative value of LB common stock before the Distribution and the value of VS common stock after the Distribution.

In addition, any LB equity awards held by employees who are intended to transfer to VS following the Distribution Date (including in connection with any transition services) will be treated in the same manner as other LB employees on the Distribution Date, as described above. Upon the transfer of their employment to VS following the Distribution Date, VS will be required to grant such employees VS equity awards to replace any LB equity awards forfeited by such employees in connection with the transfer of their employment. These replacement VS equity awards will have a value intended to equal the intrinsic value of the applicable forfeited LB equity awards, determined in the manner set forth in the Employee Matters Agreement.

### **Results of the Separation**

After the Separation, we will be an independent, publicly traded company that directly or indirectly holds certain assets and liabilities of the Spin Business. Immediately following the Separation, we expect to have approximately \_\_\_\_\_ stockholders of record, based on the number of registered stockholders of LB common stock on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, applying a distribution ratio of one share of our common stock for every \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock. We expect to have approximately \_\_\_\_\_ shares of VS common stock outstanding. The actual number of shares to be distributed will be determined on the record date.

Before the completion of the Separation, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements with LB to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationship with LB after the Separation. These agreements will provide for the allocation between VS and LB of LB’s assets, liabilities and obligations subsequent to the Separation (including with respect to transition services, employee

matters, tax matters, domestic transportation services matters, and certain commercial arrangements). For a more detailed description of these agreements, see “—Agreements with LB” below. The Separation will not affect the number of outstanding shares of LB common stock or any rights of LB stockholders.

### **Incurrence of Debt**

We anticipate having \$1.0 billion in principal aggregate amount of indebtedness upon completion of the Separation, consisting of a \$400 million term loan facility and \$600 million of senior notes, the proceeds of which we intend to use to make the LB Cash Payment and to pay related fees and expenses. We also expect to establish a \$750 million asset-based revolving facility, which is expected to be undrawn at the Separation. See “Description of Material Indebtedness.”

Following the Separation, our debt obligations could restrict our business and may adversely impact our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, the Separation may increase the overall cost of debt funding and decrease the overall debt capacity and commercial credit available to the businesses collectively. Also, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be harmed by a deterioration of our credit profile or by factors adversely affecting the credit markets generally. See “Risk Factors—Risks Relating to the Separation—Following the Separation, we will have debt obligations that could restrict our business and adversely impact our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. In addition, the separation of our business from LB may increase the overall cost of debt funding and decrease the overall debt capacity and commercial credit available to us.”

### **Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution**

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Distribution to U.S. Holders (as defined below) of LB common stock. This discussion is based on the Code, applicable Treasury regulations, administrative interpretations and court decisions as in effect as of the date of this information statement, all of which may change, possibly with retroactive effect. For purposes of this discussion, a “U.S. Holder” is a beneficial owner of LB common stock that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- A citizen or resident of the U.S.;
- A corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the U.S., any state therein or the District of Columbia; or
- An estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

This discussion addresses only the consequences of the Distribution to U.S. Holders that hold LB common stock as a capital asset. It does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to a U.S. Holder in light of that stockholder’s particular circumstances or to a U.S. Holder subject to special rules, such as:

- A financial institution, regulated investment company or insurance company;
- A tax-exempt organization;
- A dealer or broker in securities, commodities or foreign currencies;
- A stockholder that holds LB common stock as part of a hedge, appreciated financial position, straddle, conversion, or other risk reduction transaction;
- A stockholder that holds LB common stock in a tax-deferred account, such as an individual retirement account; or
- A stockholder that acquired LB common stock pursuant to the exercise of options or similar derivative securities or otherwise as compensation.

If a partnership, or any entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, holds LB common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in such partnership generally will depend on the status of the partners and the activities of the partnership. A partner in a partnership holding LB common stock should consult its tax adviser.

A U.S. Holder who acquired different blocks of LB common stock at different times and at different prices generally must apply the rules described in the following sections separately to each identifiable block of shares of LB common stock. A U.S. Holder who holds LB common stock with differing bases or holding periods should consult its tax adviser.

This discussion of material U.S. federal income tax consequences is not a complete analysis or description of all potential U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Distribution. This discussion does not address tax consequences that may vary with, or are contingent on, individual circumstances. In addition, it does not address any U.S. federal, estate, gift or other non-income tax or any non-U.S., state or local tax consequences of the Distribution. **Accordingly, each holder of LB common stock should consult his, her or its tax adviser to determine the particular U.S. federal, state or local or non-U.S. income or other tax consequences of the Distribution to such holder.**

### ***Tax Opinion***

The consummation of the Separation, along with certain related transactions, is conditioned upon the receipt of the opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP substantially to the effect that the Distribution, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a generally tax-free “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a generally tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code, and the distribution by LB of the proceeds from the LB Cash Payment to its creditors in retirement of outstanding LB indebtedness or to LB stockholders in repurchase of, or distribution with respect to, shares of LB common stock, should qualify as money distributed to LB creditors or stockholders in connection with the reorganization for purposes of Section 361(b) of the Code, which we refer to as the “Tax Opinion.” In rendering the Tax Opinion to be given as of the closing of the Separation, which we refer to as the “Closing Tax Opinion,” Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP will rely on (i) customary representations and covenants made by us and LB, including those contained in certificates of officers of us and LB, and (ii) specified assumptions, including an assumption regarding the completion of the Separation and certain related transactions in the manner contemplated by the transaction agreements. In addition, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP’s ability to provide the Closing Tax Opinion will depend on the absence of changes in existing facts or law between the date of this information statement and the closing date of the Distribution. If any of the representations, covenants or assumptions on which Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP will rely is inaccurate, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP may not be able to provide the Closing Tax Opinion or the tax consequences of the Distribution could differ from those described below. The opinions of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP do not preclude the IRS or the courts from adopting a contrary position.

### ***The Distribution***

Assuming that the Distribution, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a generally tax-free “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a generally tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code, and that the Restructuring steps will qualify as transactions that are tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes, in general, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- Subject to limited exceptions, the Distribution will not result in the recognition of income, gain or loss to LB or us;
- No gain or loss will be recognized by, and no amount will be included in the income of, U.S. Holders of LB common stock upon the receipt of our common stock in the Distribution;
- The aggregate tax basis of the shares of our common stock distributed in the Distribution to a U.S. Holder of LB common stock will be determined by allocating the aggregate tax basis such U.S. Holder has in the shares of LB common stock immediately before such Distribution between such LB common stock and our common stock in proportion to the relative fair market value of each immediately following the Distribution;
- The holding period of any shares of our common stock received by a U.S. Holder of LB common stock in the Distribution will include the holding period of the shares of LB common stock held by a U.S. Holder prior to the Distribution; and
- A U.S. Holder of LB common stock that receives cash in lieu of a fractional share of our common stock will recognize capital gain or loss, measured by the difference between the cash received for such

fractional share and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in that fractional share, determined as described above, and such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period in the LB common stock is more than one year as of the closing date of the Distribution.

In general, if the Distribution, together with certain related transactions, does not qualify as a generally tax-free "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a generally tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code, the Distribution will be treated as a taxable dividend to holders of LB common stock in an amount equal to the fair market value of our common stock received, to the extent of such holder's ratable share of LB's earnings and profits. In addition, if the Separation does not qualify as a tax-free transaction, LB will recognize significant taxable gain, which could result in significant tax to LB.

Even if the Separation were otherwise to qualify as a generally tax-free transaction, the Distribution will be taxable to LB under Section 355(e) of the Code if 50% or more of either the total voting power or the total fair market value of the stock of LB or our common stock is acquired as part of a plan or series of related transactions that includes the Distribution. If Section 355(e) applies as a result of such an acquisition, LB would recognize taxable gain as described above, but the Distribution would generally be tax-free to you. Under some circumstances, the Tax Matters Agreement would require us to indemnify LB for the tax liability associated with the taxable gain. See "—Agreements with LB—Tax Matters Agreement."

Under the Tax Matters Agreement, we will generally be required to indemnify LB for the resulting taxes in the event that the Separation and/or related transactions fail to qualify for their intended tax treatment due to any action by us or any of our subsidiaries (see "—Agreements with LB—Tax Matters Agreement"). If the Separation were to be taxable to LB, the liability for payment of such tax by LB or by us under the Tax Matters Agreement could have a material adverse effect on LB or us, as the case may be.

### ***Information Reporting and Backup Withholding***

U.S. Treasury regulations generally require holders who own at least 5% of the total outstanding stock of LB (by vote or value) and who receive our common stock pursuant to the Distribution to attach to their U.S. federal income tax return for the year in which the Distribution occurs a detailed statement setting forth certain information relating to the tax-free nature of the Distribution. LB and/or we will provide the appropriate information to each holder upon request, and each such holder is required to retain permanent records of this information. In addition, payments of cash to a U.S. Holder of LB common stock in lieu of fractional shares of our common stock in the Distribution may be subject to information reporting, unless the U.S. Holder provides the withholding agent with proof of an applicable exemption. Such payments that are subject to information reporting may also be subject to backup withholding, unless such U.S. Holder provides the withholding agent with a correct taxpayer identification number and otherwise complies with the requirements of the backup withholding rules. Backup withholding does not constitute additional tax, but merely an advance payment, which may be refunded or credited against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely supplied to the IRS.

### **Appraisal Rights**

No LB stockholder will have any appraisal rights in connection with the Separation.

### **Listing and Trading of Our Common Stock**

As of the date of this information statement, there is no public market for our common stock. We have been approved to list our common stock on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "VSCO."

### **Trading Between Record Date and Distribution Date**

Beginning on the record date for the Distribution and continuing up to and including the Distribution Date, we expect there will be two markets in LB common stock: a "regular-way" market and an "ex-distribution" market. Shares of LB common stock that trade on the "regular-way" market will trade with an entitlement to receive shares of VS common stock in the Distribution. Shares that trade on the "ex-distribution" market will trade without an entitlement to receive shares of VS common stock in the Distribution. Therefore, if you sell shares of LB common stock in the "regular-way" market after the close of business on the record date for the

Distribution and up to and including the Distribution Date, you will be selling your right to receive shares of VS common stock in the Distribution. If you own shares of LB common stock as of the close of business on the record date for the Distribution and sell those shares in the “ex-distribution” market, up to and including the Distribution Date, you will still receive the shares of VS common stock that you would be entitled to receive in respect of your ownership, as of the record date, of the shares of LB common stock that you sold.

Furthermore, beginning on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 and continuing up to and including the Distribution Date, we expect there will be a “when-issued” market in our common stock. “When-issued” trading refers to a sale or purchase made conditionally because the security has been authorized but not yet issued. The “when-issued” trading market will be a market for shares of VS common stock that will be distributed to LB stockholders on the Distribution Date. If you own shares of LB common stock as of the close of business on the record date, you would be entitled to receive shares of our common stock in the Distribution. You may trade this entitlement to receive shares of VS common stock, without trading the shares of LB common stock you own, in the “when-issued” market. On the first trading day following the Distribution Date, we expect “when-issued” trading with respect to VS common stock will end and “regular-way” trading in VS common stock will begin.

### **Conditions to the Distribution**

We expect the Distribution will be effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, the Distribution Date, provided that, among other conditions described in the Separation and Distribution Agreement, the following conditions will have been satisfied or waived by LB in its sole discretion:

- The Separation-related restructuring and financing transactions contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement, including the LB Cash Payment, will each have been completed, and LB shall be satisfied in its sole and absolute discretion that, as of the effective time of the Distribution, it shall have no liability whatsoever under such financing transactions;
- The LB Board of Directors will have approved the Distribution and will not have abandoned the Distribution or terminated the Separation and Distribution Agreement at any time prior to the Distribution;
- The SEC will have declared effective our registration statement on Form 10, of which this information statement is a part, under the Exchange Act, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of our registration statement on Form 10 will be in effect and no proceedings for such purpose will have been instituted or threatened by the SEC, and this information statement, or a notice of Internet availability thereof, will have been mailed to the holders of LB common stock as of the record date for the Distribution;
- All actions and filings necessary or appropriate under applicable federal, state or other securities laws or “blue sky” laws and the rules and regulations thereunder will have been taken or made and, where applicable, become effective or accepted;
- Our common stock to be delivered in the Distribution will have been approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance;
- The VS Board of Directors, as named in this information statement, will have been duly elected, and the amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws of VS, in substantially the form attached as exhibits to the registration statement of which this information statement is a part, will be in effect;
- Each of the ancillary agreements contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement will have been executed and delivered by the parties thereto;
- LB will have received the opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP (which will not have been revoked or modified in any material respect), reasonably satisfactory to LB, to the effect that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Distribution, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a generally tax-free “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a generally tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code and the distribution by LB of the proceeds from the LB Cash Payment to its creditors in retirement of outstanding LB



indebtedness or to LB stockholders in repurchase of, or distribution with respect to, shares of LB common stock, should qualify as money distributed to LB creditors or stockholders in connection with the reorganization for purposes of Section 361(b) of the Code (the “Tax Opinion Condition”);

- An independent appraisal firm acceptable to LB will have delivered one or more opinions to the LB Board of Directors concerning the solvency and capital adequacy matters of each of (a) LB and its subsidiaries prior to the consummation of the Distribution and (b) LB and its subsidiaries and VS and its subsidiaries after consummation of the Distribution, and such opinions will be acceptable in form and substance to the LB Board of Directors in its sole and absolute discretion and such opinions will not have been withdrawn or rescinded;
- No applicable law will have been adopted, promulgated or issued that prohibits the consummation of the Distribution or any of the other transactions contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement or an ancillary agreement contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement;
- Any material governmental approvals and consents and any material permits, registrations and consents from third parties, in each case, necessary to effect the Distribution, will have been obtained;
- No event or development will have occurred or exist that, in the judgment of the LB Board of Directors, in its sole and absolute discretion, makes it inadvisable to effect the Distribution or any of the other transactions contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement or an ancillary agreement contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement; and
- Certain necessary actions to complete the Separation will have occurred, including that LB will have entered into a distribution agent agreement with a distribution agent or otherwise provided instructions to a distribution agent regarding the Distribution.

The fulfillment of the foregoing conditions will not create any obligations on LB’s part to effect the Separation, and the LB Board of Directors has reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to abandon, modify or change the terms of the Separation, including by accelerating or delaying the timing of the consummation of all or part of the Distribution, at any time prior to the Distribution Date.

We cannot assure you that all of the conditions will be satisfied or waived. In addition, if the Distribution is completed and the LB Board of Directors waived any such condition, such waiver could have a material adverse effect on LB’s and VS’s respective business, financial condition or results of operations, the trading price of VS common stock, or the ability of stockholders to sell their shares after the Distribution, including, without limitation, as a result of illiquid trading due to the failure of VS common stock to be accepted for listing or litigation relating to any preliminary or permanent injunctions sought to prevent the consummation of the Distribution. See “—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Distribution—The Distribution” above for a discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences for LB and its stockholders that may arise if LB waives the Tax Opinion Condition and the Distribution is treated as a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

#### **Agreements with LB**

As part of the Separation, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements with LB to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationships with LB after the Separation. These agreements will provide for the allocation between us and LB of the assets, liabilities and obligations of LB and its subsidiaries, and will govern the relationships between VS and LB subsequent to the Separation (including with respect to transition services, employee matters, tax matters, domestic transportation services matters, and certain commercial arrangements).

In addition to the Separation and Distribution Agreement (which will contain many of the key provisions related to the Separation and the distribution of our shares of common stock to LB stockholders), these agreements include, among others:

- Tax Matters Agreement;
- L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement;
- VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement;
- Employee Matters Agreement;



- Domestic Transportation Services Agreement; and
- Certain other commercial arrangements.

The forms of the principal agreements described below are expected to be filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this information statement forms a part. The following descriptions of these agreements are summaries of the material terms of these agreements.

### ***The Separation and Distribution Agreement***

The Separation and Distribution Agreement will govern the overall terms of the Separation. Generally, the Separation and Distribution Agreement will include LB's and our agreements relating to the restructuring steps to be taken to complete the Separation, including the assets and rights to be transferred, liabilities to be assumed and related matters.

Subject to the receipt of required governmental and other consents and approvals and the satisfaction of other closing conditions, in order to accomplish the Separation, the Separation and Distribution Agreement will provide for LB and us to transfer specified assets between the companies that will operate the Spin Business after the Distribution, on the one hand, and LB's remaining businesses, on the other hand. The Separation and Distribution Agreement will require LB and us to use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain consents, approvals and amendments required to assign the assets and liabilities that are to be transferred pursuant to the Separation and Distribution Agreement.

Unless otherwise provided in the Separation and Distribution Agreement or any of the related ancillary agreements, all assets will be transferred on an "as is, where is" basis. Generally, if the transfer of any assets or any claim or right or benefit arising thereunder requires a consent that will not be obtained before the Distribution, or if the transfer or assignment of any such asset or such claim or right or benefit arising thereunder would be ineffective, would adversely affect the rights of the transferor thereunder or would violate any applicable law, the party retaining any asset that otherwise would have been transferred shall hold such asset in trust for the use and benefit of the party entitled thereto and retain such liability for the account of the party by whom such liability is to be assumed, and take such other action in order to place such party, insofar as reasonably possible, in the same position as would have existed had such asset or liability been transferred prior to the Distribution.

In addition, we will also grant and receive licenses under certain intellectual property in connection with the Separation and Distribution Agreement, which will generally provide us and LB the freedom to continue operating our respective businesses following the Distribution, including as follows:

- We will grant LB a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, fully paid-up and royalty-free license to certain intellectual property transferred to us in connection with the Separation but used by LB in its business as of the Distribution in order for LB to continue operating its business.
- We will receive from LB a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, fully paid-up and royalty-free license to certain intellectual property retained by LB but used in the Spin Business as of the Distribution in order for us to continue operating the Spin Business.

The Separation and Distribution Agreement will specify those conditions that must be satisfied or waived by LB prior to the completion of the Separation, which are described further above in "—Conditions to the Distribution." In addition, LB will have the right to determine the date and terms of the Separation, and will have the right, at any time until completion of the Distribution, to determine to abandon or modify the Distribution and to terminate the Separation and Distribution Agreement.

In addition, the Separation and Distribution Agreement will govern the treatment of indemnification, insurance and litigation responsibility and management. Generally, the Separation and Distribution Agreement will provide for uncapped cross-indemnities principally designed to place financial responsibility for the obligations and liabilities of the Spin Business with us and financial responsibility for the obligations and liabilities of LB's retained businesses with LB. The Separation and Distribution Agreement will also establish procedures for handling claims subject to indemnification and related matters.

***Tax Matters Agreement***

In connection with the Separation, we and LB will enter into a tax matters agreement (the “Tax Matters Agreement”) that will govern the parties’ respective rights, responsibilities and obligations with respect to taxes, including taxes arising in the ordinary course of business, and taxes, if any, incurred as a result of the failure of the Distribution (and certain related transactions) to qualify for tax-free treatment for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Tax Matters Agreement will also set forth the respective obligations of the parties with respect to the filing of tax returns, the administration of tax contests and assistance and cooperation on tax matters.

In general, the Tax Matters Agreement will govern the rights and obligations that we and LB have after the Separation with respect to taxes for both pre- and post-closing periods. Under the Tax Matters Agreement, LB generally will be responsible for all of our pre-closing taxes that are reported on combined tax returns with LB or any of its affiliates, all of our pre-closing income taxes that are reported on tax returns that include only us and/or our subsidiaries (“separate tax returns”) for taxable years that end before the Separation and all of our pre-closing non-income taxes that are reported on separate tax returns. We will generally be responsible for all other taxes that are reported on separate tax returns.

In the Tax Matters Agreement, we will also agree to certain covenants that contain restrictions intended to preserve the tax-free treatment of the Distribution. We may take certain actions prohibited by these covenants only if we obtain and provide to LB a ruling from the IRS or an opinion from a tax adviser acceptable to LB in its sole discretion, in each case, to the effect that such action will not jeopardize the tax-free treatment of these transactions, or if we obtain prior written consent of LB, in its sole and absolute discretion, waiving such requirement. We will be barred from taking any action, or failing to take any action, where such action or failure to act adversely affects or could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the tax-free treatment of the Distribution, for all relevant time periods. In addition, these covenants will include specific restrictions on our:

- Discontinuing the active conduct of our trade or business;
- Issuance or sale of stock or other securities (including securities convertible into our stock but excluding certain compensatory arrangements);
- Amending our certificate of incorporation (or other organizational documents) or take any other action, whether through a stockholder vote or otherwise, affecting the voting rights of our common stock; and
- Entering into certain corporate transactions that could jeopardize the tax-free treatment of the Distribution.

We will generally agree to indemnify LB against any and all tax-related liabilities incurred by them relating to the Distribution to the extent caused by any action undertaken by us. The indemnification will apply even if LB has permitted us to take an action that would otherwise have been prohibited under the tax-related covenants described above.

***L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement***

The L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement will set forth the terms on which LB will provide to VS, on a transitional basis, certain services or functions that the companies historically have shared. The transition services will include various services or functions, many of which currently use a shared technology platform, including human resources, payroll, certain logistics functions and information technology services, generally for a period of up to two years following the Distribution for all such services other than information technology services, which will be provided for a period of up to three years following the Distribution, but may be extended for a maximum of two additional one-year periods subject to increased administrative charges. Compensation for the transition services will be determined using several billing methodologies, including customary billing, pass-through billing, percent of sales billing or fixed fee billing. The L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement will provide that VS may, subject to certain conditions, terminate any or all of the services, or any part of a service, upon 60 days’ prior written notice to LB. LB may, subject to certain conditions, terminate a service if the performance of such service subjects LB to a reasonable risk of violating applicable law or would reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect LB’s business, in each case upon providing VS with reasonable prior written notice. VS will indemnify LB from liabilities for claims arising from the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement, including LB’s provision of the services, VS’s use of the services or breach of the agreement, or from VS’s gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct. LB will indemnify VS from liabilities for claims arising from LB’s breach of the agreement or from LB’s gross

negligence, fraud or willful misconduct. Subject to certain customary exceptions, LB's maximum aggregate liability under the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement will be limited to the fees actually received by LB under the agreement, provided that, for liabilities related to data privacy, cybersecurity or similar matters, if LB is able to recover a greater amount from its third-party service providers, it will pass through such excess recovery to VS on a pro-rata basis.

#### ***VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement***

The VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement will set forth the terms on which VS will provide to LB, on a transitional basis, certain services or functions transferred to us in connection with the Separation that the companies have historically shared. The transition services will include various services or functions, including information technology, certain logistics functions, customer marketing and customer call center services, generally for a period of up to two years following the Distribution for all such services other than information technology services, which will be provided for a period of up to three years following the Distribution, but may be extended for a maximum of two additional one-year periods subject to increased administrative charges. Compensation for the transition services will be determined using several billing methodologies, including customary billing, pass-through billing, percent of sales billing or fixed fee billing. The VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement will provide that LB may, subject to certain conditions, terminate any or all of the services, or any part of a service, upon 60 days' prior written notice to VS. VS may, subject to certain conditions, terminate a service if the performance of such service subjects VS to a reasonable risk of violating applicable law or would reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the Spin Business, in each case upon providing LB with reasonable prior written notice. LB will indemnify VS from liabilities for claims arising from the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement, including VS's provision of the services, LB's use of the services or breach of the agreement, or from LB's gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct. VS will indemnify LB from liabilities for claims arising from VS's breach of the agreement or from VS's gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct. Subject to certain customary exceptions, VS's maximum aggregate liability under the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement will be limited to the fees actually received by VS under the agreement, provided that, for liabilities related to data privacy, cybersecurity or similar matters, if VS is able to recover a greater amount from its third-party service providers, it will pass through such excess recovery to LB on a pro-rata basis.

#### ***Employee Matters Agreement***

We intend to enter into an Employee Matters Agreement with LB prior to the Separation that will govern each company's respective compensation and benefit obligations with respect to current and former employees, directors and consultants. The Employee Matters Agreement will set forth general principles relating to employee matters in connection with the Separation, such as the assignment of employees, the assumption and retention of liabilities and related assets, expense reimbursements, workers' compensation, leaves of absence, the provision of comparable benefits, employee service credit, the sharing of employee information and duplication or acceleration of benefits.

The Employee Matters Agreement generally will allocate liabilities and responsibilities relating to employment, compensation and benefits-related matters, with (i) LB generally retaining liabilities (both pre- and post-Distribution) and responsibilities with respect to (a) LB employees and participants who will remain with (or who will otherwise transfer to) LB and former employees who were last actively employed by LB primarily in its business and (b) benefit plans and programs sponsored by LB and (ii) VS assuming liabilities (both pre- and post-Distribution) and responsibilities with respect to (a) employees and participants who will transfer with VS in connection with the Separation and former employees who were last actively employed primarily in the Spin Business and (b) benefit plans and programs sponsored by VS. The Employee Matters Agreement will provide that, following the Distribution, VS active employees generally will no longer participate in benefit plans sponsored or maintained by LB and will commence participation in VS benefit plans, subject to the terms of the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement.

In addition, during the 24 month period following the Separation (or, for employees providing transition services under the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement or the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement, as applicable, through the date on which the applicable transition service period ends, if later), each of LB and VS will be subject to mutual nonsolicit and no hire restrictions, subject to certain exceptions set forth in the Employee Matters Agreement.

Effective on or prior to the Distribution, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Employee Matters Agreement, the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement or otherwise agreed between LB and VS, to the extent not already employed by VS or one of its applicable subsidiaries, the employment of each VS employee will be transferred to VS or one of its applicable subsidiaries, and VS or one of its subsidiaries will generally assume responsibility for any individual employment, retention, severance or similar agreements applicable to such VS employee. Any employees who transfer to VS following the Distribution Date (including in connection with any transition services) will be deemed a VS employee as of the date of such transfer.

Each VS employee participating in a cash bonus plan maintained by LB in respect of the spring 2021 performance period will remain eligible to receive such cash bonus award, subject to the terms of the applicable bonus plan and actual achievement of applicable performance goals determined as of the end of the performance period. The actual spring 2021 cash bonuses payable to VS employees will be paid by VS in accordance with the terms of the applicable LB cash bonus plan, and LB will reimburse VS for the aggregate cost of the Spring 2021 bonuses paid by VS to VS employees. The Employee Matters Agreement will also set forth the treatment of any outstanding equity awards. For additional details regarding the treatment of outstanding equity awards in connection with the Separation, see “Separation—Treatment of Outstanding Equity Compensation Awards” above.

#### ***Domestic Transportation Services Agreement***

In connection with the Separation, we intend to enter into a Domestic Transportation Services Agreement with a subsidiary of LB pursuant to which LB’s subsidiary will continue to provide transportation services for certain personal care and apparel merchandise of the Spin Business in the United States and Canada for an initial term of three years following the Distribution, which term will thereafter continuously renew unless and until we or LB’s subsidiary elect to terminate the arrangement upon 18 or 36 months’ prior written notice, respectively. LB’s subsidiary will indemnify VS from liabilities for claims arising from such subsidiary’s breach of the agreement, such subsidiary’s violation of applicable law or such subsidiary’s gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct. VS will indemnify LB’s subsidiary from liabilities for claims arising from VS’s use of the services or breach of the agreement, the merchandise of the Spin Business subject to the agreement, VS’s violation of applicable law or VS’s gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct. Subject to certain customary exceptions, the maximum aggregate liability of each of VS and LB’s subsidiary under the Domestic Transportation Services Agreement in any calendar year will be limited to \$7,500,000. LB’s subsidiary’s maximum liability for lost, damaged, destroyed or stolen VS products under the agreement will be \$250,000 per occurrence, provided that if LB’s subsidiary recovers a greater amount under its third-party service provider contracts, it will pass through such excess recovery to VS, or \$5,000,000 per calendar year.

#### ***Commercial Arrangements***

We intend to enter into certain other commercial arrangements with LB in connection with the Separation. These commercial arrangements will include a campus security and emergency operations services agreement pursuant to which VS or a subsidiary thereof will continue to provide campus security and emergency operations services for LB for an initial term of three years following the Distribution, which term will thereafter continuously renew unless and until we or LB elect to terminate the arrangement upon 12 months’ prior notice. In addition, we intend to enter into agreements relating to the ownership, management, maintenance, support and use of certain shared aircraft, pursuant to which LB will operate the aircraft and allocate to the Spin Business its share of the operating costs. We also intend to enter into an agreement pursuant to which LB will lease to VS a portion of one of LB’s distribution centers and an agreement pursuant to which LB will grant VS a limited, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use certain of LB’s formulas relating to certain candle bases and fragrances in certain VS candle products for two years following the Distribution. These agreements modify our historical intercompany arrangements, and we do not believe such commercial arrangements are material to the Spin Business.

#### ***Transferability of Shares of Our Common Stock***

The shares of our common stock that you will receive in the Distribution will be freely transferable, unless you are considered an “affiliate” of ours under Rule 144 under the Securities Act. Persons who can be considered our affiliates after the Separation generally include individuals or entities that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control, are controlled by or are under common control with us, and may

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include certain of our officers and directors. In addition, individuals who are affiliates of LB on the Distribution Date may be deemed to be affiliates of ours. We estimate that our directors and executive officers, who may be considered “affiliates” for purposes of Rule 144, will beneficially own approximately                      shares of our common stock immediately following the Separation. See “Ownership of Common Stock by Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” included elsewhere in this information statement. Our affiliates may sell shares of our common stock received in the Distribution only:

- Under a registration statement that the SEC has declared effective under the Securities Act; or
- Under an exemption from registration under the Securities Act, such as the exemption afforded by Rule 144.

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, an affiliate will be entitled to sell, within any three-month period, a number of shares of our common stock that does not exceed the greater of:

- One percent of our common stock then outstanding; or
- The average weekly trading volume of our common stock during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 for the sale.

Rule 144 also includes notice requirements and restrictions governing the manner of sale for sales by our affiliates. Sales may not be made under Rule 144 unless certain information about us is publicly available.

### **Reason for Furnishing this Information Statement**

This information statement is being furnished solely to provide information to LB stockholders who are entitled to receive shares of our common stock in the Distribution. The information statement is not, and is not to be construed as, an inducement or encouragement to buy, hold or sell any of our securities. We believe the information contained in this information statement is accurate as of the date set forth on the cover. Changes may occur after that date and neither LB nor we undertake any obligation to update such information except in the normal course of our respective public disclosure obligations.

## **DIVIDEND POLICY**

We do not currently intend to pay any cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings to fund the development and expansion of our business. The declaration and amount of any dividends to holders of our common stock will be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon many factors, including our financial condition, earnings, cash flows, capital requirements of our business, covenants associated with our debt obligations, legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice and any other factors the Board of Directors deems relevant. In addition, our ability to pay cash dividends on our capital stock may be limited by the terms of any future debt or preferred securities we issue or any credit facilities we enter into.

## CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our capitalization as of May 1, 2021 on a historical and pro forma basis to give effect to the Separation and other matters, as discussed in “The Separation.”

The pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and assumptions that management believes are reasonable; however, such adjustments are subject to change based on the finalization of the terms of the Separation and the agreements which define our relationship with LB after the completion of the Separation. In addition, such adjustments are estimates and may not prove to be accurate.

You should read the information in the following table together with “Selected Historical Combined Financial Data,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” “Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements” and our historical combined financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this information statement.

We are providing the capitalization table for information purposes only. The capitalization table below may not reflect the capitalization or financial condition that would have resulted had we been operating as an independent, publicly traded company on May 1, 2021 and is not necessarily indicative of our future capitalization or financial condition.

	As of May 1, 2021	
	Actual (Unaudited)	Pro Forma (Unaudited)
	(in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 332	\$ 250
Indebtedness:		
Long-term debt <sup>(2)</sup>	—	977
Long-term debt due to related party <sup>(3)</sup>	97	—
Total indebtedness	97	977
Equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding, pro forma <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—
Paid-in capital <sup>(4)</sup>	—	93
Accumulated other comprehensive income	7	7
Net investment by L Brands, Inc. <sup>(4)</sup>	1,000	—
Total equity	1,007	100
Total capitalization	\$1,104	\$1,077

(1) Reflects an expected cash amount of \$250 million at Separation following receipt of debt proceeds and the cash transfer to LB (including the LB Cash Payment).

(2) Reflects an estimated \$1.0 billion of new long-term debt from the 4.625% senior notes due 2029 and the Term Loan B Facility less \$23 million of estimated debt issuance costs. See “Description of Material Indebtedness.”

(3) Reflects that we will no longer have the related party note at the time of the Separation.

(4) At Separation, LB’s net investment in us will be eliminated to reflect the distribution of our common stock to LB’s stockholders, at an exchange ratio of one share of our common stock for every shares of LB common stock.

**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements consist of an unaudited pro forma combined statement of income (loss) for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021 and for the year ended January 30, 2021 and an unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet as of May 1, 2021. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements should be read in conjunction with our historical audited combined financial statements and the related notes, “Capitalization” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” included elsewhere in this information statement. The unaudited pro forma combined statement of income (loss) has been prepared to give effect to the Pro Forma Transactions (as defined below) as if the Pro Forma Transactions had occurred or became effective as of February 2, 2020, the beginning of our most recently completed fiscal year. The unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet has been prepared to give effect to the Pro Forma Transactions as though the Pro Forma Transactions had occurred as of May 1, 2021. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements constitute forward-looking information and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. See “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements presented below have been derived from our historical audited combined financial statements and the unaudited combined interim financial statements included elsewhere in this information statement and do not purport to represent what our financial position and results of operations would have been had the Separation occurred on the dates indicated and are not necessarily indicative of our future financial position and future results of operations. In addition, the unaudited pro forma combined financial statements are provided for illustrative and informational purposes only. The pro forma adjustments are based on available information and assumptions we believe are reasonable; however, such adjustments are subject to change.

LB did not account for us as, and we were not operated as, an independent, publicly traded company for the periods presented. Our unaudited pro forma combined financial statements have been prepared to reflect adjustments to our historical audited combined financial statements that are (1) directly attributable to the Pro Forma Transactions; (2) factually supportable; and (3) with respect to the unaudited pro forma statement of income (loss), expected to have a continuing impact on our results of operations. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements have been adjusted to give effect to the following (the “Pro Forma Transactions”):

- The contribution by LB to us of certain of the assets and liabilities that comprise the Spin Business and the retention by LB of certain specified assets and liabilities reflected in our historical combined financial statements, in each case, pursuant to the Separation and Distribution Agreement;
- The anticipated post-Separation capital structure, including: (i) the incurrence of debt and the LB Cash Payment; and (ii) the issuance of our common stock to holders of LB common stock;
- The resulting elimination of LB’s net investment in us;
- Transaction costs specifically related to the Separation; and
- The impact of, and transactions contemplated by, the Separation and Distribution Agreement, Tax Matters Agreement, L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement, VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement, Employee Matters Agreement, Domestic Transportation Services Agreement and other agreements related to the Separation between us and LB and the provisions contained therein.

A final determination regarding our capital structure has not yet been made, and the Separation and Distribution Agreement, Tax Matters Agreement, L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement, VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement, Employee Matters Agreement, Domestic Transportation Services Agreement and certain other transaction agreements have not been finalized. As such, the pro forma statements may be revised in future amendments to reflect the impact on our capital structure and the final form of those agreements, to the extent any such revisions would be deemed material.

The operating expenses reported in our historical audited combined statements of income (loss) and unaudited combined interim statements of income (loss) include allocations of certain LB costs, such as corporate costs, shared services, and other related costs that benefit us.



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As an independent, publicly traded company, we expect to incur additional recurring expenses. The significant assumptions involved in determining our estimates of the recurring costs of being an independent, publicly traded company include:

- Costs to perform financial reporting, tax, regulatory compliance, corporate governance, treasury, legal, internal audit and investor relations activities;
- Compensation, including equity-based awards, and benefits with respect to new and existing positions;
- Depreciation and amortization related to incremental information technology infrastructure investments;
- Insurance premiums; and
- Changes in our overall facility costs.

Incremental recurring expenses attributable to these additional activities are estimated to be approximately \$100 million before income taxes annually. A pro forma adjustment has not been made to the accompanying unaudited pro forma combined statement of income to reflect these additional expenses because they are projected amounts based on estimates that are not factually supportable.

We currently estimate that we will incur between \$100 million and \$150 million in capital expenditures and expense over a period of time to separate and implement information systems as we become an independent, publicly traded company. These estimated costs will consist of internal and external labor, software licensing, networking, security and physical infrastructure required to separate the current information technology capabilities (systems & infrastructure) in support of two independent companies. The accompanying unaudited pro forma combined statements of income (loss) and the unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet have not been adjusted for these estimated costs and capital expenditures as they are projected amounts based on estimates that are not factually supportable.

Subject to the terms of the Separation and Distribution Agreement, LB will pay all nonrecurring third-party costs and expenses related to the Separation and incurred prior to the completion of the Separation. Such nonrecurring amounts are expected to include investment banker fees (other than fees and expenses in connection with the debt financing), third-party legal and accounting fees, and similar costs. After the completion of the Separation, subject to the terms of the Separation and Distribution Agreement, the L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement, the VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement and other agreements entered into between LB and us in connection with the Separation, all costs and expenses related to the Separation incurred by either LB or us will be borne by the party incurring the costs and expenses unless otherwise agreed between LB and us.

Our retained cash balance is subject to adjustments prior to and following the completion of the Separation. The following unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet does not reflect any such adjustments, as the amounts are not currently determinable and would represent a financial projection.

**Victoria's Secret & Co.**  
**Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Balance Sheet**  
**As of May 1, 2021**  
**(in millions, except par value amounts)**

	Historical	Pro Forma Adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	Pro Forma
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 332	\$ (82)(a)	\$ 250
Accounts Receivable, Net	111	—	111
Due from Related Parties	2	—	2
Inventories	761	—	761
Prepaid Expenses	39	—	39
Other	54	—	54
Total Current Assets	1,299	(82)	1,217
Property and Equipment, Net	1,036	—	1,036
Operating Lease Assets	1,602	—	1,602
Trade Name	246	—	246
Deferred Income Taxes	13	(3)(c)	10
Other Assets	51	—	51
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,247</b>	<b>\$ (85)</b>	<b>\$4,162</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
		\$	
Accounts Payable	\$ 366	—	\$ 366
Accrued Expenses and Other	688	—	688
Current Operating Lease Liabilities	356	—	356
Income Taxes Payable	29	(7)(c)	22
Due to Related Parties	5	(1)(b)	4
Total Current Liabilities	1,444	(8)	1,436
Deferred Income Taxes	45	26(c)	71
Long-term Debt	—	977(f)	977
Long-term Debt due to Related Party	97	(97)(b)	—
Long-term Operating Lease Liabilities	1,541	—	1,541
Other Long-term Liabilities	113	(76)(c)	37
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,240</b>	<b>\$ 822</b>	<b>\$4,062</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding, pro forma	—	(d)	—
Paid-in Capital	—	93(d)	93
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	7	—	7
Net Investment by L Brands, Inc.	1,000	(1,000)(d)	—
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>(907)</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$4,247</b>	<b>\$ (85)</b>	<b>\$4,162</b>

(1) The change in our cost structure related to becoming an independent, publicly traded company is not reflected above.

See Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements.

**Victoria's Secret & Co.**  
**Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Statement of Income**  
**Thirteen Weeks Ended May 1, 2021**  
**(in millions, except per share amounts)**

	Historical	Pro Forma Adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	Pro Forma
Net Sales	\$1,554	\$ —	\$ 1,554
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	(882)	—	(882)
Gross Profit	672	—	672
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(446)	5(e)	(441)
Operating Income	226	5	231
Interest Expense	(1)	(11)(b)(f)	(12)
Income before Income Taxes	225	(6)	219
Provision for Income Taxes	51	(2)(c)	49
Net Income	\$ 174	\$ (4)	\$ 170
Pro forma Net Income Per Share:			
Basic	\$	\$	\$
Diluted	\$	\$	\$
Weighted Average Shares:			
Basic			
Diluted			

(1) The change in our cost structure related to becoming an independent, publicly traded company is not reflected above.

See Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements.

**Victoria's Secret & Co.**  
**Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Statement of Loss**  
**Year Ended January 30, 2021**  
**(in millions, except per share amounts)**

	Historical	Pro Forma Adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	Pro Forma
Net Sales	\$ 5,413	\$ —	\$ 5,413
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	(3,842)	—	(3,842)
Gross Profit	1,571	—	1,571
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(1,672)	4(e)	(1,668)
Operating Loss	(101)	4	(97)
Interest Expense	(6)	(46)(f)	(52)
Other Income	1	—	1
Loss before Income Taxes	(106)	(42)	(148)
Benefit for Income Taxes	(34)	(11)(c)	(45)
Net Loss	\$ (72)	\$ (31)	\$ (103)
Pro forma Net Loss Per Share:			
Basic	\$		\$
Diluted	\$		\$
Weighted Average Shares:			
Basic			
Diluted			

(1) The change in our cost structure related to becoming an independent, publicly traded company is not reflected above.

See Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements.

## Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements

- (a) The following represents adjustments to reflect an expected cash amount of \$250 million at Separation:

	As of May 1, 2021
	(in millions)
Cash Received from Incurrence of Debt	\$ 1,000
Cash Transfer to LB at Separation	(1,059)
Cash Paid for Debt Issuance Costs	(23)
Total Pro Forma Adjustment to Cash	\$ (82)

- (b) At the time of the Separation, we will no longer have long-term debt due to related party of \$97 million and associated accrued interest of \$1 million. Accordingly, we have removed these amounts from the unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet as of May 1, 2021. Additionally, we have removed the related interest expense from the unaudited pro forma combined statement of income (loss) for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021.
- (c) At the time of the Separation, LB will retain the net liabilities associated with uncertain tax positions related to LB's various tax filings, the liability for the one time deemed mandatory repatriation as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and certain deferred tax assets related to losses generated. Accordingly, we have made the following adjustments related to tax assets and liabilities in the unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet as of May 1, 2021:

	As of May 1, 2021
	(in millions)
Deferred Income Tax Assets	\$ (3)
Income Taxes Payable	(7)
Deferred Income Tax Liabilities	26
Other Long-Term Liabilities	(76)

The pro forma income tax expense (benefit) adjustment reflects a blended statutory tax rate of 26.0% based on statutory rates by jurisdiction. Management believes the blended statutory tax rate provides a reasonable basis for the pro forma adjustment. However, the effective tax rate of VS could be significantly different depending on actual operating results by jurisdiction and the application of enacted tax law to those specific results. The following summarizes the calculation of our pro forma income tax expense (benefit) adjustment in the unaudited pro forma combined statements of income (loss) for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021 and for the year ended January 30, 2021:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended May 1, 2021	Year Ended January 30, 2021
	(dollars in millions)	
Total Pro Forma Adjustments to Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	\$ (6)	\$ (42)
Blended Statutory Tax Rate	26.0%	26.0%
Total Pro Forma Adjustment to Income Taxes (Benefit)	\$ (2)	\$ (11)

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- (d) Reflects the reclassification of LB's net investment in us, which was recorded in net investment by LB, into additional paid-in-capital and common stock to reflect the assumed issuance of \_\_\_\_\_ million shares of our common stock with \$0.01 par value per share pursuant to the Separation and Distribution Agreement immediately prior to the Separation. We have assumed the number of outstanding shares of our common stock based on the number of shares of LB common stock outstanding on May 1, 2021 and a distribution ratio of one share of our common stock for every \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock. The following summarizes the pro forma adjustment to additional paid-in capital:

	As of May 1, 2021
	(in millions)
Net Investment by LB	\$ 1,000
Cash Transfer to LB at Separation	(1,059)
Long-Term Debt due Related to Party and Associated Accrued Interest	98
Adjustment Related to Tax Assets and Liabilities, Net	54
Total Pro Forma Adjustment to Additional Paid-In Capital	<u>\$ 93</u>

- (e) Reflects the removal of \$5 million for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021 and \$4 million for the year ended January 30, 2021 from the unaudited pro forma combined statements of income (loss), related to transaction costs paid to advisors, attorneys and other third parties directly related to the Separation. Transaction costs have been eliminated as these costs are directly attributable to the Separation and are not expected to have a continuing impact on our operating results following consummation of the Separation.
- (f) The adjustments reflect the incurrence of \$1.0 billion in principal aggregate amount of indebtedness consisting of \$600 million of 4.625% senior notes due 2029 and a \$400 million term loan facility, at an estimated weighted average interest rate of approximately 4.30%, the proceeds of which we intend to use to make the LB Cash Payment and to pay related fees and expenses. We also expect to enter into an asset-based revolving facility, but no amount is expected to be drawn or used to fund the LB Cash Payment. The adjustments assume that we will incur estimated debt issuance fees of \$23 million.

	Thirteen Weeks Ended May 1, 2021	Year Ended January 30, 2021
	(dollars in millions)	
Interest Expense on Total Debt at Estimated Weighted Average Rate of Approximately 4.30%	\$(11)	\$(43)
Amortization of Debt Issuance Costs	(1)	(3)
Total Interest Expense from Debt	<u>\$(12)</u>	<u>\$(46)</u>

A 1/8% variance in the estimated weighted average interest rate on the debt would change the annual interest expense by approximately \$1 million.

- (g) Pro forma basic earnings per share (EPS) and pro forma basic weighted average number of shares outstanding are based on the number of LB basic weighted average shares outstanding for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021, adjusted for a distribution ratio of one share of our common stock for every \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock.
- (h) Pro forma diluted EPS and pro forma diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding are based on the number of basic shares of our common stock as described in Note (g) above. The actual dilutive effect following the completion of the Separation will depend on various factors, including employees who may change employment between VS and LB and the impact of equity-based compensation arrangements. We cannot fully estimate the dilutive effects at this time.

## SELECTED HISTORICAL COMBINED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table presents our selected historical combined financial data as of and for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended January 30, 2021. We derived the selected historical combined financial data as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended January 30, 2021, from our audited combined financial statements included elsewhere in this information statement. We derived the selected historical combined financial data as of February 2, 2019 from our unaudited combined financial information that is not included in this information statement. We derived the selected historical combined financial data as of and for the thirteen weeks May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020 from our unaudited interim combined financial statements included elsewhere in this information statement. In management's opinion, the unaudited combined financial information has been prepared on the same basis as our audited combined financial statements and includes all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the information for the periods presented.

Our historical audited combined financial statements and unaudited combined financial information include costs for certain functions, including information technology, human resources and store design and construction, that historically were provided and administered on a centralized basis by LB. In fiscal year ended January 30, 2021, as part of the steps to prepare VS to operate as a separate standalone company, these functions were transitioned to the VS business and are now operated and administered as part of VS. In addition, for purposes of preparing our audited combined financial statements and the unaudited combined financial information, we have allocated a portion of LB's total corporate expenses, including the related benefit costs associated with such functions such as share-based compensation, to such financial statements, with the allocations related primarily to the support provided by LB executive management and other corporate and governance functions, such as finance, internal audit, tax and treasury. These costs may not be representative of the future costs we will incur as an independent, publicly traded company. In addition, our historical financial information does not reflect changes that we expect to experience in the future as a result of the Separation, including changes in financing, operations, cost structure and personnel needs of our business. Consequently, the financial information included here may not necessarily reflect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows in the future or what our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows would have been had we been an independent, publicly traded company during the periods presented.

Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of financial results to be achieved in future periods, and the historical results for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year. The selected historical combined financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with our audited combined financial statements and the related notes, our unaudited interim combined financial statements and the related notes, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements" and accompanying notes included elsewhere in this information statement.

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 1, 2021	May 2, 2020	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020	February 2, 2019
<b>Summary of Operations</b>	<b>(in millions)</b>				
Net Sales	\$1,554	\$894	\$5,413	\$7,509	\$8,103
Gross Profit	672	21	1,571	2,063	2,689
Operating Income (Loss) <sup>(a)</sup>	226	(373)	(101)	(892)	400
Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	226	(276)	98	81	481
Net Income (Loss)	174	(299)	(72)	(897)	251
Adjusted Net Income (Loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	174	(227)	87	50	319
EBITDA <sup>(b)</sup>	306	(285)	226	(480)	818
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(b)</sup>	306	(188)	425	493	899
	<b>(as a percentage of net sales)</b>				
Gross Profit	43.2%	2.3%	29.0%	27.5%	33.2%
Operating Income (Loss)	14.5%	(41.8)%	(1.9)%	(11.9)%	4.9%
Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	14.5%	(31.0)%	1.8%	1.1%	5.9%
Net Income (Loss)	11.2%	(33.4)%	(1.3)%	(11.9)%	3.1%
Adjusted Net Income (Loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	11.2%	(25.4)%	1.6%	0.7%	3.9%
EBITDA <sup>(b)</sup>	19.6%	(31.9)%	4.2%	(6.4)%	10.1%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(b)</sup>	19.6%	(21.1)%	7.9%	6.6%	11.1%

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020	February 2, 2019
<b>Other Financial Information</b>				
	(in millions)			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 332	\$ 335	\$ 245	\$ 369
Total Assets <sup>(c)</sup>	4,247	4,229	5,270	4,447
Working Capital <sup>(c)</sup>	(145)	(317)	(82)	303
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	102	674	315	698
Capital Expenditures	(19)	(127)	(225)	(341)
Other Long-term Liabilities <sup>(c)</sup>	113	113	177	604
Equity	1,007	891	1,314	2,380
Comparable Sales Increase (Decrease) <sup>(d)</sup>	25%	1%	(8)%	(2)%
Comparable Store Sales Increase (Decrease) <sup>(d)</sup>	3%	(15)%	(9)%	(6)%
Return on Average Assets <sup>(c)</sup>	4%	(2)%	(18)%	6%
Current Ratio <sup>(c)</sup>	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2
<b>Stores and Associates of End of Period</b>				
Number of Company-Operated Stores	929	933	1,181	1,222
Selling Square Feet of Company-Operated Stores (in thousands)	6,245	6,313	7,693	7,953
Number of Associates	27,700	27,900	44,300	43,100

- (a) Operating income (loss) includes the effect of the following special items:
- In the thirteen weeks ended May 2, 2020, a \$97 million charge related to the impairment of certain store assets.
  - In 2020, a \$254 million charge related to the impairment of certain store and lease assets, a \$51 million charge related to restructuring actions, a \$54 million net gain related to the establishment of a joint venture for the U.K. and Ireland business and a \$36 million net gain related to the closure and termination of our lease and the related liability for the Hong Kong flagship store.
  - In 2019, a \$720 million impairment charge related to goodwill and a \$263 million charge related to the impairment of certain store and lease assets.
  - In 2018, a \$101 million charge related to the impairment of certain store assets.
- (b) See below “—Non-GAAP Financial Measures.”
- (c) The first quarter of 2021 and fiscal year 2020 and 2019 amounts reflect our adoption of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 842, *Leases*, in 2019.
- (d) The percentage change in comparable sales represents direct and comparable store sales. The percentage change in comparable store sales represents the change in sales at comparable stores only and excludes the change in sales from our direct channels. The change in comparable sales provides an indication of period over period growth (decline). A store is typically included in the calculation of comparable sales when it has been open 12 months or more and it has not had a change in selling square footage of 20% or more. Closed stores are excluded from the comparable sales calculation if they have been closed for four consecutive days or more. Upon re-opening, the stores are included in the calculation. Therefore, comparable sales results for the first quarter of 2021 and 2020 exclude the closure period of stores that were closed for four consecutive days or more as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, stores are excluded if total selling square footage in the mall changes by 20% or more through the opening or closing of a second store. The percentage change in comparable sales is calculated on a comparable calendar period as opposed to a fiscal basis. Comparable sales attributable to our international stores are calculated on a constant currency basis.

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to our results provided throughout this information statement that are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”), provided below are non-GAAP financial measures which present operating income (loss) and net income (loss) for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020, and fiscal years 2020, 2019 and 2018 on an adjusted basis, which remove certain special items. In addition, we present EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA for the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020, and fiscal years 2020, 2019 and 2018 which are non-GAAP financial measures. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest expense, income tax expense and depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is EBITDA adjusted to remove certain special items. We believe that these special items are not indicative of our ongoing operations due to their size and nature. We use adjusted financial information as key performance measures of results of operations for the purpose of evaluating performance internally. These non-GAAP financial measures are not intended to replace the presentation of our financial results in accordance



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with GAAP. Instead, we believe that the presentation of adjusted financial information provides additional information to investors to facilitate the comparison of past and present operations. In particular, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not an alternative to net income as a measure of operating performance or to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity. Additionally, they are not intended to be a measure of free cash flow for management's discretionary use, as they do not consider certain cash requirements such as interest payments, tax payments and debt service requirements. Further, our definition of adjusted financial information may differ from similarly titled measures used by other companies and therefore may not be comparable among companies. The table below reconciles the GAAP financial measures to the non-GAAP financial measures.

The non-GAAP financial measures presented below should be read in conjunction with our audited combined financial statements and the related notes, our unaudited interim combined financial statements and the related notes, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements" and accompanying notes included elsewhere in this information statement.

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 1, 2021	May 2, 2020	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020	February 2, 2019
	(in millions)				
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Adjusted Operating Income					
Operating Income (Loss)—GAAP	\$226	\$(373)	\$(101)	\$(892)	\$400
Asset Impairments <sup>(a)</sup>	—	97	214	253	81
Restructuring Charges <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	51	—	—
Hong Kong Store Closure and Lease Termination <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	(36)	—	—
Establishment of Victoria’s Secret U.K. and Ireland Joint Venture <sup>(d)</sup>	—	—	(30)	—	—
Impairment of Goodwill <sup>(e)</sup>	—	—	—	720	—
Adjusted Operating Income (Loss)	\$226	\$(276)	\$ 98	\$ 81	\$481
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to Adjusted Net Income					
Net Income (Loss)—GAAP	\$174	\$(299)	\$ (72)	\$(897)	\$251
Asset Impairments <sup>(a)</sup>	—	97	214	253	81
Restructuring Charges <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	51	—	—
Hong Kong Store Closure and Lease Termination <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	(36)	—	—
Establishment of Victoria’s Secret U.K. and Ireland Joint Venture <sup>(d)</sup>	—	—	(30)	—	—
Impairment of Goodwill <sup>(e)</sup>	—	—	—	720	—
Tax Effect	—	(25)	(40)	(26)	(13)
Adjusted Net Income (Loss)	\$174	\$(227)	\$ 87	\$ 50	\$319
Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) to EBITDA					
Net Income (Loss)—GAAP	\$174	\$(299)	\$ (72)	\$(897)	\$251
Interest Expense	1	2	6	8	2
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	51	(78)	(34)	(2)	140
Depreciation and Amortization	80	90	326	411	425
EBITDA	\$306	\$(285)	\$ 226	\$(480)	\$818

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 1, 2021	May 2, 2020	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020	February 2, 2019
	(in millions)				
Reconciliation of EBITDA to Adjusted EBITDA					
EBITDA	306	(285)	226	(480)	818
Asset Impairments <sup>(a)</sup>	—	97	214	253	81
Restructuring Charges <sup>(b)</sup>	—	—	51	—	—
Hong Kong Store Closure and Lease Termination <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	(36)	—	—
Establishment of Victoria’s Secret U.K. and Ireland Joint Venture <sup>(d)</sup>	—	—	(30)	—	—
Impairment of Goodwill <sup>(e)</sup>	—	—	—	720	—
Adjusted EBITDA	\$306	\$(188)	\$425	\$ 493	\$899

- (a) We recognized pre-tax impairment charges of \$97 million (\$72 million after tax) and \$117 million (\$99 million after tax) related to certain store and lease assets in the first and second quarter of 2020, respectively. We recognized pre-tax impairment charges of \$218 million (\$200 million after-tax) and \$35 million (\$30 million after-tax) related to certain store and lease assets in the third and fourth quarter of 2019, respectively. In the third quarter of 2018, we recognized an \$81 million pre-tax impairment charge (\$68 million after-tax) related to certain store assets.
- (b) In the second quarter of 2020, we recognized pre-tax severance charges of \$51 million (\$40 million after tax) related to restructuring activities.
- (c) In the second quarter of 2020, we recognized a net pre-tax gain of \$36 million (\$25 million after tax) related to the closure and termination of our lease for the Hong Kong flagship store.
- (d) In the third quarter of 2020, we recognized a pre-tax gain of \$30 million (\$27 million after tax) related to the establishment of a joint venture for the U.K. and Ireland business with Next PLC.
- (e) In the fourth quarter of 2019, we recognized a \$690 million pre-tax goodwill impairment charge (\$687 million after-tax) related to the North America reporting unit. In the third quarter of 2019, we recognized a \$30 million goodwill impairment charge (no tax impact) related to the Greater China reporting unit.

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

*The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations for the quarters ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020 and the three years ended January 30, 2021 should be read in conjunction with our audited combined financial statements and the notes thereto, included elsewhere in this information statement, as well as the information presented under "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements," "Selected Historical Combined Financial Data" and "Business." The following discussion and analysis includes forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed elsewhere in this information statement. See in particular "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors."*

Our operating results are generally impacted by economic changes and, therefore, we monitor the retail environment using, among other things, certain key industry performance indicators including competitor performance and mall traffic data. These can provide insight into consumer spending patterns and shopping behavior in the current retail environment and assist us in assessing our performance as well as the potential impact of industry trends on our future operating results. Additionally, we evaluate a number of key performance indicators including comparable sales, gross profit, operating income and other performance metrics such as sales per average selling square foot and inventory per selling square foot in assessing our performance.

### Overview

Victoria's Secret is an iconic global brand of women's intimate and other apparel, personal care and beauty products. We sell our products through two brands, Victoria's Secret and PINK. Victoria's Secret is a category-defining global lingerie brand with a leading market position and a rich, 40-year history of serving women across the globe. PINK is a lifestyle brand for the college-oriented customer, built around a strong intimates core. We also sell beauty products under both the Victoria's Secret and PINK brands. Together, Victoria's Secret, PINK and Victoria's Secret Beauty support, inspire and celebrate women through every phase of their life.

Victoria's Secret and PINK merchandise is sold online through our e-commerce platform, through company-operated retail stores located in the U.S., Canada and Greater China, and through international stores and websites operated by partners under franchise, license, wholesale and joint venture arrangements. We have a presence in over 70 countries and generated approximately \$5.4 billion in global sales in 2020 across all channels. We believe we benefit from global brand awareness, a wide and compelling product assortment and a powerful, deep connection with our customers.

Our 867 North American stores as of May 1, 2021 represent the majority of our business and, despite the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic, our North American stores business generated approximately 50% of our revenue in 2020. In addition to our physical stores, our customer-centric digital platform – including our social media following, our websites and our mobile applications – allows us to connect to our customers and communicate with them anytime and anywhere. Sales in our direct channel increased 31% to \$2.2 billion in 2020 from \$1.7 billion in 2019. We and our partners operated 520 stores outside of North America as of May 1, 2021, including 62 company-operated stores in Greater China and 458 stores internationally outside of China, which are operated by partners under franchise, license, wholesale and joint venture arrangements. Our international stores consist of full assortment stores as well as Victoria's Secret Beauty and Accessories stores. Victoria's Secret Beauty and Accessories stores represent smaller footprint stores including stores in airports and other travel retail locations.

During 2020, we took a number of important steps to improve performance and in preparation to operate as a separate standalone company, including:

- Completing a comprehensive review of our home office organization in order to achieve meaningful reductions in overhead expenses and decentralize significant shared functions and services to support the creation of standalone companies;
- Permanently closing 241 stores in North America;

- Closing the unprofitable Hong Kong flagship store, restructuring lease terms on the two mainland China flagship stores and implementing a significant overhead expense reduction plan; and
- Managing inventories with discipline, including working with suppliers to identify opportunities to reduce merchandise costs in order to increase merchandise margin rates.

In addition, due to challenging business results for our business in the U.K., we entered into Administration in June 2020 to restructure store lease agreements and reduce operating losses in the Victoria's Secret U.K. business. In October 2020, we entered into a joint venture with Next PLC for the business in the U.K. and Ireland. Under this arrangement, we own 49% of the joint venture, and Next owns 51% and is responsible for operations. We account for our investment in the joint venture under the equity method of accounting.

During 2020, COVID-19 had a profound impact on the retail industry and our business. In response, we placed an emphasis on safety. Accordingly, we adopted a new operating model in our stores focused on providing a safe environment, while also delivering an engaging shopping experience. Additionally, we remain focused on the safe operations of our distribution, fulfillment and call centers while maximizing our direct channel. For further information related to the impact of COVID-19, see "Impacts of COVID-19."

Despite operating in the COVID-19 environment, we were able to improve performance, driven primarily by strong growth in our direct channel. Net sales in 2020 declined by 28%, or \$2.096 billion, compared to \$7.509 billion in 2019. Store comparable sales declined 15% and our direct channel grew sales by 31%, each compared to 2019. Our North America store sales declined by 45%, or \$2.317 billion, compared to 2019. Store sales were negatively impacted by the temporary COVID-19-related closures, the permanent closure of 241 North American stores, occupancy restrictions and declines in store traffic. Sales in the direct channel were \$2.223 billion, up 31% compared to 2019 despite a temporary suspension of operations in March 2020. We are unable to predict how much of this increase was a shift due to store closures as opposed to a permanent channel shift to on-line selling, as well as how the consumer will engage with our channels in the future and whether the growth in the direct channel will continue after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. International revenue declined by 44%, or \$309 million, compared to 2019, driven by pandemic related store closures and the exclusion of U.K. retail sales due to the establishment of the joint venture with Next. Our operating loss in 2020, which includes allocated corporate expenses for purposes of the "carve-out" financial statements of \$77 million in 2020, decreased by \$791 million to an operating loss of \$101 million in 2020, primarily driven by the benefits of our profit improvement plan and by goodwill impairment charges of \$720 million recorded in 2019, partially offset by the impact of store closures as a result of the pandemic in the first half of the year. For additional information related to our 2020 financial performance, see "Results of Operations – 2020 Compared to 2019."

During the first quarter of 2021, net sales increased 74%, or \$660 million, to \$1.554 billion compared to \$894 million in the first quarter of 2020. Our direct channel grew sales by 69%, or \$213 million, to \$521 million compared to \$308 million in the first quarter of 2020. The increase in direct channel sales was due to improved customer response to our merchandise assortment as well as the temporary suspension of operations for approximately one week in March 2020. Our North American store sales increased 82%, or \$419 million, to \$933 million compared to \$514 million in the first quarter of 2020. The increase in store sales was primarily due to comparisons to the COVID-19-related store closures in the first quarter of 2020. Additionally, we believe our performance benefitted from improved assortments and selling execution. Our operating income in the first quarter of 2021, which includes allocated corporate expenses for purposes of the "carve-out" financial statements of \$19 million, increased to \$226 million compared to a loss of \$373 million in the first quarter of 2020, due to improved sales and margin rates, as well as \$97 million of store asset impairments recognized in the first quarter of 2020.

We continue to focus on opportunities for improved performance, driven by the brand repositioning work, improved assortments and more disciplined inventory management.

### **Impacts of COVID-19**

In March 2020, the spread of COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. This pandemic has negatively affected the U.S. and global economies, disrupted global supply chains and financial markets, and led to significant travel and transportation restrictions, including mandatory closures and orders to "shelter-in-place." The actions that governments around the world have taken to contain the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in a period of disruption, including closure of our stores, limited store operating hours,

reduced customer traffic and consumer spending and delays in manufacturing and shipping of products and raw materials. During this period, we are focused on protecting the health and safety of our customers, employees, contractors, suppliers and other business partners. We are also working with our suppliers to minimize potential disruptions, while managing our business in response to a changing dynamic. There remains a high level of uncertainty around the pandemic and the potential for further restrictions.

Our business operations and financial performance for 2020 were materially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as net sales declined by 28% compared to 2019. During the COVID-19 pandemic, our first priority was and continues to be the safety of our associates and customers. All of our stores in North America were closed on March 17, 2020, but we were able to re-open the majority of our stores as of the beginning of the third quarter of 2020. Store comparable sales in 2020 declined 15% compared to 2019 and our North America store sales in 2020 declined by 45% compared to 2019. Store sales were negatively impacted by the temporary COVID-19-related closures, occupancy restrictions and declines in store traffic, as well as the permanent closure of 241 North American stores. International revenue also declined by 44% in 2020 compared to 2019, driven in part by pandemic related store closures.

Upon reopening, we adopted new operating models in our stores that focused on providing a safe environment for our customers and associates, while also delivering an engaging shopping experience. We followed capacity limitations that ranged from 25% to 50% of normal, reduced store operating hours, closed fitting rooms, added registers to promote social distancing and invested in increased labor to accommodate capacity restrictions and new cleaning protocols and in personal protective equipment for our employees. We will continue to follow local laws to ensure a safe environment.

We are also engaged in maximizing our direct business while focusing on distribution, fulfillment and call center safety during the pandemic. Although operations for our direct channel were temporarily suspended for approximately one week in late March 2020, sales in our direct channel grew 31% in fiscal 2020 to \$2.223 billion compared to \$1.693 billion in fiscal 2019. We are unable to predict how much of this increase was a shift due to store closures as opposed to a permanent channel shift to online selling, as well as how the consumer will engage with our channels in the future and whether the growth in the direct channel will continue after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. We have dedicated resources to maximize our fulfillment capacity to meet the significant increase in digital demand, and, as a result, are achieving high productivity while maintaining standard delivery times, despite fulfillment and shipping capacity constraints.

In response to the global COVID-19 crisis, during 2020 we took prudent actions to manage expenses and to preserve cash, including:

- Furloughed most store associates as of April 5, 2020 during the temporary store closures, while continuing to provide healthcare benefits for eligible associates, saving an estimated \$150 million;
- Suspended associate merit increases and temporarily reduced salaries for senior vice presidents and above by 20% in 2020;
- Reduced 2020 capital expenditures from \$225 million in 2019 to \$127 million;
- Actively managed inventory to adjust for the impact of channel shifts to meet customer demand;
- Suspended many store and select office rent payments during the temporary closures. The Company completed negotiations with the majority of landlords, leading to a combination of rent waivers or abatements relating to closure periods, rent relief relating to the post-reopening “recovery” period given traffic declines, and rent deferrals, leading to a one-time total reduction in 2020 occupancy expenses of \$90 million; and
- Extended payment terms to vendors.

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act which, among other things, provided employer payroll tax credits for wages paid to employees who were unable to work during the COVID-19 pandemic and options to defer payroll tax payments. During 2020, we recognized \$28 million of qualified payroll tax credits.

We began to see improvement during the third and fourth quarters of 2020, reflecting positive trends in our direct channel as consumer spending continued to shift towards digital shopping experiences due to the impact of

COVID-19. We also saw positive trends in our stores channel in most markets resulting from fewer store closures as a result of COVID-19 in the second half of 2020 due to the relaxation of pandemic-related restrictions and government stimulus payments. These positive trends continued into the first quarter of 2021. We remain focused on the safe operations of our stores, distribution, fulfillment and call center facilities. Our direct operations were only temporarily suspended for approximately one week in March 2020 and have resumed since. Although we have not experienced significant service disruptions to customers, we continue to work to minimize any impact.

The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic affects our business will depend on future developments in the United States and around the world, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information which may emerge concerning the severity of COVID-19 and the actions required to contain and treat it, among others. As the timing and availability of vaccines will be different around the world, we believe the pace of the recovery will vary by geography depending on both vaccine distribution and other macroeconomic factors. Future waves of the pandemic could require us to close stores again if certain restrictions are reinstated by state and local authorities. The Company anticipates, and continues to take necessary, proactive steps to accommodate a prolonged COVID-19 operating environment. Although the ultimate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business and financial results remains uncertain, a continued and prolonged public health crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic could have a material negative impact on our business, operating results and financial condition. See “Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Business—The COVID-19 global pandemic has had and is expected to continue to have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations” for additional information.

### Key Factors Affecting Our Business

We believe the key business and marketplace factors, independent of the health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, that are impacting our business include the following:

- **Expanding Existing Products and Adding New Products.** Our success has been enabled by the breadth of our product offering, our consumer-insight driven approach and our leading innovation capabilities. We intend to increase our market share in our existing categories and continue investing in the development and introduction of new products and categories, which we expect will increase our share of our customers’ spend and support future growth. We believe we have opportunities for continued improved performance, driven by improved assortments and more disciplined inventory management.
- **Challenging Retail Environment.** We are currently operating in a complex, unpredictable and challenging retail environment with rapidly changing traffic, shopping and promotional patterns. The mix between mall-based retailing and online shopping continues to shift. In developed economies, mixed real wage growth and shifts in consumer spending also continue to pressure global discretionary spending. Consumers continue to focus on value pricing and convenience with increased expectations for real-time delivery.
- **Macroeconomic Trends.** Macroeconomic factors may affect consumer spending patterns and thereby our results of operations. These factors include general economic conditions, inflation, consumer confidence, employment rates, business conditions, changes in the housing market, the availability of credit, interest rates, tax rates and fuel and energy costs. Factors that impact consumer discretionary spending, which remains volatile globally, continue to create a complex and challenging retail environment for us and our distribution partners. We intend to continue to evaluate and adjust our operating strategies, foreign currency and cost management opportunities to help mitigate any impacts on our results of operations resulting from broader macroeconomic conditions and policy changes, while remaining focused on the long-term growth of our business.
- **Increased Competition.** More competitors are seeking growth in our categories, thereby increasing competition globally. Some of these competitors are entering markets where we already have a mature business, and may provide consumers discretionary purchase alternatives or lower-priced product offerings.
- **Sourcing and Supply Chain Management.** For our business to be successful, our suppliers must provide us with quality products in substantial quantities, in compliance with regulatory requirements, at acceptable costs and on a timely basis. Competition for resources throughout the supply chain, such

as production and transportation capacities, has increased. Trends affecting the supply chain include the impact of fluctuating prices of labor and raw materials as well as limitations on shipping capacity. In addition, the announcement or imposition of any new or increased tariffs, duties or taxes could adversely affect our supply chain.

- **Foreign Currencies.** Although our revenue and expenses have been predominantly denominated in U.S. dollars, we earn revenues, pay expenses, hold assets and incur liabilities in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Foreign currencies continue to be volatile. Significant fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against various foreign currencies, including the Euro, British Pound and Chinese Yuan may impact our financial results, affecting translation, and revenue, operating margins and net income.
- **Regulations.** The current environment has introduced greater uncertainty with respect to potential tax and trade regulations. The current domestic and international political environment, including potential changes related to global trade, tariffs and taxation, have resulted in uncertainty. Such changes may require us to modify our current sourcing practices, which may impact our product costs and, if not mitigated, could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.
- **Public Company Costs.** As a result of the Separation and costs associated with running an independent, publicly traded company, we expect to incur expenditures that are higher than historical allocations, which may have an impact on our profitability and operating cash flows.

These factors contribute to a global market environment of intense competition, constant product innovation and continuing cost pressure, and combine with the continuing global economic conditions to create a challenging commercial and economic environment. We evaluate these factors as we develop and execute our strategies. For more information on the risk factors affecting our business, see “Risk Factors” in this information statement.

## Background

On May 11, 2021, LB announced the repositioning of LB through the spinoff of the VS Business from its remaining business to create an independent, publicly traded company. Directly or indirectly through our subsidiaries, we will hold certain assets and liabilities of the VS Business after the Separation. Each holder of LB common stock will receive one share of common stock of VS for every \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock held as of the close of business on the record date for the Distribution. Following the Separation, we will be an independent, publicly traded company, and LB will retain no ownership interest in us. For additional information, see “The Separation.”

## Basis of Presentation

We have historically operated as part of LB and not as a standalone company. The accompanying audited combined financial statements and unaudited interim combined financial statements included in this information statement were prepared in connection with the Separation and were derived from the consolidated financial statements and accounting records of LB. These combined financial statements reflect our combined historical financial position, results of operations, and cash flows as they were historically managed in accordance with GAAP. The combined financial statements may not be indicative of our future performance and do not necessarily reflect what the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows would have been had we operated as an independent, publicly traded company during the periods presented, particularly because of changes we expect to experience in the future as a result of the Separation, including changes in the financing, cash management, operations, cost structure and personnel needs of our business.

The combined financial statements include certain LB assets and liabilities that are specifically identifiable or otherwise attributable to us. Our combined statements of income (loss) also include costs for certain functions, including information technology, human resources and store design and construction, that historically were provided and administered on a centralized basis by LB. In 2020, as part of the steps to prepare VS to operate as a separate standalone company, these functions were transitioned to the VS business and are now operated and administered as part of VS. Prior to the transition of these functions in 2020, these costs were directly charged to us by LB.

In addition, for purposes of preparing the combined financial statements on a “carve-out” basis, a portion of LB’s corporate expenses have been allocated to us. These expense allocations include the cost of corporate



functions and resources that continued to be provided by or administered by LB including, but not limited to, executive management and other corporate and governance functions, such as finance, internal audit, tax and treasury. The related employee payroll and benefit costs associated with such functions, such as share-based compensation, are included in the expense allocations. Corporate expenses of \$77 million in 2020, \$110 million in 2019 and \$118 million in 2018 were allocated and are included in our combined statements of income (loss). Corporate expenses of \$19 million in the first quarter of 2021 and \$20 million in the first quarter of 2020 were allocated and are included in our interim combined statements of income (loss).

Costs were allocated to us based on direct usage when identifiable or, when not directly identifiable, on the basis of proportional net sales. Management considers the basis on which the expenses have been allocated to reasonably reflect the utilization of services provided to, or the benefit received by, us during the periods presented. However, the allocations may not reflect the expenses we would have incurred if we had been a standalone company for the periods presented. Actual costs that may have been incurred if we had been a standalone company would depend on a number of factors, including the organizational structure, whether functions were outsourced or performed by employees, and strategic and capital decisions. Going forward, we may perform these functions using our own resources or outsourced services. For a period following the Separation, however, some of these functions will continue to be provided to us by LB under a L Brands to VS Transition Services Agreement. Additionally, we will temporarily provide some services to LB under a VS to L Brands Transition Services Agreement. We also will enter into certain commercial arrangements with LB in connection with the Separation.

Subsequent to the completion of the Separation, we expect to incur expenditures to establish certain standalone functions and information technology systems, and other one-time costs. Recurring standalone costs include accounting, tax, regulatory compliance, corporate governance, treasury, legal, internal audit and investor relations functions, as well as the annual expenses associated with running an independent, publicly traded company including listing fees, board of director fees and external audit costs. We expect recurring standalone costs to be higher than historical allocations, which may have an impact on profitability and operating cash flows. See “Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements” for more information.

We manage and evaluate business activities based on geography and, as a result, determined that the Victoria’s Secret North America and Victoria’s Secret International businesses are our operating segments. The North America and International operating segments both sell women’s intimate and other apparel and beauty products under the Victoria’s Secret and PINK brand names and serve customers through stores and online channels. The operating segments share similar economic and other qualitative characteristics and, therefore, the results are aggregated into one reportable segment.

Our fiscal year ends on the Saturday nearest to January 31. As used herein, “2020,” “2019” and “2018” refer to the 52-week periods ended January 30, 2021, February 1, 2020 and February 2, 2019, respectively. As used herein, “first quarter of 2021” and “first quarter of 2020” refer to the thirteen weeks ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020, respectively.

## **Components of Results of Operations**

### ***Net Sales***

Net sales are comprised of sales to our customers in our company-operated stores in the U.S., Canada, Greater China and the U.K. (prior to the joint venture in the third quarter of 2020); sales to our customers through our direct channel; royalties associated with franchise stores; and wholesale and sourcing sales related to partner-operated stores. Our net sales reflect certain adjustments and other items including gift card breakage revenue, revenue earned in connection with our private label credit card arrangement, revenue associated with certain loyalty programs that allow customers to earn points based on purchasing activity and a reserve for projected merchandise returns.

### ***Cost of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy***

Costs of goods sold include merchandise costs, net of discounts and allowances, freight and inventory shrinkage. Buying and occupancy expenses primarily include payroll, benefit costs and operating expenses for our buying departments and distribution network; and rent, common area maintenance, real estate taxes, utilities, maintenance, fulfillment expenses and depreciation for our stores, warehouse facilities and equipment.



**General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses**

General, administrative and store operating expenses primarily include payroll and benefit costs for our store-selling and administrative departments (including corporate functions), marketing, advertising and other operating expenses not specifically categorized elsewhere in the combined statements of income (loss).

General, administrative and store operating expenses include allocations of costs for certain centralized functions and programs provided and administered by LB. See “—Basis of Presentation” above and Note 1 to our audited combined financial statements and unaudited interim combined financial statements for further details on our methodology for allocating these costs. Allocations of expenses from LB are not necessarily indicative of future expenses and do not necessarily reflect results that would have been achieved as an independent, publicly traded company for the periods presented. Recurring standalone costs may be higher than historical allocations, which may have an impact on profitability and operating cash flows. See “Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements” for more information.

**Impairment of Goodwill**

In 2019, our goodwill impairment assessments concluded that the carrying values of our North America and Greater China reporting units exceeded their fair values. Accordingly, we recognized pre-tax goodwill impairment charges of \$720 million in 2019.

**Interest Expense**

Interest expense relates to borrowings specifically attributable to us and our legal obligations. Our future capital structure may result in a substantial increase in interest expense.

**Other Income (Loss)**

Other Income (loss) primarily consists of non-operating foreign currency activity and interest earned on our cash and cash equivalents balances.

**Company-Operated Store Data**

The following table compares the first quarter of 2021 U.S. company-operated store data to the first quarter of 2020:

	First Quarter		
	2021	2020	% Change
Sales per Average Selling Square Foot(a)	154	71	117%
Sales per Average Store (in thousands)(a)	1,064	464	129%
Average Store Size (selling square feet)	6,885	6,587	5%
Total Selling Square Feet (in thousands)	5,790	6,804	(15)%

- (a) Sales per average selling square foot and sales per average store, which are indicators of store productivity, are calculated based on store sales for the period divided by the average, including the beginning and end of period, of total square footage and store count, respectively. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all our stores in the U.S. were closed on March 17, 2020 and nearly all stores remained closed throughout the remainder of the first quarter of 2020. As a result, comparisons of year-over-year trends are not a meaningful way to discuss our operating results this quarter.

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The following table compares 2020 U.S. company-operated store data to the comparable periods for 2019 and 2018:

	2020	2019	2018	% Change	
				2020	2019
Sales per Average Selling Square Foot <sup>(a)</sup>	415	684	739	(39)%	(7)%
Sales per Average Store (in thousands) <sup>(a)</sup>	2,789	4,455	4,763	(37)%	(6)%
Average Store Size (selling square feet)	6,928	6,551	6,484	6%	1%
Total Selling Square Feet (in thousands)	5,861	6,898	7,119	(15)%	(3)%

(a) Sales per average selling square foot and sales per average store, which are indicators of store productivity, are calculated based on store sales for the period divided by the average, including the beginning and end of period, of total square footage and store count, respectively. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all our stores in the U.S. were closed on March 17, 2020 with the majority having been re-opened as of the beginning of the third quarter. As a result, comparisons of 2020 trends to prior years is not a meaningful way to discuss our operating results.

The following table represents company-operated store data for the first quarter of 2021:

	Stores at January 30, 2021	Opened	Closed	Stores at May 1, 2021
U.S.	846	—	(5)	841
Canada	25	1	—	26
Greater China – Beauty and Accessories	36	1	(1)	36
Greater China – Full Assortment	26	—	—	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>929</b>

The following table represents company-operated store data for the first quarter of 2020:

	Stores at February 1, 2020	Opened	Closed	Stores at May 2, 2020
U.S.	1,053	1	(21)	1,033
Canada	38	—	(1)	37
U.K. / Ireland	26	—	—	26
Greater China – Beauty and Accessories	41	—	(1)	40
Greater China – Full Assortment	23	1	—	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(23)</b>	<b>1,160</b>

The following table represents company-operated store data for 2020:

	Stores at February 1, 2020	Opened	Closed	Transferred to U.K. Joint Venture	Stores at January 30, 2021
U.S.	1,053	21	(228)	—	846
Canada	38	—	(13)	—	25
U.K. / Ireland	26	—	—	(26)	—
Greater China – Beauty and Accessories	41	1	(6)	—	36
Greater China – Full Assortment	23	4	(1)	—	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>(248)</b>	<b>(26)</b>	<b>933</b>

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The following table represents company-operated store data for 2019:

	Stores at February 2, 2019	Opened	Closed	Stores at February 1, 2020
U.S.	1,098	7	(52)	1,053
Canada	45	—	(7)	38
U.K. / Ireland	26	—	—	26
Greater China – Beauty and Accessories	38	10	(7)	41
Greater China – Full Assortment	15	8	—	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>(66)</b>	<b>1,181</b>

The following table represents company-operated store data for 2018:

	Stores at February 3, 2018	Opened	Closed	Stores at February 2, 2019
U.S.	1,124	3	(29)	1,098
Canada	46	—	(1)	45
U.K. / Ireland	24	2	—	26
Greater China – Beauty and Accessories	29	13	(4)	38
Greater China – Full Assortment	7	8	—	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>1,222</b>

**Partner-Operated Store Data**

The following table represents partner-operated store data for the first quarter of 2021:

	Stores at January 30, 2021	Opened	Closed	Stores at May 1, 2021
Beauty and Accessories	338	2	(3)	337
Full Assortment	120	1	—	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>458</b>

The following table represents partner-operated store data for the first quarter of 2020:

	Stores at February 1, 2020	Opened	Closed	Stores at May 2, 2020
Beauty and Accessories	360	—	(7)	353
Full Assortment	84	2	—	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>439</b>

The following table represents partner-operated store data for 2020:

	Stores at February 1, 2020	Opened	Closed	Transferred to U.K. Joint Venture	Stores at January 30, 2021
Beauty and Accessories	360	8	(30)	—	338
Full Assortment	84	12	(2)	26	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>458</b>

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The following table represents partner-operated store data for 2019:

	Stores at February 2, 2019	Opened	Closed	Stores at February 1, 2020
Beauty and Accessories	383	24	(47)	360
Full Assortment	56	28	—	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>(47)</b>	<b>444</b>

The following table represents partner-operated store data for 2018:

	Stores at February 3, 2018	Opened	Closed	Stores at February 2, 2019
Beauty and Accessories	397	32	(46)	383
Full Assortment	37	19	—	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>(46)</b>	<b>439</b>

## Results of Operations

*First Quarter of 2021 Compared to First Quarter of 2020*

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the periods presented:

	2021	2020	% Change
<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>(in millions)</b>		
Net Sales	\$1,554	\$ 894	74%
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	(882)	(873)	1%
Gross Profit	672	21	3,100%
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(446)	(394)	13%
Operating Income (Loss)	226	(373)	161%
Interest Expense	(1)	(2)	(50)%
Other Income (Loss)	—	(2)	100%
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	225	(377)	160%
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	51	(78)	165%
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 174	\$ (299)	158%
Gross Profit	43.2%	2.3%	
Operating Profit (Loss)	14.5%	(41.8)%	

## Results of Operations—First Quarter of 2021 Compared to First Quarter of 2020

For the first quarter of 2021, our operating income, which includes allocated corporate expenses for purposes of the “carve-out” financial statements of \$19 million, increased to \$226 million compared to a loss of \$373 million in the first quarter of 2020, and the operating income rate improved to 14.5% from (41.8)%. The following information summarizes our results of operations for the first quarter of 2021 compared to the first quarter of 2020.

## Net Sales

The following table provides net sales for the first quarter of 2021 in comparison to the first quarter of 2020:

	2021	2020	% Change
<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>(in millions)</b>		
Stores - North America	\$ 933	\$ 514	82%
Direct	521	308	69%
International(a)	100	72	39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,554</b>	<b>\$ 894</b>	<b>74%</b>

(a) Results include company-operated stores in the U.K. (before our joint venture with Next) and Greater China, and royalties associated with franchised stores and wholesale sales.

The following table provides a reconciliation of net sales for the first quarter of 2021 in comparison to the first quarter of 2020:

<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>(in millions)</b>
2020 Net Sales	\$ 894
Comparable Store Sales	12
Sales Associated with New, Closed and Non-comparable Stores, Net(a)	401
Direct Channel	212
Private Label Credit Card	3
International Wholesale, Royalty and Other	29
Foreign Currency Translation	3
2021 Net Sales	<u>\$ 1,554</u>

(a) Includes the increased sales from period over period due to the 2020 COVID-19-related stores closures.

The following table compares comparable sales for the first quarter of 2021 in comparison to the first quarter of 2020:

<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Comparable Sales (Stores and Direct)(a)	25%	(15)%
Comparable Store Sales(a)	3%	(18)%

(a) The percentage change in comparable sales represents direct and comparable store sales. The percentage change in comparable store sales represents the change in sales at comparable stores only and excludes the change in sales from our direct channel. The change in comparable sales provides an indication of period over period growth (decline). A store is typically included in the calculation of comparable sales when it has been open 12 months or more and it has not had a change in selling square footage of 20% or more. Closed stores are excluded from the comparable sales calculation if they have been closed for four consecutive days or more. Upon re-opening, the stores are included in the calculation. Therefore, comparable sales results for the first quarter of 2021 and 2020 exclude the closure period of stores that were closed for four consecutive days or more as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, stores are excluded if total selling square footage in the mall changes by 20% or more through the opening or closing of a second store. The percentage change in comparable sales is calculated on a comparable calendar period as opposed to a fiscal basis. Comparable sales attributable to our international stores are calculated on a constant currency basis.

In the stores channel in the first quarter of 2021, our North America net sales increased \$419 million, or 82% compared to the first quarter of 2020, to \$933 million. Store sales improved compared to the prior year period due to the COVID-19-related store closures in the first quarter of 2020, partially offset by the impact of the permanent closure of 241 stores in North America in 2020. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all stores in North America were closed on March 17, 2020, and nearly all remained closed throughout the remainder of the first quarter of 2020. The increase in comparable store sales was driven by a significant increase in conversion (which we define as the percentage of customers who visit our stores who make a purchase) and

average unit retail (which we define as the average price per unit purchased), partially offset by a decline in store traffic of approximately 40%. Sales related to our partner-operated stores outside of North America also increased compared to the first quarter of 2020 as a result of the COVID-19-related store closures in the prior year.

In the direct channel, net sales increased \$213 million, or 69%, to \$521 million despite a temporary suspension of operations in March 2020. The increase was primarily driven by a double-digit increase in website traffic and average unit retail.

### ***Gross Profit***

For the first quarter of 2021, our gross profit increased \$651 million compared to the first quarter of 2020 to \$672 million, and our gross profit rate (expressed as a percentage of net sales) increased to 43.2% from 2.3% in the first quarter of 2020. The gross profit increase was due to higher merchandise margin dollars related to the increase in net sales compared to the prior year period primarily due to the COVID-19-related store closures in the first quarter of 2020 and increase in the merchandise margin rate driven by improved response to our merchandise assortments, the disciplined management of inventory, as well as strong selling execution in stores and online, which enabled us to reduce promotional activity during the quarter. Occupancy expenses were lower driven by store asset impairment charges of \$97 million in the prior year and permanent store closures.

The gross profit rate increase was driven by buying and occupancy leverage on higher net sales, an increase in the merchandise margin rate reflecting a meaningful pullback in promotional activity and the store asset impairment charges in the prior year.

### ***General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses***

For the first quarter of 2021, our general, administrative and store operating expenses increased \$52 million, or 13%, compared to the first quarter of 2020, driven primarily by an increase of \$43 million in marketing investments compared to the prior year period primarily due to the COVID-19-related store closures in the first quarter of 2020, an increase of \$12 million in incentive compensation compared to the first quarter of 2020 given company performance and a \$10 million charitable contribution in the first quarter of 2021 to support philanthropic funds. These increases were partially offset by cost reductions and the impact of the permanent store closures.

For purposes of preparing the combined financial statements on a “carve-out” basis, the Company has been allocated a portion of LB’s total corporate expenses. These allocations are included in general, administrative and store operating expenses. Corporate allocated expenses decreased \$1 million to \$19 million in the first quarter of 2021 from \$20 million in the first quarter of 2020.

The general, administrative and store operating expense rate (expressed as a percentage of net sales) in the first quarter of 2021 decreased to 28.7% from 44.1% in the first quarter of 2020 due to leverage on higher net sales.

### ***Provision (benefit) for Income Taxes***

For the first quarter of 2021, our effective tax rate was 22.5% compared to 20.8% in the first quarter of 2020. The first quarter of 2021 rate varied from our combined estimated federal and state statutory rate primarily due to the recognition of excess tax benefits recorded through the income statement on share-based awards that vested in the quarter. In the first quarter of 2020, we recognized a benefit for income taxes of \$78 million on a loss before income taxes of \$377 million. The first quarter of 2020 rate was lower than the Company’s combined estimated federal and state statutory rate primarily due to losses related to certain foreign subsidiaries, which generated no tax benefit.

**Comparison of Years Ended 2020, 2019 and 2018**

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the periods presented:

				% Change	
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019
	(in millions)				
Net Sales	\$ 5,413	\$ 7,509	\$ 8,103	(28)%	(7)%
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	(3,842)	(5,446)	(5,414)	(29)%	1%
Gross Profit	1,571	2,063	2,689	(24)%	(23)%
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(1,672)	(2,235)	(2,289)	(25)%	(2)%
Impairment of Goodwill	—	(720)	—	(100)%	0%
Operating Income (Loss)	(101)	(892)	400	89%	(323)%
Interest Expense	(6)	(8)	(2)	(25)%	300%
Other Income (Loss)	1	1	(7)	0%	114%
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(106)	(899)	391	88%	(330)%
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	(34)	(2)	140	1,600%	(101)%
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (72)	\$ (897)	\$ 251	92%	(457)%
Gross Profit	29.0%	27.5%	33.2%		
Operating Profit (Loss)	(1.9)%	(11.9)%	4.9%		

**Results of Operations—2020 Compared to 2019**

For 2020, our operating loss, which includes allocated corporate expenses for purposes of the “carve-out” financial statements of \$77 million, decreased \$791 million to an operating loss of \$101 million, and the operating loss rate improved to (1.9)% from (11.9)%. The following information summarizes our results of operations for 2020 compared to 2019.

*Net Sales*

The following table provides net sales for 2020 in comparison to 2019:

	2020	2019	% Change
	(in millions)		
Stores - North America	\$2,795	\$5,112	(45)%
Direct	2,223	1,693	31%
International <sup>(a)</sup>	395	704	(44)%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,413</b>	<b>\$7,509</b>	<b>(28)%</b>

(a) Results include company-operated stores in the U.K. (pre-joint venture) and Greater China, and royalties associated with franchised stores and wholesale sales.

The following table provides a reconciliation of net sales for 2019 to 2020:

	(in millions)
<b>2019 Net Sales</b>	<b>\$ 7,509</b>
Comparable Store Sales	(499)
Sales Associated with New, Closed and Non-comparable Remodeled Stores, Net <sup>(a)</sup>	(1,930)
Direct Channel	524
Private Label Credit Card	(59)
International Wholesale, Royalty and Other	(135)
Foreign Currency Translation	3
<b>2020 Net Sales</b>	<b>\$ 5,413</b>

(a) Includes the impact of COVID-19-related stores closures.

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The following table compares comparable sales for 2020 to 2019:

	2020	2019
Comparable Sales (Stores and Direct) <sup>(a)</sup>	1%	(8)%
Comparable Store Sales <sup>(a)</sup>	(15)%	(9)%

(a) The percentage change in comparable sales represents direct and comparable store sales. The percentage change in comparable store sales represents the change in sales at comparable stores only and excludes the change in sales from our direct channel. The change in comparable sales provides an indication of period over period growth (decline). A store is typically included in the calculation of comparable sales when it has been open 12 months or more and it has not had a change in selling square footage of 20% or more. Closed stores are excluded from the comparable sales calculation if they have been closed for four consecutive days or more. Upon re-opening, the stores are included in the calculation. Therefore, comparable sales results for 2020 exclude the closure period of stores that were closed for four consecutive days or more as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, stores are excluded if total selling square footage in the mall changes by 20% or more through the opening or closing of a second store. The percentage change in comparable sales is calculated on a comparable calendar period as opposed to a fiscal basis. Comparable sales attributable to our international stores are calculated on a constant currency basis.

In the stores channel in 2020, our North America net sales decreased \$2.317 billion, or 45% compared to 2019, to \$2.795 billion. Store sales were negatively impacted by the temporary COVID-19-related closures, the permanent closure of 241 North American stores, occupancy restrictions and declines in store traffic. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all stores in North America were closed on March 17, 2020, the majority of which were reopened by the beginning of August 2020. Occupancy levels in our stores varied over time as we reopened stores, but ultimately settled at approximately 30% capacity in August 2020. The decrease in comparable store sales was driven by a decline in store traffic which was down approximately 50% since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, partially offset by a significant increase in conversion and average unit retail. Our partner-operated stores outside of North America were also impacted by temporary COVID-19-related closures, significant declines in store traffic and occupancy restrictions.

In the direct channel, net sales increased \$530 million, or 31%, to \$2.223 billion despite a temporary suspension of operations in March 2020. The increase in direct sales was driven by double-digit increases in website traffic, conversion and average unit retail beginning with the closing of our stores in March 2020. Digital sales as a percentage of our total net sales increased to 41% in 2020 compared to 23% in 2019.

For both channels, lingerie comparable sales increased in all categories driven by merchandise performance. PINK comparable sales decreased, primarily driven by declines in sleepwear and tops. Victoria's Secret Beauty comparable sales increased, principally driven by growth in PINK Beauty. Revenue earned in connection with our private label credit card arrangement decreased \$59 million primarily driven by the decline in net sales in the U.S.

### Gross Profit

For 2020, our gross profit decreased \$492 million compared to 2019 to \$1.571 billion, and our gross profit rate (expressed as a percentage of net sales) increased to 29.0% from 27.5% in 2019. The gross profit decrease was due to lower merchandise margin dollars related to the decrease in net sales driven by the temporary COVID-19-related store closures and permanent store closures. This decrease was partially offset by improved response to our merchandise assortments driven by the disciplined management of inventory, as well as strong selling execution online, all of which enabled us to reduce promotional activity during the year. Additionally, occupancy expenses were lower this year due to the store closures, rent relief totaling \$90 million and a \$34 million decrease in store and lease asset impairment charges recognized in occupancy expense.

The gross profit rate increase was driven by an increase in the merchandise margin rate reflecting a meaningful pullback in promotional activity. The merchandise margin rate improvement was partially offset by buying and occupancy deleverage on lower net sales. The deleverage on buying and occupancy as a result of lower net sales was partially offset by the rent relief, a decrease in store and lease asset impairment charges and a benefit from the penetration into the direct channel.

### General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses

For 2020, our general, administrative and store operating expenses decreased \$563 million, or 25% compared to 2019, to \$1.672 billion driven primarily by lower store selling and marketing expenses as a result of the temporary COVID-19-related store closures and our permanent store closures. These decreases were partially offset by severance and related costs associated with headcount reductions totaling \$51 million, costs of



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\$36 million associated with the terminated sale agreement of the VS business in the first half of 2020, a \$31 million increase in marketing expenses in the direct channel, costs of \$19 million associated with employee retention arrangements and an \$8 million increase in incentive compensation given company performance in the fall season.

For purposes of preparing the combined financial statements on a “carve-out” basis, the Company has been allocated a portion of LB’s total corporate expenses. These allocations are included in general, administrative and store operating expenses. Corporate allocated expenses decreased \$33 million, to \$77 million in 2020 from \$110 million in 2019, primarily driven by headcount reductions and the transition of certain corporate functions in 2020 into the business as part of the steps to prepare us to operate as a separate standalone company.

The general, administrative and store operating expense rate (expressed as a percentage of net sales) in 2020 increased to 30.9% from 29.8% in 2019 due to deleverage on lower net sales as well as severance and the other increased expenses mentioned above.

### *Impairment of Goodwill*

In 2019, our goodwill impairment assessments concluded that the carrying values of our North America and Greater China reporting units exceeded their fair values. Accordingly, we recognized pre-tax goodwill impairment charges of \$720 million.

### *Provision for Income Taxes*

For 2020, our effective tax rate was 31.9% compared to 0.2% in 2019. The 2020 rate varied from our combined estimated federal and state statutory rate primarily due to tax matters associated with our investments in the United Kingdom. The 2019 rate was impacted by the goodwill impairment charges which generated minimal tax benefit.

### **Results of Operations—2019 Compared to 2018**

For 2019, our operating income declined \$1.292 billion from \$400 million in 2018 to an operating loss of \$892 million in 2019, and the operating income rate decreased to (11.9)% from 4.9% in 2018. The following information summarizes our results of operations for 2019 compared to 2018.

### *Net Sales*

The following table provides net sales for 2019 in comparison to 2018:

	2019	2018	% Change
	(in millions)		
Stores - North America	\$5,112	\$5,628	(9)%
Direct	1,693	1,747	(3)%
International <sup>(a)</sup>	704	728	(3)%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,509</b>	<b>\$8,103</b>	<b>(7)%</b>

(a) Results include company-operated stores in the U.K. and Greater China, and royalties associated with franchised stores and wholesale sales.

The following table provides a reconciliation of net sales for 2018 to 2019:

	(in millions)
<b>2018 Net Sales</b>	<b>\$8,103</b>
Comparable Store Sales	(507)
Sales Associated with New, Closed and Non-comparable Remodeled Stores, Net	(4)
Direct Channels	(56)
Private Label Credit Card	6
International Wholesale, Royalty and Other	(18)
Foreign Currency Translation	(15)
<b>2019 Net Sales</b>	<b>\$7,509</b>

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The following table compares comparable sales for 2019 to 2018:

	2019	2018
Comparable Sales (Stores and Direct) <sup>(a)</sup>	(8)%	(2)%
Comparable Store Sales <sup>(a)</sup>	(9)%	(6)%

- (a) The percentage change in comparable sales represents direct and comparable store sales. The percentage change in comparable store sales represents the change in sales at comparable stores only and excludes the change in sales from our direct channel. The change in comparable sales provides an indication of period over period growth (decline). A store is typically included in the calculation of comparable sales when it has been open 12 months or more and it has not had a change in selling square footage of 20% or more. Additionally, stores are excluded if total selling square footage in the mall changes by 20% or more through the opening or closing of a second store. The percentage change in comparable sales is calculated on a comparable calendar period as opposed to a fiscal basis. Comparable sales attributable to our international stores are calculated on a constant currency basis.

In the stores channel, our North America net sales decreased \$516 million compared to 2018, or 9%, to \$5.112 billion. The decrease in comparable store sales was driven by a decline in store traffic and average unit retail, partially offset by an increase in conversion. Net sales from our partner-operated stores outside of North America decreased due to declines in the travel retail business and the negative impacts of foreign currency in Greater China, partially offset by the increase from new company-operated stores in Greater China.

In the direct channel, net sales decreased \$54 million compared to 2018, or 3%, to \$1.693 billion. The decrease in direct sales was driven by a decrease in average unit retail and conversion.

For both channels, lingerie comparable sales decreased, primarily due to declines in bras and apparel, driven by weak merchandise performance. PINK comparable sales decreased, primarily driven by declines in apparel, principally in tops, due to weak merchandise performance and the exit of the swim business. Victoria's Secret Beauty comparable sales increased, as growth in accessories and PINK Beauty were partially offset by a decline in the lip business.

### *Gross Profit*

For 2019, our gross profit decreased \$626 million to \$2.063 billion, and our gross profit rate (expressed as a percentage of net sales) decreased to 27.5% from 33.2%. The gross profit decrease was primarily driven by lower merchandise margin dollars related to the decrease in net sales and an increase in long-lived store asset impairment charges from \$101 million in 2018 to \$263 million in 2019.

The gross profit rate decrease was driven by a decline in the merchandise margin rate due to increased promotions to drive traffic and clear inventory, the increase in long-lived store asset impairment charges and buying and occupancy deleverage on lower net sales.

### *General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses*

For 2019, our general, administrative and store operating expenses decreased \$54 million compared to 2018, or 2%, to \$2.235 billion primarily due to the lower marketing and store selling expenses.

For purposes of preparing the combined financial statements on a "carve-out" basis, the Company has been allocated a portion of LB's total corporate expenses. These allocations are included in general, administrative and store operating expenses. Corporate allocated expenses decreased \$8 million to \$110 million in 2019 from \$118 million in 2018, driven by reductions in executive management and other corporate and governance functions.

The general, administrative and store operating expense rate (expressed as a percentage of net sales) in 2019 increased to 29.8% from 28.3% in 2018 as the declines in marketing and store selling expenses were more than offset by deleverage on lower net sales.

### *Impairment of Goodwill*

In 2019, our goodwill impairment assessments concluded that the carrying values of our North America and Greater China reporting units exceeded their fair values. Accordingly, we recognized pre-tax goodwill impairment charges of \$720 million.

*Provision for Income Taxes*

For 2019, our effective tax rate was 0.2% compared to 35.7% in 2018. The 2019 rate varied from our combined estimated federal and state statutory rate primarily due to the goodwill impairment charges, which generated minimal tax benefit. The 2018 rate was higher than our combined estimated federal and state statutory rate primarily due to losses related to certain foreign subsidiaries, which generate no tax benefit.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Historically, we have generated annual cash flow from operating activities. However, we have operated within LB's cash management structure, which uses a centralized approach to cash management and financing of our operations. A substantial portion of our cash is transferred to LB. This arrangement is not reflective of the manner in which we would have financed our operations had we been an independent, publicly traded company during the periods presented.

The cash and cash equivalents held by LB at the corporate level are not specifically identifiable to us and, therefore, have not been reflected in the combined balance sheets. LB's third-party long-term debt and the related interest expense have not been allocated to VS for any of the periods presented as VS was not the legal obligor of such debt.

Following the Separation from LB, our capital structure and sources of liquidity will change from the historical capital structure because we will no longer participate in LB's centralized cash management program. Our ability to fund our operating needs will depend on our future ability to continue to generate positive cash flow from operations, and on our ability to obtain debt financing on acceptable terms. Based upon our history of generating positive cash flows, we believe we will be able to meet our short-term liquidity needs. Management believes that our cash balances and funds provided by operating activities, along with expected borrowing capacity and access to capital markets, taken as a whole, provide (i) adequate liquidity to meet all of our current and long-term obligations when due, including third-party debt that we expect to incur in connection with the Separation, (ii) adequate liquidity to fund capital expenditures, and (iii) flexibility to meet investment opportunities that may arise. However, there can be no assurances that we will be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing on acceptable terms in the future.

We anticipate having \$1.0 billion in principal aggregate amount of indebtedness upon completion of the Separation, consisting of a \$400 million term loan facility and \$600 million of senior notes, the proceeds of which we intend to use to make the LB Cash Payment and to pay related fees and expenses. We also expect to establish a \$750 million asset-based revolving facility, which is expected to be undrawn at the Separation. See "Description of Material Indebtedness." The debt may also restrict our business and may adversely impact our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, the Separation may increase the overall cost of debt funding and decrease the overall debt capacity and commercial credit available to us.

We expect to utilize our cash flows to continue to invest in our brands, talent and capabilities, and growth strategies as well as to repay our indebtedness over time.

Our cash flows for the periods below were as follows:

	<b>First Quarter</b>		<b>Fiscal Year</b>		
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>(in millions)</b>				
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$102	\$(300)	\$ 674	\$ 315	\$ 698
Cash used for investing activities	\$(19)	\$( 28)	\$(123)	\$(243)	\$(343)
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities	\$(88)	\$ 254	\$(465)	\$(192)	\$(264)

***Cash Provided by Operating Activities***

Cash flow provided by operating activities is dependent on the level of net income (loss), adjustments to net income (loss) and changes in working capital.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$102 million in the first quarter of 2021, including net income of \$174 million. Net income included depreciation of \$80 million, deferred income tax expense of \$34 million and share-based compensation expense of \$7 million. Other changes in assets and liabilities represent items that

had a current period cash flow impact, such as changes in working capital. The most significant item in working capital was a decrease in operating cash flows of \$97 million for the decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other and a decrease in operating cash flows of \$60 million for the increase in inventory.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$674 million in 2020, including the net loss of \$72 million. Net loss included depreciation of \$326 million, store and lease asset impairment charges of \$254 million, deferred income tax benefits of \$64 million, gain from formation of the U.K. and Ireland joint venture of \$54 million, gain from the Hong Kong store closure and lease termination of \$39 million and share-based compensation expense of \$25 million. Other changes in assets and liabilities represent items that had a current period cash flow impact, such as changes in working capital. The most significant items in working capital were an increase in operating cash flow of \$141 million associated with the decrease in inventories and an increase in operating cash flow of \$97 million associated with other assets and liabilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$315 million in 2019, including the net loss of \$897 million. Net loss included depreciation of \$411 million, goodwill impairment charges of \$720 million, store and lease asset impairment charges of \$263 million, share-based compensation expense of \$38 million and deferred income tax benefits of \$30 million. Other changes in assets and liabilities represent items that had a current period cash flow impact, such as changes in working capital. The most significant items in working capital were a decrease in operating cash flow of \$118 million associated with the decrease in accounts payables, accrued expenses and other and a decrease in operating cash flows of \$57 million associated with other assets and liabilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$698 million in 2018, including net income of \$251 million. Net income included depreciation of \$425 million, store asset impairment charges of \$101 million, share-based compensation expense of \$39 million and deferred income tax benefits of \$35 million. Other changes in assets and liabilities represent items that had a current period cash flow impact, such as changes in working capital. The most significant items in working capital were a decrease in operating cash flow of \$114 million associated with the decrease in Income taxes payable and an increase in operating cash flows of \$97 million associated with other assets and liabilities.

#### ***Cash Used for Investing Activities***

Net cash used for investing activities in the first quarter of 2021 was \$19 million for capital expenditures. The capital expenditures were primarily related to spending on technology and logistics to support our digital business and other retail capabilities.

Net cash used for investing activities in 2020 was \$123 million consisting primarily of \$127 million of capital expenditures, offset by \$4 million of other investing activities. The capital expenditures were primarily related to spending on technology and logistics to support our digital business and other retail capabilities.

Net cash used for investing activities in 2019 was \$243 million consisting primarily of \$225 million of capital expenditures. The capital expenditures were primarily related to spending on technology and logistics to support our digital business and other retail capabilities.

Net cash used for investing activities in 2018 was \$343 million consisting primarily of \$341 million of capital expenditures. The capital expenditures were related to the opening of new stores and remodeling and improving existing stores. Remaining capital expenditures were primarily related to spending on technology and infrastructure to support growth.

#### ***Cash Used for Financing Activities***

Net cash used for financing activities in the first quarter of 2021 was \$88 million related to net transfers to LB. Net cash used for financing activities in 2020 was \$465 million consisting primarily of net transfers to LB of \$407 million, \$155 million of net repayments under our Foreign Facilities (as defined below), partially offset by borrowings from a related party of \$97 million. Net cash used for financing activities in 2019 was \$192 million consisting primarily of net transfers to LB of \$197 million partially offset by \$5 million of net borrowings under our Foreign Facilities. Net cash used for financing activities in 2018 was \$264 million consisting primarily of net transfers to LB of \$327 million partially offset by \$63 million of net borrowings under our Foreign Facilities.

The Company had a related party note payable, with LB as the counterparty, of \$97 million at May 1, 2021. At the time of the Separation, we will no longer have the related party note and associated accrued interest balance.

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Certain of the Company's China subsidiaries utilize revolving and term loan bank facilities to support their operations (the "Foreign Facilities"). These facilities are guaranteed by LB and certain of LB's and our 100% owned subsidiaries. As of May 1, 2021, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Foreign Facilities. Further, during 2020, LB placed cash on deposit with certain financial institutions as collateral for the Foreign Facilities. The amount of collateral required was dependent upon the aggregate lending commitments and totaled \$30 million as of May 1, 2021. The Company expects to terminate the Foreign Facilities prior to the Separation.

Under the Separation and Distribution Agreement, the Company is required to use commercially reasonable efforts to, effective as of the Distribution, terminate any guarantee provided by LB or any of its subsidiaries for the benefit of the Company or its subsidiaries, or remove or substitute LB and its subsidiaries as guarantors under such guarantees and, if not effected by the Distribution, to effect such termination, removal or substitution as soon as reasonably practicable after the Distribution.

### Working Capital

Historically, we have generated annual cash flow from operating activities to support our working capital needs. However, we have operated within LB's cash management structure, which uses a centralized approach to cash management and financing of our operations. A substantial portion of our cash is transferred to LB. This arrangement is not reflective of the manner in which we would have been able to finance our operations had we been an independent, publicly traded company during the periods presented.

### Contractual Obligations

The table below provides our estimated contractual obligations, aggregated by type, including the maturity profile as of January 30, 2021. These estimated contractual obligations may not be representative of our future contractual obligations profile as an independent, publicly traded company. Our estimated contractual obligations do not reflect changes that we expect to experience in the future as a result of the Separation, such as contractual arrangements that we may enter into in the future that were historically entered into by LB for shared-services.

We expect to enter into the Term Loan B Credit Agreement (as defined below), which includes a \$400 million seven-year floating rate Term Loan B Facility that will become available upon the date of the Separation. We will subsequently be obligated to make quarterly principal payments throughout the term of the Term Loan B Facility according to the amortization provisions in the Term Loan B Credit Agreement. We also expect to enter into the ABL Credit Agreement (as defined below), which includes a \$750 million five-year senior secured asset-based revolving ABL Facility that will become available upon the date of the Separation. We also expect to complete the offering of \$600 million of 4.625% senior notes through a private offering exempt from registration under Rule 144A and Regulation S of the Securities Act. As a result, subsequent to the separation from LB, our contractual commitments will change significantly from our historical amounts. See "Description of Material Indebtedness."

	Payments Due by Period					
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	More than 5 Years	Other
	(in millions)					
Long-term Debt <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 115	\$ 4	\$ 8	\$103	\$ —	\$—
Future Lease Obligations <sup>(b)</sup>	2,581	503	798	558	722	—
Purchase Obligations <sup>(c)</sup>	470	457	12	1	—	—
Other Liabilities <sup>(d)(e)</sup>	143	90	25	18	—	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,309</b>	<b>\$1,054</b>	<b>\$843</b>	<b>\$680</b>	<b>\$722</b>	<b>\$10</b>

- (a) Long-term debt obligations relate to our principal and interest payments for our outstanding related party note. Interest obligations exclude amounts which have been accrued through January 30, 2021.
- (b) Future lease obligations primarily represent minimum payments due under store lease agreements.
- (c) Purchase obligations primarily include purchase orders for merchandise inventory and other agreements to purchase goods or services that are enforceable and legally binding and that specify all significant terms, including: fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased; fixed, minimum or variable price provisions; and the approximate timing of the transactions.
- (d) Other liabilities include future payments relating to our non-qualified supplemental retirement plan of \$66 million in the "Less Than 1 Year" category.

- (e) Other liabilities also include future estimated payments associated with unrecognized tax benefits. The “Less Than 1 Year” category includes \$23 million of these tax items because it is reasonably possible that the amounts could change in the next 12 months due to audit settlements or resolution of uncertainties. The remaining portion totaling \$10 million is included in the “Other” category as it is not reasonably possible that the amounts could change in the next 12 months. In addition, we have a remaining liability of \$44 million related to the deemed repatriation tax on our undistributed foreign earnings resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The tax liability will be paid over the next four years.

### ***Guarantees***

Certain of our subsidiaries, along with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of LB, guarantee and pledge collateral to secure the LB asset-backed revolving credit facility (“ABL Facility”). The ABL Facility has aggregate commitments at \$1 billion and has an expiration date in August 2024. As of May 1, 2021, there were no borrowings outstanding under the ABL Facility. Certain of our subsidiaries, along with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of LB, have also guaranteed LB’s obligations under certain of LB’s long-term notes. As of May 1, 2021, in aggregate the outstanding balance of our guarantees for certain of LB’s notes was \$4.8 billion with maturity dates between October 2023 and July 2036. The guarantees are full and unconditional on a joint and several basis.

Our guarantees of obligations under LB’s long-term notes are expected to terminate concurrently with the Separation, subject to standard notice provisions to the trustee. Our guarantees of obligations under the ABL Facility are also expected to terminate concurrently with the Separation, subject to consent of the lenders.

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

We do not engage in any off-balance sheet financial arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

### **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

We are exposed to risks in the ordinary course of business. Management, as part of LB, regularly assesses and manages exposures to these risks through operating and financing activities and, when appropriate, by taking advantage of natural hedges within us. Potential risks are discussed below.

#### ***Foreign Exchange Rate Risk***

We have operations in foreign countries which expose us to market risk associated with foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Our Canadian dollar and Chinese Yuan denominated earnings are subject to exchange rate risk as substantially all our merchandise sold in Canada and Greater China is sourced through U.S. dollar transactions. Although we utilize foreign currency forward contracts to partially offset risks associated with our operations in Canada, these measures may not succeed in offsetting all the short-term impact of foreign currency rate movements and generally may not be effective in offsetting the long-term impact of sustained shifts in foreign currency rates.

Further, although our royalty arrangements with our international partners are denominated in U.S. dollars, the royalties we receive in U.S. dollars are calculated based on sales in the local currency. As a result, our royalties in these arrangements are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

#### ***Interest Rate Risk***

Our investment portfolio primarily consists of interest-bearing instruments that are classified as cash and cash equivalents based on their original maturities. Our investment portfolio is maintained in accordance with the LB investment policy, which specifies permitted types of investments, specifies credit quality standards and maturity profiles and limits credit exposure to any single issuer. The primary objective of our investment activities is the preservation of principal, the maintenance of liquidity and the maximization of interest income while minimizing risk. Our investment portfolio is comprised of U.S. government obligations, U.S. Treasury and AAA-rated money market funds and bank deposits. Given the short-term nature and quality of investments in our portfolio, we do not believe there is any material risk to principal associated with increases or decreases in interest rates.

During 2020, we borrowed \$97 million from LB to pay down outstanding debt with external parties. This borrowing is due in September 2025 and has a variable interest rate based on the China Loan Prime Rate, which was 3.85% as of May 1, 2021. At the time of the Separation, we will no longer have the related party note.

### ***Concentration of Credit Risk***

We maintain cash and cash equivalents and derivative contracts with various major financial institutions. We monitor the relative credit standing of financial institutions with whom we transact and limit the amount of credit exposure with any one entity. Our investment portfolio is comprised of U.S. government obligations, U.S. Treasury and AAA-rated money market funds and bank deposits. We also periodically review the relative credit standing of franchise, license and wholesale partners and other entities to which we grant credit terms in the normal course of business.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

We have chosen accounting policies that management believes are appropriate to accurately and fairly report our operating results and financial position in conformity with GAAP. We apply these accounting policies in a consistent manner. Significant accounting policies are summarized in Note 1 to our audited combined financial statements included elsewhere in this information statement.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to adopt accounting policies related to estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its accounting policies, estimates and judgments, including those related to inventories, long-lived assets, claims and contingencies, income taxes and revenue recognition. Management bases our estimates and judgments on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. We believe the following assumptions and estimates are most significant to reporting our results of operations and financial position.

#### ***Inventories***

Inventories are principally valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value, on an average cost basis. We record valuation adjustments to our inventories if the cost of inventory on hand exceeds the amount we expect to realize from the ultimate sale or disposal of the inventory. These estimates are based on management's judgment regarding future demand and market conditions and analysis of historical experience. If actual demand or market conditions are different than those projected by management, future period merchandise margin rates may be unfavorably or favorably affected by adjustments to these estimates.

We also record inventory loss adjustments for estimated physical inventory losses that have occurred since the date of the last physical inventory. These estimates are based on management's analysis of historical results and operating trends. Management believes that the assumptions used in these estimates are reasonable and appropriate. A 10% increase or decrease in the inventory valuation adjustment would have impacted net income by approximately \$4 million for 2020. A 10% increase or decrease in the estimated physical inventory loss adjustment would have impacted net income by approximately \$3 million for 2020.

#### ***Valuation of Long-lived Assets, Including Intangible Assets and Goodwill***

##### ***Long-lived Store Assets***

Long-lived store assets, which include leasehold improvements, store related assets and operating lease assets (subsequent to the adoption of ASC 842, *Leases*), are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Store assets are grouped at the lowest level for which they are largely independent of other assets or asset groups. If the estimated undiscounted future cash flows related to the asset group are less than the carrying value, we recognize a loss equal to the difference between the carrying value and the estimated fair value, determined by the estimated discounted future cash flows of the asset group. For operating lease assets, we determine the fair value of the assets by comparing the contractual rent payments to estimated market rental rates. An individual asset within an asset group is not impaired below its estimated fair value. The fair value of long-lived store assets are determined using Level 3 inputs within the fair value hierarchy.



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In 2020, we executed a rationalization of our company-operated store footprint. We permanently closed 241 stores in North America in 2020. Given the closures in 2020 as well as the negative operating results of certain stores in 2020, 2019 and 2018, we reviewed the long-lived store assets for potential impairment in all periods presented. We determined that the estimated undiscounted future cash flows were less than the carrying values for certain asset groups and, as a result, determined the estimated fair values of the store asset groups using estimated discounted future cash flows and estimated market rental rates.

The following table provides pre-tax long-lived store asset impairment charges included in the Combined Statement of Income (Loss) for 2020, 2019 and 2018:

	2020	2019	2018
	(in millions)		
Store Asset Impairment	\$136	\$198	\$101
Operating Lease Asset Impairment	118	65	—
<b>Total Impairment</b>	<b>\$254</b>	<b>\$263</b>	<b>\$101</b>

Our fair value estimates incorporated significant assumptions and judgments including, but not limited to, estimated future cash flows, discount rates and market rental rates. The use of different assumptions or judgments in our assessment could materially increase or decrease the fair value of our store assets and, accordingly, could materially increase or decrease any related impairment charge. Sustained declines in our business performance could result in a material impairment charge in a future period.

When a decision has been made to dispose of property and equipment prior to the end of the previously estimated useful life, depreciation estimates are revised to reflect the use of the asset over the shortened estimated useful life.

### *Goodwill*

Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at the reporting unit level each year in the fourth quarter and may be reviewed more frequently if certain events occur or circumstances change. We have the option to either first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that each reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying value (including goodwill), or to proceed directly to the quantitative assessment which requires a comparison of the reporting unit's fair value to its carrying value (including goodwill). If we determine that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, we recognize an impairment charge equal to the difference, not to exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. Our reporting units are determined in accordance with the provisions of ASC 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*. During 2019, we impaired the goodwill at the North America and Greater China reporting units, resulting in pre-tax impairment charges of \$720 million. Subsequent to these impairments, we no longer recognized any goodwill.

### *Trade Name*

The VICTORIA'S SECRET trade name is an indefinite-lived intangible. The trade name is reviewed for impairment each year in the fourth quarter and may be reviewed more frequently if certain events occur or circumstances change. We have the option to either first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired, or to proceed directly to the quantitative assessment which requires a comparison of the fair value of the intangible asset to its carrying value. To determine if the fair value of the asset is less than its carrying amount, we will estimate the fair value, usually determined by the relief from royalty method under the income approach, and compare that value with its carrying amount. If the carrying value of the trade name exceeds its fair value, we recognize an impairment charge equal to the difference.

As of the end of the fourth quarter of 2020, we performed our annual impairment assessment of the VICTORIA'S SECRET trade name. To estimate the fair value of the trade name, we used the relief from royalty method under the income approach. The annual assessment concluded that the fair value of the trade name was in excess of its carrying value.

The use of different assumptions or judgments in our impairment assessment of our trade name, including with respect to the estimated future cash flows, the discount rate used to discount such estimated future cash



flows to their net present value and royalty rates used for the relief from royalty method, could materially increase or decrease the fair value of our trade names. A 50% reduction to our assumed royalty rate would not have resulted in a material impairment charge in 2020.

### ***Claims and Contingencies***

We are subject to various claims and contingencies related to lawsuits, taxes, insurance, regulatory and other matters arising out of the normal course of business. Our determination of the treatment of claims and contingencies in the Combined Financial Statements is based on management's view of the expected outcome of the applicable claim or contingency. We consult with legal counsel on matters related to litigation and seek input from both internal and external experts with respect to matters in the ordinary course of business. We accrue a liability if the likelihood of an adverse outcome is probable and the amount is reasonably estimable. If the likelihood of an adverse outcome is only reasonably possible (as opposed to probable) or if an estimate is not reasonably determinable, disclosure of a material claim or contingency is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

### ***Income Taxes***

We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Under this method, taxes currently payable or refundable are accrued, and deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets are also recognized for realizable operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted income tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in income tax rates is recognized in the Company's Combined Statement of Income (Loss) in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is recorded to reduce the carrying amounts of deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not that such assets will not be realized.

In determining our provision for income taxes, we consider permanent differences between book and tax income and statutory income tax rates. Our effective income tax rate is affected by items including changes in tax law, the tax jurisdiction of new stores or business ventures and the level of earnings.

We follow a two-step approach to recognize and measure uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the available evidence indicates it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount which is more than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. We consider many factors when evaluating and estimating our tax positions and tax benefits, which may require periodic adjustments and for which actual outcomes may differ from forecasted outcomes. Our policy is to include interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense.

Historically, our income tax expense and deferred tax balances have been included in LB's income tax returns. LB's income tax returns, like those of most companies, are periodically audited by domestic and foreign tax authorities. These audits include questions regarding tax filing positions, including the timing and amount of deductions and the allocation of income among various tax jurisdictions. At any one-time, multiple tax years are subject to audit by the various tax authorities. A number of years may elapse before a particular matter for which we have established an accrual is audited and fully resolved or clarified. We adjust our tax contingencies accrual and income tax provision in the period in which matters are effectively settled with tax authorities at amounts different from its established accrual, when the statute of limitations expires for the relevant taxing authority to examine the tax position or when more information becomes available. We include our tax contingencies accrual, including accrued penalties and interest, in Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheets unless the liability is expected to be paid within one year. Changes to the tax contingencies accrual, including accrued penalties and interest, are included in provision (benefit) for income taxes on the combined statements of income (loss).

### ***Revenue Recognition***

In 2018, we adopted ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, using the modified retrospective approach. We recognize revenue based on the amount we expect to receive when control of the goods or services

is transferred to our customer. We recognize sales upon customer receipt of merchandise, which for direct channel revenues reflect an estimate of shipments that have not yet been received by our customer based on shipping terms and historical delivery times. Our shipping and handling revenues are included in net sales with the related costs included in costs of goods sold, buying and occupancy in the combined statements of income (loss). We also provide a reserve for projected merchandise returns based on historical experience. Net sales exclude sales and other similar taxes collected from customers.

We offer certain loyalty programs that allow customers to earn points based on purchasing activity. As customers accumulate points and reach point thresholds, they can use the points to purchase merchandise in stores or online. We allocate revenue to points earned on qualifying purchases and defer recognition until the points are redeemed. The amount of revenue deferred is based on the relative stand-alone selling price method, which includes an estimate for points not expected to be redeemed based on historical experience.

We sell gift cards with no expiration dates to customers. We do not charge administrative fees on unused gift cards. We recognize revenue from gift cards when they are redeemed by the customer. In addition, we recognize revenue on unredeemed gift cards where the likelihood of the gift card being redeemed is remote and there is no legal obligation to remit the unredeemed gift cards to relevant jurisdictions (gift card breakage). Gift card breakage revenue is recognized in proportion, and over the same period, as actual gift card redemptions. We determine the gift card breakage rate based on historical redemption patterns. Gift card breakage is included in net sales in the combined statements of income (loss).

Revenue earned in connection with the Victoria's Secret U.S. private label credit card arrangement is primarily recognized based on credit card sales and usage, and is included in net sales in the combined statements of income (loss). We recognized Net Sales of \$135 million, \$194 million and \$187 million for 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively, related to our private label credit card arrangement.

We also recognize revenues associated with franchise, license, wholesale and sourcing arrangements. Revenue recognized under franchise and license arrangements generally consists of royalties earned and recognized upon sale of merchandise by franchise and license partners to retail customers. Revenue is generally recognized under wholesale and sourcing arrangements at the time the title passes to the partner.

#### **Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Standards**

Refer to Note 1 to our audited combined financial statements and unaudited interim combined financial statements included elsewhere in this information statement for discussion of recently issued and adopted accounting standards.

## BUSINESS

### Overview

Victoria's Secret is an iconic global brand of women's intimate and other apparel, personal care and beauty products. We sell our products through two brands, Victoria's Secret and PINK. Victoria's Secret is a category-defining global lingerie brand with a leading market position and a rich, 40-year history of serving women across the globe. PINK is a lifestyle brand for the college-oriented customer, built around a strong intimates core. We also sell beauty products under both the Victoria's Secret and PINK brands. Together, Victoria's Secret, PINK and Victoria's Secret Beauty support, inspire and celebrate women through every phase of their life.

Victoria's Secret and PINK merchandise is sold online through our e-commerce platform, through company-operated retail stores located in the U.S., Canada and Greater China, and through international stores and websites operated by partners under franchise, license, wholesale and joint venture arrangements. We have a presence in over 70 countries and generated approximately \$5.4 billion in global sales in 2020 across all channels. We believe we benefit from global brand awareness, a wide and compelling product assortment and a powerful, deep connection with our customers.

Our 867 North American stores as of May 1, 2021 represent the majority of our business and, despite the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic, our North American stores business generated approximately 50% of our revenue in 2020. In addition to our physical stores, our customer-centric digital platform – including our social media following, our websites and our mobile applications – allows us to connect to our customers and communicate with them anytime and anywhere. Sales in our direct channel increased 31% to \$2.2 billion in 2020 from \$1.7 billion in 2019. We and our partners operated 520 stores outside of North America as of May 1, 2021, including 62 company-operated stores in Greater China and 458 stores internationally outside of China, which are operated by partners under franchise, license, wholesale and joint venture arrangements.

Our brands operate across several categories and appeal to a broad and inclusive customer base. We are focused on maintaining our reputation for beautiful products known for comfort, quality and fit, while also expanding our assortment and size range to broaden our customer offering. We target global markets across demographic and economic spectrums. We leverage our brands, as well as our expertise in product design and innovation, to create merchandise women love and marketing campaigns that resonate. We are focused on aligning our brand positioning, product assortment and values to those of our customers. We believe our global brand awareness creates a platform for us to further strengthen our brands, enhance customer loyalty and grow our customer base.

Although recent performance has improved significantly, we experienced challenging business results in 2019 and 2020. In 2019, net sales decreased 7% and our gross profit decreased 23% compared to the prior year period as our merchandise and brand positioning failed to resonate with our customers. In 2019, we recognized a net loss of \$897 million which included a \$720 million charge related to the impairment of goodwill. In 2020, our business operations and financial performance were materially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All of our stores in North America were closed on March 17, 2020, but we were able to re-open the majority of our stores as of the beginning of the third quarter of 2020. Although sales in our direct channel grew 31% in 2020, the closure of, and restrictions in operating, our stores led to a decrease in net sales of 28% in 2020, and a decrease in gross profit of 24%, each compared to the prior year period, and a net loss of \$72 million.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to improve business performance, we launched a profit improvement plan beginning in the third quarter of 2020. We began to see performance improve in the third and fourth quarter of 2020 and, most recently, we reported net income of \$174 million for the first quarter of 2021.

Our highly experienced management team is executing our strategy to continue to improve the performance and profitability of the business and we believe there are opportunities for further improvement, which will be driven by delivering a best-in-class product, brand and retail experience to our customers.

VS is headquartered in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Following the Separation, we will become an independent, publicly traded company led by a highly experienced management team fully dedicated to leveraging our capabilities and driving our strategic initiatives. We will also have increased flexibility to deploy our free cash flow towards our operating and capital allocation priorities. We anticipate having \$1.0 billion in principal aggregate amount of indebtedness upon completion of the Separation, consisting of a \$400 million term loan

facility and \$600 million of senior notes, the proceeds of which we intend to use to make the LB Cash Payment and to pay related fees and expenses. We also expect to establish a \$750 million asset-based revolving facility, which is expected to be undrawn at the Separation. See “The Separation—Incurrence of Debt” and “Description of Material Indebtedness.” We will trade under the ticker symbol “VSCO” on the NYSE.

## **Our Competitive Strengths**

### ***Two Category-Defining Brands with Global Brand Awareness and Resonance.***

Both the Victoria’s Secret and PINK brands have a strong global presence and awareness among consumers, which we believe provides us with a competitive advantage. We estimate Victoria’s Secret’s overall U.S. brand awareness as 87% and PINK’s overall U.S. brand awareness as 86% based on a company-sponsored marketing study. While our history runs deep as a dominant player in intimates, our brands also provide compelling offerings in fragrance, beauty, apparel, loungewear, sleepwear, athletic attire and swimwear. We believe our recent and decisive actions to evolve our positioning and promote inclusivity and diversity will allow us to attract new customers while also deepening our connection with existing ones. For example, on June 16, 2021, we announced the creation of two new partnerships, The VS Collective and The Victoria’s Secret Global Fund for Women’s Cancers, as we continue our evolution to inspire women with products, experiences and initiatives that champion them and support their journey. Through social, cultural and business relationships, The VS Collective is expected to work to create new associate programs, revolutionary product collections, compelling and inspiring content, and rally support for causes vital to women. The Victoria’s Secret Global Fund for Women’s Cancers is expected to fund innovative research projects aimed at progressing treatments and cures for women’s cancers and investing in the next generation of women scientists who represent the diverse population they serve. We are focused on fueling our customer’s desire to be herself by empowering her with products that not only offer her comfort and style, but also allow her to celebrate and express her true self.

### ***Global Scale at Retail.***

We believe VS has significant scale and strength in reaching its consumer base. Our vast reach is evidenced by our leading market position in the U.S. intimates category, with meaningful market share based on a 2020 company-sponsored marketing study. The number of our North American active customers (which we define as customers who have purchased from us in the last twelve months) totaled 27 million as of May 2021, 25 million in 2020 and 32 million in each of 2019 and 2018. Additionally, as of May 2021, we had over 69 million Victoria’s Secret and approximately 8 million PINK Instagram followers, approximately 6.3 million active Victoria’s Secret Credit Card holders and approximately 5.5 million active members of PINK’s loyalty program, PINK Nation. We interact with our customers through three powerful distribution channels:

- **Digital.** Our large and growing digital business allows for an interconnected customer experience across our brands and platforms. We deliver a differentiated digital experience through seamless and personalized touchpoints. Importantly, we are focused on developing our social media platforms and websites, applications with personalized digital marketing campaigns, advanced omni-channel offerings and improved store and website inventory connectivity. Our digital connection to consumers is evidenced by the fact that approximately 15 million consumers as of May 1, 2021, or approximately 60% of our customer base, purchased from our digital channel in the last twelve months.
- **North American Stores.** Our retail footprint in North America, as of May 1, 2021, spans the U.S. and Canada with 867 stores, representing a combined 6.0 million square feet of selling space. Our North American stores channel creates an immersive environment for customers to experience our brands and try new products. Our sales associates and store managers are central in creating an engaging and compelling store experience by providing a high level of customer service. Although traffic levels were challenged in the first quarter of 2021 and in 2020 due to the pandemic, our improved assortment and focus on store selling initiatives drove increases in conversion (which we define as the percentage of customers who visit our stores who make a purchase) and average unit retail (which we define as the average price per unit purchased) compared to 2019.
- **International.** We have a significant international footprint with 520 international stores and 26 international digital sites as of May 1, 2021. We believe we have meaningful opportunity to grow through new Victoria’s Secret Beauty and Accessories and full assortment stores, new digital sites and new geographies. Victoria’s Secret Beauty and Accessories stores represent smaller footprint stores

including stores in airports and other travel retail locations, which enable significant global exposure. Our international stores span the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, in addition to the strong digital component of our international business.

#### ***Agile and Highly Responsive Supply Chain and Sourcing Capabilities.***

Our sourcing and production function has a long and deep presence in key sourcing markets including those in the U.S. and Asia. Our intimates and apparel categories are supported by an internationally outsourced platform, primarily in Asia, which has consistently provided rapid speed to market, high quality and innovative products and an efficient cost base. Meanwhile, our beauty platform is largely centered in Ohio, where a number of our suppliers are located, boasting innovation and agile manufacturing. We have thoughtfully designed our supply chain around three key principles: speed-to-market, quality and cost efficiency.

The current environment requires unprecedented agility, and we are leveraging the speed that we have in our supply chain, our close partnerships with suppliers and the capabilities of our sourcing, production and logistics teams to actively manage our inventory and adjust for channel shifts across our business. We have focused on speed to market and believe our lead times are amongst the shortest in the industry, allowing us to read and react to customer preferences. As an example, we have worked with our suppliers to develop an “instant panty” program that allows us to go from order to product in stores within two weeks. The agility within our supply chain provides us with flexibility to quickly re-order strong sellers as we seek to maximize our sales and merchandise margin rate opportunities.

Our strong relationships with our suppliers have allowed us to manufacture our products with cost efficiency without sacrificing quality. We have approximately 200 vendors across product categories as of January 30, 2021. Our global supply base and flexibility are key competitive advantages and allow us to provide a broad product range, innovation and assortment to our customers.

#### ***Highly-Talented Management Team with Deep Industry Experience.***

We put an emphasis on ensuring a strong and impactful team is in place to direct the business towards growth and reach its potential at this crucial inflection point. The Company is led by Martin Waters, our Chief Executive Officer, who has deep knowledge of the VS brand from his involvement in our business since 2008. Additionally, Amy Hauk, Chief Executive Officer of PINK and Greg Unis, Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret Beauty, are experienced and talented retail leaders. Amy Hauk joined LB in 2008 and has served as Chief Executive Officer of PINK since 2018. Greg Unis joined the Company as Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret Beauty in 2016. The management team is highly collaborative across brands as well as channels, with each channel (Digital, North American Stores and International) also supported by well qualified leaders.

### **Our Strategies**

#### ***Continue to Drive Penetration and Growth in our Digital Channel.***

Investing in our digital channel continues to be a key priority and we believe that our global brands and our scaled retail footprint in North America is a unique platform to continue to grow our digital business. Omni-channel initiatives, including buy online pick-up in store, and an increased focus on mobile and application interactions will continue to provide flexibility and convenience to our customers. Our shopping and services initiatives will continue to modernize the customer's digital shopping experience through features like digital selling guides, virtual try-on, digital appointments, improved checkout performance and alternative payment options. Further, with our customer at the core of our strategy, we are also increasing the personalization of our digital platforms through site experience and marketing designed for our customer. Our ongoing digital investments all help to create a seamless shopping experience between online and offline and bolster our leadership in the digital channel. In addition, we are scaling the distribution capacity of our digital business in order to support our growth and our omni-channel offerings. These strategies are aimed at increasing our digital channel mix and driving margin accretion.

#### ***Expand our International Business.***

Growing our international business is a key strategy. We plan to drive strong comparable sales growth in franchise stores through continued improved product offerings and adjusting assortments to better reflect local preferences. We plan to increase our international store count, enabled by a new store design, lower costs and

flexible store formats, which provide a pathway to profitable growth. Additionally, we expect to continue investing in and growing the digital components of our international business, including through country-specific web platforms tailored to local languages and preferences and through additional regional expansion. We believe our recent joint venture partnership with Next PLC (“Next”) in the United Kingdom will allow us leverage growth through the already existing and impressive Next digital presence. We also anticipate additional opportunities for growth in our travel retail channel as global travel begins to normalize following the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Continue Optimizing Customer Experience through Elevated and Profitable Company-Operated Stores.***

We believe we can further optimize our existing base of stores within North America to continue to deliver an elevated retail experience and to meet our customer’s evolving channel preferences. We believe our stores channel is important to engaging with existing and new customers and, accordingly, see it as a key part of our strategy. We are investing in our stores through refreshing existing stores and working towards a store of the future that will include smaller, more flexible space with a unique dual-brand layout to meet the needs of our customer and accommodate shifting consumer preferences for omni-channel shopping. We also continue to focus on appropriate space allocation within the store and right-sizing the overall size of the North American stores which we believe will lead to sales transference to other stores and our digital channel. In addition to our initiatives related to our physical stores, we plan to continue to invest in store talent and labor optimization. These initiatives are designed to increase productivity in our stores measured through improved sales per selling square foot, as well as overall store profitability.

***Invest in our Brands and our Business to Drive Growth.***

In addition to the strategies outlined above, we continue to make significant investments in our iconic brands, our physical and digital business channels and our organizational capabilities in order to support the continued growth of our business. We believe our success is significantly enabled by frequent and innovative product launches, which include bra launches at Victoria’s Secret Lingerie and PINK and new fragrances at Victoria’s Secret Beauty. We are making targeted investments in technology to maintain our high digital penetration and to expand the omni-channel offering for our customers. We are also increasing our distribution capacity and efficiency in order to make decisions close to market, deliver orders to customers more quickly and provide the best and widest assortment across product categories and sizes across all channels. Our management team is committed to a diverse and inclusive corporate culture and we are building a world class team to support the execution of our growth strategies.

***Recent Actions to Enable our Go-Forward Strategy.***

Beginning in the third quarter of 2020, we launched a profit improvement plan to enable the go-forward strategy of the business and reduce costs. We focused on four main strategic actions which have delivered improved operating income:

- ***Merchandise Margin Rate Expansion.*** With improved assortment and disciplined inventory management, we drove a significant increase in our merchandise margin rate in the first quarter of 2021 and in 2020, resulting from a pullback in promotions and a shift to more full-priced selling.
- ***Improved Store Performance.*** Key initiatives in North American stores include simplified execution through the permanent closure of 241 stores in 2020, store labor optimization through an enhanced labor model, fewer floorset moves and a rightsizing of store leadership models, resulting in a decrease in store selling costs.
- ***International Restructuring.*** Through 2020, we took actions to improve performance in our international business, primarily in the United Kingdom, Ireland and China. We transitioned our U.K. and Ireland business to a joint venture with a native U.K. retail business, Next. Partnering with Next allows us to not only leverage our existing scale and capabilities, but also build upon Next’s digital platform. In China, we closed our Hong Kong flagship store, renegotiated our leases for key street locations and reduced overhead in our home office. We also made digital growth in international markets a priority. Through the first quarter of 2021, we grew our digital footprint with additional web and social commerce sites to a total of 26 as of May 1, 2021, across partner and company owned operations.

- **Reorganized Corporate Office.** In 2020, we performed an organizational review of the business to right-size and realign all major corporate functions to better support a standalone VS business. Home office headcount was reduced by approximately 25%. The goal of the restructuring was to create an effective, efficient and independent organizational structure to support a high performing business and culture.

## **Our Brands**

Our business operates two category-defining intimates and beauty brands, Victoria's Secret and PINK. We offer a range of products across intimate apparel, sleepwear, loungewear, swimwear and beauty.

### ***Victoria's Secret***

Victoria's Secret is a leading lingerie brand, with an established history of over 40 years. The Victoria's Secret brand celebrates female confidence and inspires women with beautiful products and experiences. Victoria's Secret offers bras, panties, lingerie, sleepwear, loungewear, sport and swim products across its global retail locations and its online e-commerce channel. Bras and panties represent the two largest categories today for Victoria's Secret, accounting for over 65% of the brand's 2020 retail sales. We believe our assortment is differentiated by our focus on fit, comfort and quality.

### ***PINK***

PINK is a lifestyle brand that is focused on celebrating and supporting diversity, equity, inclusion, self-confidence and individuality. The brand focuses on a collegiate-oriented customer. Our products are designed to make customers feel good both inside and out, and include bras, panties, active wear, loungewear, accessories and swimwear, which was recently re-introduced to the assortment, with bras and apparel representing the two largest categories. PINK is sold across North America and internationally at Victoria's Secret and PINK retail stores and online. Loyal PINK customers can join PINK Nation, a free, members-only online community for exclusive special offers and the inside scoop on all things PINK.

### ***Victoria's Secret Beauty***

Victoria's Secret Beauty expands our offering and enhances our emotional connection to our customers. To complement the core Victoria's Secret offering, VS launched its first fragrance line in 1991. Today, the Victoria's Secret Beauty business has grown to be the #1 fragrance brand in America.<sup>1</sup> In addition, our Bombshell franchise is the #1 fragrance in America.<sup>2</sup> Beauty products include fine fragrance, mists, PINK Beauty products and accessories. Products are sold at Victoria's Secret specialty retail stores and online.

## **Distribution Channels**

Our distribution channels include digital, North American stores and international stores. We utilize these channels to reach our consumers in the physical and digital locations they frequent within their geographies.

### ***Digital***

The digital channel is a key and growing distribution channel and accounted for approximately \$2.2 billion, or 40%, of our revenues in 2020. The channel includes sales that are derived from our websites and mobile applications.

Our digital presence, including social media, our websites and our mobile applications, allows us to get to know our customers better and communicate with them anytime and anywhere. Our digital customers engage in more transactions relative to non-digital customers. Within digital, we have taken a mobile-first approach to help drive sales.

We have taken steps to modernize the digital platform, including the use of artificial intelligence-driven chatbots and geo-targeted digital marketing. Our digital platform is designed to further support our physical presence and contribute to the growth of omni-channel sales.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Euromonitor, US retail unit sales, 2020, excluding mists. Aggregated sales of all Victoria's Secret fragrance brands.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Euromonitor, US retail unit sales, 2020, excluding mists. Aggregated sales of Victoria's Secret Bombshell fragrance.



**North American Stores**

The North American stores channel represents the stores in our North American physical retail locations and accounted for approximately 50% of our revenues in 2020. We operate 867 physical locations as of May 1, 2021, including a range of full assortment stores, Victoria's Secret Lingerie stores and free-standing PINK stores.

We are investing in our physical stores by refreshing existing stores and developing a prototype for a store of the future. We continue to right-size our stores to optimize our physical retail footprint and enable omni-channel sales. Additionally, we are investing in our people through field talent and leadership development to optimize the customer experience.

**International**

The international channel represents our company operated stores and websites in China as well as royalty and wholesale sales related to the stores and websites operated by our franchise, license and wholesale partners. International net sales accounted for approximately 7% of our revenues in 2020. As of May 1, 2021, we have 62 company operated stores in China as well as 458 partner-operated stores around the world, including locations across the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Revenue recognized under franchise and license arrangements generally consists of royalties earned and recognized upon sale of merchandise by franchise and license partners to retail customers. Revenue is generally recognized under wholesale and sourcing arrangements at the time the title passes to the partner. We continue to increase the number of locations under these types of arrangements as part of our international expansion.

**Design, Product Development and Sourcing**

Our product design and innovation is an important component of our strategy. We achieve success through frequent and fashionable product launches across product categories with a focus on fit, fabric, finish, and superior quality. Our merchant, design and sourcing teams have a long history of designing innovative products to meet our customers' needs. We believe our focus on product development differentiates our offering through superior fit, broad ranges of sizes, and comfortable and appealing silhouettes. Additionally, we believe that our sourcing and production functions, which have a long and deep presence in key sourcing markets including those in the U.S. and Asia, allow us to partner with premier manufacturers to manufacture high-quality products quickly.

Our product development team works with four key design periods for the year, Spring, Summer, Fall and Holiday, that represent our various selling seasons. Certain product lines offer more frequent introductions of new merchandise, and the primary selling seasons, Fall and Holiday, often will see greater quantities of introductions for new merchandise. We tailor our buying strategies to align with customer demand and trends across our core categories with agile and fast lead times.

Our global supply chain organization is responsible for the operational planning, manufacturing, sourcing, and distribution of products to our customers. We believe we have developed a high degree of expertise in managing the complexities associated with a global supply chain that produced more than 425 million finished goods units in 2020.

**Distribution and Merchandise Inventory**

A substantial portion of our merchandise is shipped to our distribution centers in the Columbus, Ohio area. Additionally, we use third-party operated distribution centers located throughout North America to distribute our merchandise. We use a variety of shipping terms that result in the transfer of title of the merchandise at either the point of origin or point of destination. Our policy is to maintain sufficient quantities of inventories on hand in our retail stores and distribution centers to enable us to offer customers an appropriate selection of current merchandise. We emphasize rapid turnover and take markdowns as required to keep merchandise fresh and current.

We are actively managing our inventory to adjust for the impacts of COVID-19, including store closures, channel shifts, product category shifts and meeting customer demand. The current environment requires unprecedented agility, and we are leveraging the speed that we have in our supply chain, our close partnerships with our suppliers and the capabilities of our sourcing, production and logistics teams to respond quickly.



## Advertising and Customer Support

Our brand marketing and advertising efforts are focused on highlighting our products' fashion, innovative design and quality while also accentuating our brands' positioning in the broader market and changing landscape. We have shifted the focus of our global message across platforms towards promoting brand inclusivity and highlighting our products through an empowering, relatable, fresh brand voice to align with our customers' values. Our marketing strategies drive brand awareness and create continued loyalty between our customers and our brands. We also find it important to cater messaging towards different geographic and cultural preferences and customs in order to connect with our customers. We are committed to evolving our brand projection to serve our consumer and are developing a number of initiatives to continue evolving our brand through traditional media, entertainment platforms, and community-driven forums. We pursue our marketing strategy across a variety of platforms to reach our omni-channel customers, both in-store and online. We use traditional media outlets such as television and print, as well as digital media channels including social media, paid search and influencers. We have a dedicated team focused on marketing analytics to ensure our advertising and promotional investments are providing effective returns.

Our e-commerce channel and store locations also provide customers with an enhanced understanding of the brands through uniform messaging and brand essence across platforms. Each brand has a marketing team focused on ensuring the customer is appropriately reached and engaged. Our in-store sales force is also highly knowledgeable and we have regular in-store training to promote positive customer interactions through helpful and informed store associates.

## Competition

The sale of women's intimates, apparel, and personal and beauty care products is a highly competitive business. We believe we compete effectively in our core categories by leveraging our brand equity, unique scale and our high-quality and innovative products.

Our primary competitors include individual and chain specialty stores, department stores, mass merchandisers, online retailers and discount retailers. Brand image, presentation, marketing, design, price, service, assortment, fit and quality are the principal competitive factors. A select list of key competitors include Aerie, Calvin Klein, Gap and Hanesbrands. Additionally, we see a large and growing offering from private label intimates apparel created for retailers such as Walmart, Amazon and Target in addition to emerging brands such as Adore Me and Savage by Fenty.

## Properties

### *Company-operated Retail Stores*

Our company-operated retail stores are located in shopping malls, lifestyle centers and off-mall locations in the U.S., Canada and Greater China. As a result of our strong brands and established retail presence, we have been able to lease high-traffic locations in most retail centers in which we operate.

The following table provides the number of our company-operated retail stores in operation as of May 1, 2021, January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020:

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020
U.S.	841	846	1,053
Canada	26	25	38
U.K. / Ireland	—	—	26
Greater China – Beauty and Accessories	36	36	41
Greater China – Full Assortment	26	26	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>1,181</b>

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The following table provides the changes in the number of our company-operated retail stores operated for the first quarter of 2021 and 2020:

	Beginning of First Quarter	Opened	Closed	End of First Quarter
2021	933	2	(6)	929
2020	1,181	2	(23)	1,160

The following table provides the changes in the number of our company-operated retail stores operated for the past three fiscal years:

	Beginning of Year	Opened	Closed	Transferred to Joint Venture <sup>(a)</sup>	End of Year
2020	1,181	26	(248)	(26)	933
2019	1,222	25	(66)	—	1,181
2018	1,230	26	(34)	—	1,222

(a) Relates to the U.K. joint venture with Next PLC.

### Franchise, License and Wholesale Arrangements

In addition to our company-operated stores, our products are sold at hundreds of partner locations and on partner websites in more than 70 countries. We are focused on ensuring our partners have the commitment and capability to provide a quality customer experience and to grow our brands internationally.

Under the terms of our franchise, license and wholesale arrangements, we provide our partners the rights to sell our products in various geographic regions along with operational policies and standards governing such matters as the supply and sale of our products, in stores and online, marketing and store training. Our partners are generally responsible for providing the capital necessary to lease retail space, build-out stores and/or develop websites, fund the operations of the business, and over the longer-term, reinvest in the business. Our partners are also responsible for the day-to-day operations of the business, and must do so in accordance with our policies and standards which are focused on ensuring a consistent customer experience around the world. Such arrangements can typically be terminated, upon delivery of notice, in the event of any breach of representations or warranties.

Our franchise and license arrangements with our partners typically have an initial term of five to ten years, with an option to renew, subject to customary conditions. Revenue recognized under franchise and license arrangements generally consists of royalties earned and recognized upon sale of merchandise by franchise and license partners to retail customers, typically based on a percentage of sales. Royalty rates, which generally range from low double digits to mid-teens, vary based on store format, local business conditions and various other factors.

Our wholesale arrangements with our partners typically have an initial term of five years, with an option to renew, subject to customary conditions. Wholesale prices, which vary by product category, are generally based on a discount to the suggested retail price. Revenue is generally recognized under wholesale arrangements at the time the title passes to the partner.

The following table provides the number of our international stores operated by our partners as of May 1, 2021, January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020:

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020
Beauty and Accessories	337	338	360
Full Assortment	121	120	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>444</b>

## Facilities

The following table provides the location, use and size of our distribution, corporate and product development facilities as of January 30, 2021:

Location	Use	Approximate Square Footage
Columbus, Ohio area	Distribution, shipping and corporate offices	3,010,000
New York	Office, sourcing and product development/design	445,000
Kettering, Ohio	Call center	94,000
Hong Kong	Office and sourcing	55,000
Mainland China	Office	51,000
Canada	Office	6,000
Various international locations	Office and sourcing	149,000

## United States

Our business is principally conducted from office, distribution and shipping facilities located in the Columbus, Ohio, area. Additional facilities are located in New York and Kettering, Ohio.

Our distribution and shipping facilities consist of three buildings located in the Columbus, Ohio, area. These buildings, including attached office space, comprise approximately 3.0 million square feet.

As of May 1, 2021, we operate 841 retail stores located in leased facilities, primarily in malls and shopping centers, throughout the U.S. A substantial portion of these lease commitments consists of store leases generally with an initial term of 10 years. The store leases expire at various dates between 2021 and 2034. Typically, when space is leased for a retail store in a mall or shopping center, we supply all improvements, including interior walls, floors, ceilings, fixtures and decorations. The cost of improvements varies widely, depending on the design, size and location of the store. In certain cases, the landlord of the property may provide an allowance to fund all or a portion of the cost of improvements, serving as a lease incentive. Rental terms for new locations usually include a fixed minimum rent plus a percentage of sales in excess of a specified amount. We usually pay certain operating costs such as common area maintenance, utilities, insurance and taxes.

## International

### Canada

We lease an office in the Toronto, Ontario, area. As of May 1, 2021, we operate 26 retail stores located in leased facilities, primarily in malls and shopping centers, throughout the Canadian provinces. These lease commitments consist of store leases with initial terms of 5 to 10 years expiring on various dates between 2021 and 2031.

### United Kingdom / Ireland

As a result of our joint venture with Next PLC, we no longer operate any stores in the U.K. or Ireland. However, as of May 1, 2021, we continue to lease a store in the U.K., with a lease expiration in 2025, and a store in Ireland, with a lease expiration in 2037, which are sublet to and operated by the joint venture.

### Greater China

We lease offices in Shanghai, Shenzhen and Hong Kong within Greater China. As of May 1, 2021, we operate 62 retail stores in leased facilities in Greater China. These lease commitments consist of store leases with initial terms ranging from 3 to 15 years expiring on various dates between 2021 and 2032.

### Other International

As of May 1, 2021, we also have global representation through stores operated by our partners: 337 Victoria's Secret Beauty and Accessories stores in 67 countries; 104 Victoria's Secret stores in 30 countries; and 17 PINK stores in six countries. We also operate sourcing-related office facilities in various international locations.

**Seasonal Business**

Our operations are seasonal in nature and consist of two principal selling seasons: Spring (the first and second quarters) and Fall (the third and fourth quarters). The fourth quarter, including the holiday season, typically accounts for approximately one-third of our net sales and is our most profitable quarter. Accordingly, cash requirements are highest in the third quarter as our inventories build in advance of the holiday season.

**Regulations**

We and our products are subject to regulation by various federal, state, local and foreign regulatory authorities. We are subject to a variety of tax and customs regulations and international trade arrangements. While there are no current regulatory matters that we expect to be material to our results of operations, financial position, or cash flows, there can be no assurances that existing or future laws, regulations and standards applicable to our operations or products will not lead to a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

**Human Capital Management*****Human Capital***

At VS, our purpose goes beyond selling product. We work to foster a safe, welcoming and empowering workplace for our thousands of associates around the globe and are truly making a difference in our communities. The Company will establish a Human Capital and Compensation Committee that oversees the Company's programs, policies, practices and strategies relating to culture, talent, diversity, inclusion and equal employment opportunities as well as the Company's executive compensation plans.

***Workforce Demographics***

As of January 30, 2021, we employed approximately 27,900 associates, approximately 16,500 of whom were part-time. In addition, temporary associates are hired during peak periods, such as the holiday season. Approximately 70% of our associates work in our stores, 15% in distribution centers with the balance in home office and call centers. As of January 30, 2021, women make up approximately 85% of our workforce.

***Focus on Inclusion***

We focus on recruiting, retaining and advancing diverse talent that reflects the customers we serve and the communities where we live and work. By continuing to encourage a workplace environment where diversity and inclusion are valued, we believe we can serve our customers better, as well as retain highly talented associates, suppliers and vendors of different backgrounds and experiences.

Led by LB's Office of Inclusion and with oversight from the Human Capital and Compensation Committee, we have built, and will continue to build, an inclusion strategy with five key pillars:

- Increase the diversity of candidate slates and hires for all roles.
- Develop, deploy and ensure completion of required learning at all levels bringing awareness and education to associates on diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Improve retention of diverse associates at all levels. Monitor culture change and employee satisfaction through survey results.
- Increase volunteerism and giving to organizations targeting racial equity and social justice.
- Increase spend with minority-owned third-party companies.

More than 99% of our associates have completed training on our strategic vision for diversity and inclusion which includes lessons on bias, equity and conscious inclusion. The training emphasizes both our and our associates' responsibility to build an inclusive culture.

In addition, we have inclusion resource groups that provide opportunity for associates to connect with one another around their shared passion for creating an inclusive workplace for all associates. These groups provide professional development for associates, support the needs of the business, help shape the culture of our company and volunteer in the community. Our associates participate in four inclusion resource groups designed for associates who identify as, or are allies of, the following groups: Hispanic and Latinx, LGBTQ, Black and African American and women.

### ***Commitment to Equitable and Competitive Wages***

We are committed to equal opportunity and treatment for all associates which includes equal career advancement opportunities and equitable and competitive wages. We evaluate fairness in total compensation with reference to both internal and external comparisons. Our compensation programs are designed to link annual changes in compensation to overall Company performance, as well as each individual's contribution to the results achieved. The emphasis on overall Company performance is intended to align the associates' financial interests with the interests of shareholders.

Our investment in our workforce in 2020 included the expansion of participation in the short-term cash incentive compensation program to include all salaried associates in the home office, distribution or call centers beginning with the fall 2020 season and going forward.

### ***Commitment to Providing Quality Benefits***

We offer competitive, performance-based compensation; a company-matched savings and retirement plan; and flexible and affordable health and wellness and lifestyle benefits. Subject to certain eligibility requirements, associates can choose benefits and resources that fit their lifestyle, including, but not limited to, 14 weeks paid maternity leave, six weeks paid paternal leave, tuition reimbursement, free access to life planning services and generous merchandise discounts.

### ***Associate Development***

We are committed to investing in all our associates. We provide diverse learning opportunities and challenging work experiences. We believe that associates can reach their career goals through multiple roles, career paths and locations around the world. We offer a variety of enrichment experiences for those joining us as interns, new graduates, in mid-career or as a capstone to a career. Examples include:

- Development Days: Dedicated time to advance technical, creative or business skills.
- Leadership Development: Courses for associates in management positions to build critical skills and grow as effective leaders.
- Merchant-in-Training Program: Immersive program to learn the craft both on the job and from experts in the classroom.
- Onboarding: Dedicated time to learn the business and to form important relationships for mentoring and development.
- Tuition Assistance: Reimbursement of 80 percent of eligible tuition expenses, up to \$3,000 per calendar year.

### ***Safety is Our Priority***

Health and safety of our associates, customers and vendors is our highest priority. We provide safe and clean facilities, comply with all applicable workplace safety laws and have global safety policies and procedures to protect from avoidable injury. In response to COVID-19, we implemented robust safety protocols to protect associates working in our distribution centers, stores and home offices. Associates whose work can be done remotely are working from home. For associates who are working in our stores, offices and distribution centers, we are utilizing COVID-19 safety measures developed to align with CDC guidelines.

### ***Code of Conduct***

We have a written Code of Conduct that is based on our values and is a resource where associates can find information that defines behaviors that are acceptable and those that are not. We conduct an annual Code of Conduct compliance process which requires associates to complete a Code of Conduct disclosure and a separate training course. We maintain an Ethics Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week where associates may anonymously report potential instances of unethical conduct and potential violations of law or company policies.

### ***Intellectual Property***

Our trademarks and patents, which constitute our primary intellectual property, have been registered or are the subject of pending applications in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and with the registries of many foreign countries where our products are manufactured and/or sold. In particular, our trademark portfolio consists

of over 7,000 trademark registrations and applications in the United States and other countries around the world, including for VICTORIA'S SECRET and PINK. We believe our products are identified by our trademarks and, thus, our trademarks are of significant value. Accordingly, we intend to maintain our trademarks and related registrations and vigorously protect our intellectual property assets against infringement, misappropriation or other violations. Although the laws vary by jurisdiction, in general, trademarks remain valid and enforceable as long as the marks are used in connection with the related products and services and the required registration renewals are filed.

We also place high importance on product innovation and design, and a number of these innovations and designs are the subject of issued patents and pending patent applications.

Due to the worldwide consumer recognition of our products, we face an increased risk of counterfeiting by third parties. We vigorously monitor and enforce our intellectual property and proprietary rights against counterfeiting, infringement, misappropriation and other violations by third parties where and to the extent legal, feasible and appropriate. However, the actions we take to protect our intellectual property rights may not be adequate to prevent third parties from copying our products or infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating our trademarks or other intellectual property rights, and the laws of foreign countries may not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws of the U.S. See “Risk Factors— Our ability to adequately maintain, enforce and protect our trade names, trademarks and patents could have an impact on our brand images and ability to penetrate new markets.”

### **Information Systems**

Our management information systems consist of a full range of retail, financial and merchandising systems. The systems include applications related to point-of-sale, e-commerce, merchandising, planning, sourcing, logistics, inventory management, data security and support systems including human resources and finance.

### **Legal Proceedings**

There are no pending material legal proceedings. The Company continues to have ordinary, routine litigation incidental to the business, to which we or any of our subsidiaries is a party or to which any of our property is the subject.

## MANAGEMENT

### Executive Officers Following the Separation

The following table sets forth information, as of the date of this information statement, regarding certain individuals who are expected to serve as our executive officers following the Separation. We expect that those individuals noted below who are current employees of LB will transfer from their respective employment with LB to VS and, immediately prior to the Separation, resign from any officer roles with LB.

Name	Age	Position
Martin Waters	55	Chief Executive Officer
Tim Johnson	54	Chief Financial Officer
Amy Hauk	54	Chief Executive Officer of PINK
Gregory Unis	50	Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret Beauty
Dein Boyle	61	Chief Operating Officer

There are no family relationships among any of the officers named above. Each of our officers will hold office from the date of election until a successor is elected. Set forth below is information about the executive officers identified above.

Martin Waters will be the Chief Executive Officer of VS. Mr. Waters has served as the Chief Executive Officer of VS since February 2021 and Victoria's Secret Lingerie since November 2020. He previously served as the Chief Executive Officer of L Brands International from 2008 to 2021 with responsibility for launching and growing the global Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works businesses under LB. He holds a B.A. in retail marketing from Manchester University in the United Kingdom. Mr. Waters joined LB in 2008.

Amy Hauk will be the Chief Executive Officer of PINK. Ms. Hauk has served as the Chief Executive Officer of PINK since 2018. Ms. Hauk previously served as chief merchant and executive vice president of merchandising for Bath & Body Works from 2008 to 2018. She holds a B.A. in history from University of California, Davis. Ms. Hauk joined LB in 2008.

Gregory Unis will be the Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret Beauty. Mr. Unis has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Victoria's Secret Beauty since 2016. Mr. Unis previously served as executive vice president and global head of men's and licensing merchandise for Coach from 2010 to 2016. He holds an M.B.A. from Columbia University Business School and a B.A. from Boston University. Mr. Unis joined LB in 2016.

Tim Johnson will be the Chief Financial Officer of VS. Mr. Johnson currently serves as (i) a director of Aaron's Inc. since May 2021, (ii) a director of FST Logistics since December 2020, (iii) a director of DYLN since October 2020 and (iv) a director of LogicSource, Inc. since January 2020, serving as the chair of the audit committee. He served as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of Big Lots, Inc. ("Big Lots") from August 2015 to August 2019 and Chief Financial Officer from August 2012 to August 2015. Mr. Johnson also served as an interim Co-Chief Executive Officer from December 2018 to October 2019. Prior to that, he held various roles of increasing responsibility at Big Lots from August 2000 to August 2015. He holds a B.S. in business and accounting from Miami University.

Dein Boyle will be the Chief Operating Officer of VS. Mr. Boyle has served as the Chief Operating Officer of VS since 2020. He previously served as chief operating officer of PINK from 2016 to 2020, chief administrative officer of PINK from 2015 to 2016, and executive vice president at PINK from 2012 to 2014. He holds a B.A. in business administration from Indiana State University. Mr. Boyle joined LB in 2008.

### Board of Directors Following the Separation

The following individuals are expected to serve as members of our Board of Directors following the Separation.

Name	Age	Position
Martin Waters	55	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Irene Chang Britt	59	Director
Sarah Davis	56	Director

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Name	Age	Position
Jacqueline Hernandez	55	Director
Donna A. James	64	Chairwoman and Director
Lauren B. Peters	60	Director
Anne Sheehan	64	Director

Set forth below is additional information regarding the directors identified above, as well as a description of the specific skills and qualifications such candidates are expected to provide the Board of Directors of VS.

Martin Waters will serve on the Board of Directors. For Mr. Waters’ biography, see “—Executive Officers Following the Separation” above. Mr. Waters’ qualifications for election include his service as Chief Executive Officer of VS and his previous service in various leadership roles at LB since 2008.

Irene Chang Britt will serve on the Board of Directors. Ms. Chang Britt currently serves as (i) a director of Mikmak since 2021, (ii) a director of Amica Senior Lifestyles, currently serving as the chairperson of the board and as a member of the compensation and investment committee since 2017, and (iii) an independent director of Brighthouse Financial, Inc. since 2017. She served as an independent director of Tailored Brands, Inc. (formerly Men’s Warehouse, Inc.) from 2015 to 2020 and of Dunkin Brands Group, Inc. between 2014 and 2020. Ms. Chang Britt retired from Campbell Soup Company (“Campbell”), a food and beverage company, in January 2015. At Campbell, Ms. Chang Britt served in positions of increasing responsibility, most recently having served as senior vice president of Global Baking and Snacking and as president of Pepperidge Farm, a subsidiary of Campbell from 2012 to 2015. Ms. Chang Britt is qualified to sit on the Board of Directors on the basis of her brand and marketing expertise and public company board experience.

Sarah Davis will serve on the Board of Directors. Ms. Davis currently serves as a director of AGF Investments, serving as the chairperson of the compensation committee since 2014. She served as a board member of T&T Supermarkets from 2014 to 2021, having served as the chairperson of the board from 2017 to 2021, and as a director of PC Financial from 2010 to 2021. Ms. Davis retired from Loblaw Companies Limited (“Loblaw”), a food and pharmacy company, in May 2021. At Loblaw, Ms. Davis served in positions of increasing responsibility, having served as the chief administrative officer from 2014 to 2017 and as president from 2017 to 2021. Ms. Davis is qualified to sit on the Board of Directors on the basis of her corporate finance expertise and public company board experience.

Jacqueline Hernandez will serve on the Board of Directors. Ms. Hernandez currently serves as (i) the chief executive officer and co-founder of New Majority Ready since April 2019, (ii) a director of Estrella Media, serving as a member of the compensation committee since December 2019, (iii) a director of Redbox Automated Retail since October 2020, and (iv) a director of Isos Acquisition Corp since March 2021. She served as (i) the chief operating officer of NBCUniversal Telemundo Enterprises from 2008 to 2014, (i) the chief marketing officer of NBCUniversal Hispanic Enterprises from 2014 to 2017, and (iii) the president of Combate Americas from 2017 to 2019. Ms. Hernandez is qualified to sit on the Board of Directors on the basis of her executive experience complemented by her expertise in multi-cultural marketing and strategic planning.

Donna A. James will serve as the Chairwoman of the Board of Directors. Ms. James currently serves as (i) the managing director of Lardon & Associates LLC since 2006, (ii) a director of Boston Scientific Corporation since 2015, and (iii) a director of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. since 2021. She served as (i) a director of L Brands from 2003 to immediately prior to completion of the Separation, most recently having served as a member of the audit and nominating and governance committees, (ii) a director of Marathon Petroleum Corp. from 2011 to 2018 and as an advisor to the Marathon Petroleum Corp. board of directors from 2019 to 2020 and (iii) a director of Time Warner Cable Inc. from 2009 to 2016. Ms. James is qualified to sit on the Board of Directors on the basis of her executive experience, financial expertise, service on several boards of directors and experience with respect to corporate diversity and related issues.

Lauren B. Peters will serve on the Board of Directors. Ms. Peters currently serves as a director of La-Z-Boy, Inc., since 2016, serving as a member of the audit and nominating and governance committees. She served as a director of Carbon38 from 2018 to 2021. She retired from Foot Locker, Inc. (“Foot Locker”), a multi-channel specialty athletic retailer, in May 2021. At Foot Locker, Ms. Davis served in positions of increasing responsibility, most recently having served as the executive vice president, CFO from 2011 to 2021. Ms. Peters is qualified to sit on the Board of Directors on the basis of her financial expertise and public company board experience.



Anne Sheehan will serve on the Board of Directors. Ms. Sheehan currently serves as (i) a director of Cohn Robbins Holding Company since 2020, (ii) an advisor on the advisory board of the Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware since 2014, (iii) a member of the advisory board of Rock Center for Corporate Governance of Stanford Law School since 2019 and (iv) a senior adviser at PJT Partners since 2018. She served as (i) a director of L Brands from 2019 to immediately prior to completion of the Separation, most recently having served as a member of the audit committee and nominating and governance committee, (ii) the chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Investor Advisory Committee from 2012 to 2020 and (iii) the director of corporate governance of California State Teachers Retirement System from 2008 to 2018. Ms. Sheehan is qualified to sit on the Board of Directors on the basis of her extensive experience as a corporate governance professional and her senior management and leadership experience addressing complex legislative, regulatory and public finance issues.

### **Board Structure**

Upon completion of the Separation, our Board of Directors is expected to consist of seven members. Each director will be elected annually by the stockholders at each annual meeting of stockholders for a term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders. We have not yet set the date of the first annual meeting of stockholders to be held following the Separation.

### **Board Independence**

Upon completion of the Separation, our Board of Directors will consist of seven members. Our Board expects to determine that each of Irene Chang Britt, Sarah Davis, Jacqueline Hernandez, Donna A. James, Lauren B. Peters, and Anne Sheehan is independent under NYSE rules. In determining independence, the Board will consider whether each director has a material relationship with VS and is independent from VS management. The Board will consider all relevant facts and circumstances including, without limitation, commercial, industrial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable and familial relationships between the director and VS. A copy of our corporate governance principles setting forth our director qualification standards will be posted on our website after the Separation.

### **Director Compensation**

Each of our non-employee directors is expected to receive an annual cash retainer of \$111,900, which will be paid in cash quarterly in arrears. In addition, each of our non-employee directors is also expected to receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$12,500 for membership on each of the Audit and HCC Committees and \$10,000 for all other Board committee memberships. The Chair of the Audit Committee is expected to receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$20,000, and the Chairs of the HCC and Nominating and Governance Committees are each expected to receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$15,000. Each other Board committee Chair is expected to receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$10,000. The Board Chair is expected to receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$80,000.

In addition, each of our non-employee directors is also expected to receive an annual equity retainer with a grant date value of \$111,900. The annual equity retainer is expected to be granted under the VS 2021 Plan and delivered 100% in the form of unrestricted VS shares on the date of our annual meeting of stockholders. Such equity retainer will be pro-rated in the year of initial election or appointment to our Board. In addition, each of our non-employee directors is also expected to receive an additional annual equity retainer with a grant date value of \$12,500 for membership on each of the Audit and HCC Committees and \$10,000 for all other Board committee memberships. The Board Chair is expected to receive an additional annual equity retainer with a grant date value of \$80,000.

### **Board Committees**

Effective upon the completion of the Separation, the Board will have an Audit Committee, a Human Capital and Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Governance Committee, each of which will operate under written charters approved by the full Board. In accordance with current NYSE listing standards, all of the directors who serve on each such Committee will be independent from us and our management. The charters of all the Committees will be posted on our website after the Separation.

Each Committee will operate under a written charter that details the scope of authority, composition and procedures of the Committee. Each Committee may, when appropriate in its discretion, delegate authority with respect to specific matters to subcommittees or the Chair of such Committee. The Committees will report to the Board of Directors periodically, review and reassess the adequacy of their charters and will conduct an annual evaluation of their performance.

#### ***Audit Committee***

The members of our Audit Committee are expected to be Donna A. James, Irene Chang Britt, Sarah Davis and Lauren B. Peters. Sarah Davis is expected to be the Chair of our Audit Committee. We expect that each member of our Audit Committee will meet the requirements for independence under the current NYSE listing standards and SEC rules and regulations. We expect that each member of our Audit Committee will be financially literate. In addition, our Board of Directors expects to determine that each of Donna A. James, Sarah Davis and Lauren B. Peters is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act. This designation does not impose on him/her any duties, obligations or liabilities that are greater than are generally imposed on members of our Audit Committee and our Board of Directors. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee will be more fully described in our Audit Committee charter and will include, among other duties:

- Appointing, compensating, retaining, overseeing and terminating the independent registered public accounting firm for us;
- Reviewing and approving the scope, timing and staffing of the audit to be conducted by the independent registered public accounting firm;
- Evaluating the independent registered public accounting firm’s qualifications, performance and independence;
- Reviewing with management and the independent registered public accounting firm our annual and quarterly statements prior to filing with the SEC;
- Reviewing our system of internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures; and
- Preparing a report to stockholders annually for inclusion in the proxy statement.

#### ***Human Capital and Compensation Committee***

The members of our Human Capital and Compensation Committee are expected to be Irene Chang Britt, Jacqueline Hernandez, Lauren B. Peters and Anne Sheehan. Irene Chang Britt is expected to be the Chair of the Human Capital and Compensation Committee. We expect that each member of the Human Capital and Compensation Committee will meet the requirements for independence under the current NYSE listing standards and SEC rules and regulations. The responsibilities of the Human Capital and Compensation Committee will be more fully described in the Human Capital and Compensation Committee Charter and will include, among other duties:

- Reviewing and approving our compensation and benefits philosophy and policies generally, including reviewing and approving any incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans;
- Reviewing and approving, for our Chief Executive Officer, (i) annual base salary level, (ii) annual or seasonal incentive compensation, (iii) long-term incentive compensation, (iv) employment, severance, and change-in-control agreements, if any, and (v) any other compensation, ongoing perquisites, or special benefit items;
- Reviewing and recommending for approval by the Board of Directors compensation for our directors;
- Preparing a report to stockholders annually for inclusion in the proxy statement;
- Reviewing our Compensation Discussion and Analysis in the proxy statement and discussing with management; and
- Periodically reviewing our key workforce management and human capital policies and practices.

***Nominating and Governance Committee***

The members of our Nominating and Governance Committee are expected to be Donna A. James, Sarah Davis, Jacqueline Hernandez and Anne Sheehan. Anne Sheehan is expected to be the Chair of our Nominating and Governance Committee. We expect that each member of the Nominating and Governance Committee will meet the requirements for independence under the current NYSE listing standards. The responsibilities of the Nominating and Governance Committee will be more fully described in our Nominating and Governance Committee Charter and will include, among other duties:

- Recommending to the Board of Directors criteria for Board of Directors membership and the composition, size, structure, practices, policies and activities of the Board of Directors;
- Recommending candidates to the Board of Directors; and
- Overseeing the evaluation of the Board of Directors.

**Code of Ethics**

In connection with the Separation, our Board of Directors will adopt one or more codes of ethics that will apply to all of our employees, officers and directors, including our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and other executive and senior financial officers. Upon completion of the Separation, the full text of our codes of business conduct and ethics will be posted on the investor relations section of our website. We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K by disclosing future amendments to our codes of business conduct and ethics, or any waivers of such codes, on our website or in public filings.

**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

None of our executive officers has served as a member of a compensation committee (or if no committee performs that function, the Board of Directors) of any other entity that has an executive officer serving as a member of our Board of Directors.

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Overview

This section presents information concerning LB's existing compensation arrangements, the expected compensation arrangements for the named executive officers of VS and explains VS's anticipated executive compensation arrangements, compensation philosophy and objectives, the components of executive compensation, and executive stock ownership. The focus of the analysis is on VS's named executive officers ("NEOs") for fiscal 2020 set forth in the table below.

Name	Title
Martin Waters <sup>(1)</sup>	Chief Executive Officer of VS and Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Lingerie
Amy Hauk	Chief Executive Officer, PINK
Gregory Unis	Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Beauty
Stuart	
Burgdoerfer <sup>(1)</sup>	Former Interim Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
John Mehas <sup>(2)</sup>	Former Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Lingerie

- (1) During 2020, Stuart Burgdoerfer served as VS's Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. On February 4, 2021, Mr. Burgdoerfer provided notice of his intention to retire and ceased serving as Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of VS. Mr. Burgdoerfer will continue to serve as Chief Financial Officer of LB until his retirement in August 2021. In connection with Mr. Burgdoerfer's planned retirement, Martin Waters, VS's then-current Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Lingerie, was appointed to also serve as Chief Executive Officer of VS, effective February 4, 2021.
- (2) John Mehas ceased serving as Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Lingerie, effective on November 25, 2020. Mr. Waters was appointed Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Lingerie, effective as of such date.

Each of VS's NEOs were previously employees of LB prior to the Separation and, following the Separation, will continue employment with VS (other than Mr. Burgdoerfer who will remain an employee of LB until his retirement in August 2021 and Mr. Mehas who ceased employment with VS effective November 2020). Thus, the historical compensation information provided in this CD&A reflects LB's compensation policies applicable to our NEOs, and the determinations made primarily by the LB Human Capital & Compensation Committee (the "LB HCC Committee") and certain members of LB's management team. This historical information is provided to give context to our new pay practices at VS, which we anticipate will be based on LB's historical pay practices. VS's pay practices are being developed and revised to fit with the pay philosophy of VS, which we anticipate will be similar to LB's philosophy.

As described above, upon completion of the Separation, VS's Board of Directors will establish a Human Capital and Compensation Committee (the "VS HCC Committee"), which will review the impact of the Separation from LB and all aspects of our executive compensation program and will make any adjustments that it believes are appropriate in structuring executive compensation arrangements for VS executives (including our NEOs) going forward. Accordingly, since our pay practices are still being developed, the forms and amounts of compensation reported below are not necessarily indicative of the compensation our current NEOs will receive following the Separation.

### Compensation Program

#### *Executive Compensation Philosophy and Guiding Principles*

The LB HCC Committee oversees the LB executive compensation program based on the following clear and purposeful guiding principles:

Compensation Component	LB's Principles
Pay Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attract and retain superior leaders in a highly competitive market for talent.</li> <li>• Pay competitively and equitably.</li> <li>• Recognize depth and scope of accountability and complexity of responsibility.</li> </ul>
Pay Mix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasize performance-contingent, long-term equity-based compensation over fixed compensation.</li> </ul>

Compensation Component	LB's Principles
Pay for Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize and reward enterprise, brand and individual performance.</li> <li>• Align executives' interests with stockholders' interests.</li> <li>• Require executives to own a significant amount of LB's common stock.</li> <li>• Set Spring and Fall goals that reflect the seasonal nature of LB's business and incentivize goal achievement in each season.</li> <li>• Create long-term stockholder value through regular achievement of short-term goals while pursuing LB's longer-term strategy of growth in North America and internationally.</li> <li>• Retain and incentivize high-performers through long-term equity incentive awards.</li> </ul>

*Going forward:* We share our compensation philosophy with LB, and we anticipate that we will design the VS executive compensation program with the same core guiding principles as apply under the LB executive compensation program.

### **Connecting Pay and Performance**

Two key elements of LB's program's design connect pay to performance. First, its incentive goals are designed to challenge its executives to achieve a high level of performance to earn incentives at target levels. When its executives hit and exceed, or fall short of, these goals, LB compensates them accordingly.

Second, to further connect its executives' pay to performance and stockholder interests, LB employs a pay mix philosophy that places greater emphasis on performance-based and equity compensation over base salary.

*Going forward:* We anticipate that we will adopt LB's pay-for-performance philosophy and allocate a meaningful portion of each executive's total direct compensation to at-risk components.

### **Governance Practices**

LB has continued the following compensation practices in accordance with its corporate governance principles:

- No tax gross-ups upon a change in control.
- "No hedging" policy governing stock trading.
- Adopted a policy that discourages pledging of LB's common stock and requires advance approval by LB's General Counsel.
- No re-pricing of stock options without stockholder approval.
- No single-trigger vesting of equity awards upon a change in control.
- Clawback policy as described under "—Compensation Governance—Recovery of Compensation."
- Stock ownership guidelines set at five times base salary for LB's chief executive officer and three times base salary for other applicable LB executives.
- Stock plan that requires a vesting period of at least one-year subject to certain exceptions.

*Going forward:* We believe that LB's governance practices support good governance and mitigate excessive risk-taking. We expect to adopt similar good governance practices, but, as a new, smaller company, VS will review its compensation practices to determine which measures are most appropriate going forward.

### **Compensation Governance**

#### **LB HCC Committee**

LB's programs, policies, practices and strategies relating to culture, talent, diversity and inclusion and executive compensation are overseen by the LB HCC Committee. All LB HCC Committee members are appointed by LB's Board of Directors and meet independence and other NYSE requirements. LB HCC Committee members are selected based on their knowledge and experience in human capital and compensation matters from both their professional experience and their roles on other boards.

*Going forward:* The VS HCC Committee will be composed of entirely independent directors and will similarly oversee our programs, policies, practices and strategies relating to culture, talent, diversity and inclusion and executive compensation.

### ***Independent Committee Consultant***

As permitted by its charter, the LB HCC Committee retained Willis Towers Watson (“WTW”) as its independent executive compensation consultant and has the sole authority to retain and terminate any independent executive compensation consultant.

The LB HCC Committee, considering recommendations from LB’s management team, determines the work to be performed by WTW. WTW works with management to gather data required in preparing analyses for LB HCC Committee review. Specifically, the services the consultant provides include:

- Assisting in the evaluation of and providing recommendations for the Chief Executive Officer and other executive compensation;
- Informing the LB HCC Committee of changing market practices;
- Consulting on executive compensation strategy and program design;
- Analyzing the competitiveness of executive pay;
- Assisting in the selection of our peer group; and
- Assisting and reviewing in LB’s compensation & discussion analysis disclosure.

*Going forward:* Once we are a separate public company, the VS HCC Committee will engage an independent compensation consultant to perform services consistent with those described above and such other services as it deems necessary to reflect our position as a new, smaller public company.

### ***Compensation Comparison***

LB compares its executive compensation with publicly available data on executive compensation, including the executive compensation paid by its peer companies, in order to appropriately establish incentives and to retain top talent.

LB defines its peer group, with the help of WTW, the LB HCC Committee’s independent compensation consultant, to generally include:

- Businesses that are generally similar to LB in total revenue, market capitalization, global footprint, business and/or merchandise focus;
- Retailers that compete with LB for executive talent;
- Specialty and department store retailers; and
- Companies with brands that have emotional content.

LB reviews its peer group annually and did not make any changes in fiscal 2020. Its peer group consists of the following companies:

Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	J. C. Penney Company, Inc.	Ross Stores, Inc.
American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	Kohl’s Corporation	Starbucks Corporation
Avon Products, Inc.	Macy’s, Inc.	Tapestry, Inc.
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.	NIKE, Inc.	The TJX Companies, Inc.
The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.	Nordstrom, Inc.	Williams-Sonoma, Inc.
The Gap, Inc.	Ralph Lauren Corporation	

LB does not specifically set its executive compensation against its peer group. Instead, it considers peer group comparisons provided by WTW as one of several factors in applying its pay philosophy and making executive compensation decisions.

*Going forward:* Once we are a separate public company, we expect that our management and such compensation consultant as the VS HCC Committee may select will independently analyze potential peer companies based on similar criteria to assist in establishing compensation targets in the future. Currently, VS anticipates that its peer group will consist of the companies listed below which were used during fiscal 2020 to develop certain policies for our NEOs. This list remains subject to ongoing review and refinement by the VS HCC Committee and its compensation consultant:

Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	Ralph Lauren Corporation
American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	Ross Stores, Inc.
Big Lots, Inc.	Tailored Brands, Inc.
Burlington Stores, Inc.	Tapestry, Inc.
Capri Holdings Limited	The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.
Coty Inc.	The Gap, Inc.
Designer Brands Inc.	Tiffany & Co.
Dillard's, Inc.	Ulta Beauty, Inc.
G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.	Under Armour, Inc.
Hanesbrands Inc.	Urban Outfitters, Inc.
Levi Strauss & Co.	V.F. Corporation
lululemon athletica inc.	Williams-Sonoma, Inc.
PVH Corp.	

### ***Compensation Setting Process***

The LB HCC Committee makes all decisions regarding chief executive officer compensation, and LB's chief executive officer, in consultation with the LB HCC Committee, sets compensation for its other applicable executives. The LB HCC Committee oversees the evaluation process and compensation structure for all of LB's applicable executives, including the approval of grants of stock awards to such executives.

Target compensation for LB's executives is reviewed annually and is designed to reward historical performance, incentivize future performance and be competitive with the external market for talent.

*Going forward:* We anticipate that the VS HCC Committee will oversee the evaluation and compensation structure for all of our NEOs, including our chief executive officer, based on our compensation philosophy and governance guidelines.

### **NEO Compensation Components**

The three principal elements of LB's executive compensation programs have historically been base salary, short-term performance-based cash incentive compensation and long-term equity incentive compensation. In addition to these three principal elements of compensation, LB also provides its eligible executives with certain retirement and other post-employment benefits and perquisites. Additional information about each compensation component is provided below.

*Going forward:* We anticipate continuing LB's executive compensation mix, including base salary, short-term performance based awards and long-term awards. As a new, smaller company, we will evaluate our executive compensation mix to match the needs of VS.

### ***Base Salary***

The following factors are considered by LB in determining executive base salary adjustments:

- Scope and responsibility of the executive's position;
- Achievement of seasonal and annual business goals;
- Level of overall compensation paid by competitors for comparable positions;
- Recruitment, retention and development of leadership talent;
- LB's challenging expectations for future growth; and
- The appropriate balancing of the executive's base salary against their incentive compensation.

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During 2020, Mr. Burgdoerfer's base salary increased, effective May 18, 2020, to \$1,200,000 in connection with his promotion as Interim Chief Executive Officer of VS. In addition, Mr. Waters' base salary was increased effective November 25, 2020, to \$1,050,000 in connection with his promotion to Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Lingerie. The table below reflects the base salaries for each NEO as of the end of fiscal 2020.

NEO	2020 Base Salary (\$)
Mr. Waters	\$1,050,000
Ms. Hauk	925,000
Mr. Unis	850,000
Mr. Burgdoerfer	1,200,000
Mr. Mehas	1,200,000

The table above does not reflect the fact each of the executive officers' base pay was reduced 20% for approximately three months during 2020 in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, in February 2021, Mr. Waters' base salary was increased to \$1,250,000 in connection with his promotion to CEO of VS.

*Going forward:* Once we are a separate public company, we anticipate that we will continue LB's base salary design for our NEOs.

### Short-Term Performance-Based Cash Incentive Compensation

LB has historically paid short-term performance-based incentive compensation pursuant to the L Brands Inc. 2015 Cash Incentive Compensation Performance Plan (the "LB 2015 ICPP"). This compensation component focuses on achievement of six-month goals, reflecting LB's two selling seasons: Spring (the first and second quarters) and Fall (the third and fourth quarters). The Fall season, which includes holiday sales, is weighted more heavily because of its importance to LB's profitability. The use of two six-month performance periods in the plan design reflects the belief that achievement of LB's short-term goals season after season creates long-term value for stockholders.

LB's pre-established, objective financial goals for fiscal 2020 were based solely on adjusted operating income. Adjusted operating income is used by LB because it is a performance measure over which executives can have significant impact and is also directly linked to LB's long-term growth plan and performance that drives stockholder value. While the LB 2015 ICPP provides for adjustment due to extraordinary items, both Spring and Fall payouts reflect the actual, quantitative results, without retroactive adjustment for the impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

Operating income goals are set at the beginning of each six-month season based on:

- An analysis of historical performance;
- Income goals for that brand;
- Overall economic environment including financial results of other comparable businesses; and
- Progress toward achieving LB's strategic plan.

Performance goals for the Fall season were simplified by LB to reflect the Separation and the integration of international and sourcing functions into VS and Bath & Body Works. The table below shows the operating income goals for VS for each season required to earn short-term performance-based incentive compensation at target and actual performance:

Fiscal 2020 Spring Season <sup>(3)</sup>		Fiscal 2020 Fall Season <sup>(3)</sup>	
Operating Income Goal <sup>(1)</sup>	Actual Performance <sup>(2)</sup>	Operating Income Goal <sup>(1)</sup>	Actual Performance <sup>(2)</sup>
\$65 million	\$(242) million	\$40 million	\$518 million

(1) Spring 2020 operating income goals and performance for VS reflect North America operations and Fall 2020 operating income goals and performance reflect total segment, including international operations.



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- (2) Actual performance presents operating income on an adjusted basis that removes certain special items that are not indicative of LB's ongoing operations due to their size and nature. LB uses adjusted financial information as key performance measures of results for purposes of evaluating performance internally, which may not correspond to amounts reported externally.
- (3) The Spring 2020 operating income goals and actual performance for Bath & Body Works and other LB business units (other than VS) were \$345 million and \$52 million, respectively, and \$400 million and \$(173) million, respectively. The Fall 2020 operating income goal and actual performance for Bath & Body Works was \$870 million and \$1,408 million, respectively.

Fall season goals for VS were set below prior year actual results to provide meaningful incentive in a challenging environment and to reflect the projected decline in store sales due to decreased store traffic and store closures, partially offset by projected growth in online sales and margin rates. When evaluating operating income goals, the LB HCC Committee compares the change in operating income relative to the change in the incentive payments to associates to ascertain the reasonableness of the potential payout.

Operating income goal ranges at threshold, target and maximum were significantly widened in 2020 due to the challenging and uncertain environment. LB felt the widened ranges were necessary to provide meaningful and realistic incentives to participants in a year filled with uncertainty due to both the challenges created by the pandemic and uncertainty around the future division of LB. The table below shows the range of performance goals for VS as a percent of target for threshold and maximum payout:

Spring <sup>(1)</sup>		Fall <sup>(1)</sup>	
Threshold	Maximum	Threshold	Maximum
(154)%	177%	(313)%	488%

- (1) The range of performance goals for Bath & Body Works as a percent of target for threshold and maximum payout were as follows: Spring -87% and 107%, respectively; and Fall -89% and 111%, respectively.

Performance between threshold and target and target and maximum is interpolated to determine payout percentage beginning at 20% for threshold performance up to 200% at maximum performance.

Short-term performance-based cash incentive compensation targets are set as a percentage of base salary with the amount earned ranging from zero to double the target incentive, based on the extent to which financial goals are achieved or exceeded.

Payouts for fiscal 2020 performance are set forth below and in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table below. Both Spring and Fall payouts reflect the actual, quantitative results originally set at the beginning of each season without adjustment for the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on results.

### Total Fiscal 2020 Incentive Payout

	Fiscal 2020 Target Incentive (\$)	Fiscal 2020 Spring Incentive Payout (\$)	Fiscal 2020 Fall Incentive Payout (\$)	Total Fiscal 2020 Payout (\$)	Percent of Fiscal 2020 Target (%)
Mr. Waters <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$1,806,000	\$411,635	\$2,100,000	\$2,511,635	139%
Ms. Hauk	1,480,000	—	1,776,000	1,776,000	120%
Mr. Unis	1,445,000	—	1,734,000	1,734,000	120%
Mr. Burgdoerfer <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	2,052,000	417,636	2,592,000	3,009,636	147%
Mr. Mehas	2,160,000	—	2,592,000	2,592,000	120%

- (1) Fall payout for Mr. Waters and Spring payout for Mr. Burgdoerfer were pro-rated based on the number of days each NEO served in their roles during the season.
- (2) As the former Chief Executive Officer of L Brands International, Mr. Waters' short-term performance-based incentive compensation for Spring 2020 was based 100% on L Brands International. His short-term performance-based incentive compensation for Fall 2020 was based 100% on VS.
- (3) As the Chief Financial Officer for LB, Mr. Burgdoerfer's short-term performance-based incentive compensation is based partly on results for Bath & Body Works and the overall LB business. During Spring 2020, Mr. Burgdoerfer's performance goals were weighted 48% for VS, 24% for Bath & Body Works, 10% for other and 18% for LB. During Fall 2020, Mr. Burgdoerfer's performance goals were weighted 87% for VS and 13% for Bath & Body Works.

*Going forward:* We anticipate that we will adopt the VS 2021 Cash Incentive Compensation Performance Plan (the "VS 2021 ICPP"), a cash compensation plan similar to the LB 2015 ICPP. The VS HCC Committee,

in consultation with its compensation consultant, will review performance metrics, performance periods, vesting and other terms and conditions as it determines are appropriate for VS considering our business goals and objectives.

### ***Long-Term Equity Compensation***

LB has historically granted equity awards under the L Brands Inc. 2015 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan (the “2015 Plan”) and intends in the future to grant equity awards under the L Brands Inc. 2020 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan (the “LB 2020 Plan”). LB’s long-term equity compensation program has historically been comprised of a mix of three types of awards: performance stock units (“PSUs”), time-vested restricted stock units (“RSUs”) and stock options, providing a balance of performance incentive, alignment with stockholders and retention.

LB’s long-term equity compensation program is designed to:

- incentivize achievement of key performance metrics (through the performance requirement);
- align executive rewards with those realized by stockholders (through the market value of LB’s common stock);
- retain superior executive talent (through the time vesting requirements); and
- reward exceptional individual performance (through annual determination of the size of the award).

In determining the size of any grants of equity awards, the LB HCC Committee or members of LB management take into account the applicable executive’s individual performance (including contribution to the achievement of business goals, execution of retail fundamentals and accomplishment of talent and cultural objectives), company performance, competitive practice, LB’s overall equity compensation expense budget, stockholder dilution, internal equity and retention risk.

In 2020, due to the significant uncertainty surrounding the occurrence of the Separation, the COVID-19 pandemic and constraints on shares available for grant under the LB 2015 Plan, the LB HCC Committee decided not to grant annual long-term incentive equity awards to certain of its executives (including our NEOs) at the time of its normal grant cycle (March 2020). Instead, to ensure long-term retention of its ongoing leadership during particularly turbulent times for LB’s business, the LB HCC Committee approved special cash retention bonus awards for certain LB executives (including each of our NEOs), which are discussed below.

In connection with his promotion in November 2020 to Chief Executive Officer, Victoria’s Secret Lingerie, Mr. Waters was granted RSUs with a grant date value of \$1,000,000 that cliff vest 100% after three years.

In addition, following the end of fiscal 2020 and in connection with his promotion to Chief Executive Officer of VS, on February 5, 2021, Mr. Waters received a grant of PSUs with respect to LB shares of common stock, with a target grant date value of \$6,500,000. The PSUs will vest between 50% and 150% of target based on VS’s achievement of certain revenue growth and operating income metrics over a three-year performance period from January 31, 2021 through February 3, 2024, subject to Mr. Waters’ continued employment with LB through February 5, 2024.

*Going forward:* We intend to adopt the VS 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan, a long-term equity incentive plan we anticipate will be similar to the LB 2020 Plan under which we expect to grant equity incentive awards (which may include awards of PSUs, RSUs and stock options) to our senior executives (including our NEOs), non-employee directors and other employees. The VS HCC Committee, in consultation with its compensation consultant, will review performance metrics, vesting and other terms and conditions as it determines are appropriate for VS considering our business goals and objectives. For a summary of the terms of the VS 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan, see page [127](#) below.

### ***Treatment of Outstanding Equity Compensation Awards held by NEOs***

In connection with the Separation, outstanding LB equity awards will generally be equitably adjusted in a manner that is intended to preserve the aggregate intrinsic value of such awards as of immediately before and after the Distribution.

Specifically, we intend that, in connection with the Separation, (i) outstanding LB equity awards held by individuals who will continue to be employed by or provide services to LB as well as former VS employees will

be equitably adjusted to reflect the difference in the value of LB common stock before and after the Distribution in a manner that is intended to preserve the overall intrinsic value of the awards by taking into account the relative value of LB common stock before and after the Distribution, and (ii) outstanding LB equity awards held by individuals who are then-currently employed by or otherwise providing services to VS, or whose employment or engagement will be transferred to VS in connection with and prior to the Separation, will be converted into equity awards that will be settled in shares of VS common stock in a manner intended to equitably preserve the overall intrinsic value of the converted equity awards by taking into account the relative value of LB common stock before the Distribution and the value of VS common stock after the Distribution.

For additional details, see “Treatment of Outstanding Equity Compensation Awards.”

#### **Cash Retention Bonus Awards**

To ensure long-term retention of its ongoing leadership during a time of transition and significant uncertainty, and in the absence of a long-term equity incentive award in 2020, LB granted special cash retention bonus awards to certain key LB executives, including each of our NEOs (other than Mr. Mehas). Except for Mr. Waters’ retention bonus awards, the retention bonus awards vest in three equal installments on January 31, 2021, July 31, 2021 and January 31, 2022, in each case subject to the NEOs continued employment through the applicable installment date. Mr. Waters’ retention bonus award vests in two installments: (i) \$800,000 on January 31, 2021 and (ii) \$1,000,000 on January 31, 2022, subject to his continued employment through the applicable installment date. In addition, if Mr. Waters implements actions to reduce EBITDA losses in the United Kingdom and China, retain key talent and establish a platform for future growth and profitability (as determined in the discretion of the LB HCC Committee and certain members of management), Mr. Waters will be entitled to receive an additional \$800,000 bonus payment. In February 2021, it was determined by the LB HCC Committee that the requirements for payment of this additional bonus were satisfied and the bonus was paid. The table below sets forth the aggregate cash retention bonus award amounts for each NEO.

	<b>Total Cash Retention Bonus Award Amount (\$)</b>
Martin Waters	\$2,600,000
Amy Hauk	2,400,000
Gregory Unis	2,100,000
Stuart Burgdoerfer	4,500,000

Cash retention bonus award amounts are not disclosed in the VS 2020 Summary Compensation Table below but will be disclosed in the table in the year in which the payment is earned and paid based on the executive’s continued service. The retention bonus awards for each of the NEOs that were scheduled to vest on January 31, 2021 were paid by LB in February 2021.

*Going forward:* VS will continue to retain discretion to offer sign-on, retention and other discretionary bonuses to its executives as it may determine to be necessary from time to time.

#### **Retirement and Other Post-Employment Benefits**

Retirement and other post-employment benefits consist of qualified and non-qualified defined contribution retirement plan benefits and termination benefits.

*Going forward:* We anticipate that we will adopt retirement plans and other benefits similar to LB’s plans and benefits, except as described below.

##### *401(k) Plan*

LB’s qualified plan (the “LB 401(k) Plan”) is available to all LB associates who meet certain age and service requirements. Associates can contribute up to the amounts allowable under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code. LB matches associates’ contributions according to a predetermined formula and contributes additional amounts based on a percentage of the associates’ eligible annual compensation and years of service. Associates’ contributions and LB’s matching contributions to the LB 401(k) Plan vest immediately. Additional LB contributions and the related investment earnings are subject to vesting based on years of service.

*Going forward:* We intend to establish a defined contribution 401(k) plan with benefits to be determined by the VS HCC Committee.

*Non-Qualified Defined Contribution Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Retirement Plan*

LB previously sponsored a non-qualified supplemental retirement plan (the “LB SRP”) for associates who met certain age, service, job level and compensation requirements. The LB SRP was an unfunded plan that provided benefits beyond the limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Code for qualified defined contribution plans. LB has not set aside assets to fund liabilities of the non-qualified plan. Assets that may be used to satisfy such liabilities are general assets of LB, subject to the claims of LB’s creditors.

On June 27, 2020 (the “Termination Date”), the LB HCC Committee authorized the termination of the LB SRP. Any remaining benefits and obligations under the LB SRP are expected to be paid out in full approximately one year following the Termination Date. Pursuant to applicable rules under the Internal Revenue Code, certain other deferred compensation arrangements were simultaneously terminated and liquidated, including any remaining elective deferred stock units and deferral elections under LB’s Stock Award and Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Associate Directors. In addition, any retirement-eligible associates of LB who were eligible for special pro rata vesting on any restricted stock units held by such associate will no longer receive pro rata vesting treatment on a retirement following the Termination Date.

*Going forward:* VS does not presently intend to establish a nonqualified supplemental retirement or other deferred compensation plan once we are a separate public company, but the VS HCC Committee will reserve the discretion to do so in the future (taking into account any restrictions in the adoption of such plan under the Internal Revenue Code).

*Termination Benefits: Severance and Change in Control Agreements*

LB has entered into severance and change in control agreements with certain LB executives, including Messrs. Waters and Burgdoerfer, as well as a retention agreement with Mr. Unis which includes certain severance provisions. In addition, LB has certain severance practices that would apply to Ms. Hauk. For additional information regarding these arrangements, see “Estimated Post-Employment Payments and Benefits.”

Upon a change in control of LB, LB equity awards will only vest if the executive’s employment is terminated by the executive for good reason or by LB other than for cause within 24 months of the change in control of LB.

None of LB’s executives (including our NEOs) is entitled to a tax gross-up for any excise taxes on compensation paid in connection with a change in control.

*Going forward:* We anticipate that we will enter into new, or amend existing, severance and change in control agreements with our NEOs and certain other VS executives that we anticipate will provide similar benefits to the agreements described above that LB has entered into with its executives.

***Limited Perquisites***

LB provides its executives with minimal perquisites that the LB HCC Committee has determined are reasonable and in the best interests of LB and its stockholders. These perquisites may include the reimbursement of financial planning costs of up to \$9,500 per year and supplemental disability and life insurance coverage provided by LB for associates at the Vice President level and above, including our NEOs. In addition, to the extent that corporate provided aircraft is used by any LB executive for personal purposes, the executive is required to reimburse LB based on the amount established by the Internal Revenue Service as reasonable for personal use or the aggregate incremental cost associated with the personal use of the corporate owned aircraft as determined by an independent, third party aircraft costing service.

*Going forward:* Once we are a separate public company, we will review the perquisites to be made available to our executives, including our NEOs, which we anticipate will generally be similar to those provided by LB to its executives.

**Compensation Governance*****Tax Deductibility***

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code generally does not allow a tax deduction to public companies for compensation paid to certain executive officers that is more than \$1 million during the tax year. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code provided an exemption from this deduction limitation for compensation that qualified as “performance-based compensation.” However, as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, this exemption was repealed, effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, subject to transition relief for certain “grandfathered” arrangements in effect as of November 2, 2017. In addition, the regulations promulgated under Section 162(m) provided certain transitional relief to companies that became publicly held on or prior to December 20, 2019. However, because the Separation will occur following December 20, 2019, VS will not qualify for this special transitional relief under Section 162(m).

In the exercise of its business judgment, the VS HCC retains the flexibility to award and pay compensation even if the compensation is not deductible by VS for tax purposes if it believes it is in the best interests of VS.

***Stock Ownership Guidelines***

The LB HCC Committee encourages common stock ownership by LB’s covered executives through stock ownership guidelines that promote a long-term focus on performance, discourage inappropriate risk-taking and align the interests of its executives with those of its stockholders. Stock ownership guidelines can be met through direct or beneficial ownership of LB’s common stock, including LB’s common stock held under its stock incentive and retirement plans.

LB’s chief executive officer is required to achieve and maintain beneficial ownership of LB’s common stock with a value of five times his base salary and LB’s other covered executives are required to achieve and maintain beneficial ownership of LB’s common stock with a value of three times such executive’s base salary. LB’s covered executives are required to maintain these ownership levels within five years of becoming subject to the ownership guideline.

Members of LB’s Board of Directors must maintain ownership of at least the number of shares of LB’s common stock received as board compensation over the previous four years.

*Going forward:* Once we are a separate public company, we intend to review and adopt stock ownership guidelines appropriate for VS as a newly established, stand-alone public company.

***Recovery of Compensation***

Under the LB 2015 ICPP, the LB 2015 Plan and the LB 2020 Plan, the LB HCC Committee has the power and authority to recover previously awarded bonuses or equity-based compensation or profits if (i) required by applicable law with respect to a participant, (ii) a participant engaged in fraudulent conduct or activities (or had knowledge of such conduct or activities) relating to LB or (iii) a participant should have had knowledge of such conduct or activities based on his or her position, duties or responsibilities.

*Going forward:* In connection with our adoption of the VS 2021 ICPP and the VS 2021 Plan, we anticipate that we will adopt clawback requirements similar to those set forth in the LB 2015 ICPP and the LB 2020 Plan. In addition, as a new, smaller company, we intend to review our compensation practices and consider additional clawback policies as may be appropriate for VS as a newly established, stand-alone public company.

***Policy Regarding Hedging or Pledging***

LB’s Board of Directors has adopted a policy prohibiting LB’s directors and certain executives from engaging in transactions in derivative securities (including puts, calls, collars, forward contracts, equity swaps, exchange funds and the like) relating to LB’s securities, transactions “hedging” the risk of ownership of LB’s securities and short sales of LB’s securities. In addition, LB’s directors and certain executives are prohibited from holding LB’s securities in margin accounts or pledging LB’s securities as collateral for loans.

*Going forward:* We intend to review and adopt a policy prohibiting the hedging or pledging of VS securities as appropriate for VS as a newly established, stand-alone public company.

## 2020 Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth information concerning total compensation earned by or paid to our NEOs for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2021.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(3)	Change in Pension Value and Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(4)	All Other Compensation (\$)(5)	Total (\$)
<b>Martin Waters</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer of VS and Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Lingerie</i>	2020	923,462	—	1,000,006(2)	—	2,511,635	71,126	281,200	4,787,429
<b>Amy Hauk</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer, PINK</i>	2020	882,308	—	—	—	1,776,000	51,754	234,597	2,944,659
<b>Gregory Unis</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Beauty</i>	2020	810,769	—	—	—	1,734,000	9,199	224,433	2,778,401
<b>Stuart B. Burgdoerfer</b> <i>Former Interim Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer</i>	2020	1,068,462	—	—	—	3,009,636	100,128	241,317	4,419,543
<b>John Mehas</b> <i>Former Chief Executive Officer, Victoria's Secret Lingerie</i>	2020	946,153	—	—	—	2,592,000	1,899	300,059	3,840,111

- (1) The value of stock awards reflects the aggregate grant date fair value, excluding estimated forfeitures, computed in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 718 Compensation—Stock Compensation, for each award. See Note 19 to LB's financial statements filed in the LB Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2020 for the related assumptions in determining the aggregate grant date fair value of these awards.
- (2) Represents restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to Mr. Waters under the LB 2020 Plan.
- (3) Represents the aggregate value of the non-equity performance-based incentive compensation paid for the applicable fiscal 2020 Spring and Fall selling seasons. Incentive compensation targets are set based on a percentage of base salary and are paid seasonally based on the achievement of adjusted operating income results. The following table illustrates the amount of the compensation that is paid in cash and voluntarily deferred:

	Paid in Cash (\$)	Deferred Cash (\$)	Total (\$)
Mr. Waters	\$2,503,443	\$8,192	\$2,511,635
Ms. Hauk	1,768,615	7,385	1,776,000
Mr. Unis	1,724,962	9,038	1,734,000
Mr. Burgdoerfer	3,002,098	7,538	3,009,636
Mr. Mehas	2,592,000	—	2,592,000

- (4) LB does not sponsor a defined benefit retirement plan (tax-qualified or non-qualified). For fiscal 2020, the amounts shown represent the amount by which earnings at an annual effective rate of 4.23% on each NEO's non-qualified plan balance exceeds 120% of the applicable federal long-term rate as of October 2019 (when the rate was set).

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(5) The following table details all other compensation paid to each NEO during fiscal 2020:

	Financial Planning Services Provided to Executive (\$)	Incremental LB Cost to Provide Supplemental Life and Disability Insurance Coverage (\$)	LB Contributions to the Executive's Qualified and Non-Qualified Retirement Plan Account (\$)	Severance Pay (\$)	Total (\$)
Mr. Waters	\$3,700	\$2,123	\$275,377	\$ —	\$281,200
Ms. Hauk	—	2,113	232,484	—	234,597
Mr. Unis	—	2,080	222,353	—	224,433
Mr. Burgdoerfer	—	2,664	238,653	—	241,317
Mr. Mehas	—	2,145	85,606	212,308	300,059

**Grants of Plan-Based Awards for Fiscal 2020**

The following table provides information relating to plan-based awards and opportunities granted to the NEOs during the fiscal year ended January 30, 2021.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(1)</sup>			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#) <sup>(2)</sup>	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Under- lying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)				
Martin Waters	12/11/2020							25,291			\$1,000,006
		378,000	1,890,000	3,780,000							
Amy Hauk		296,000	1,480,000	2,960,000							
Gregory Unis		289,000	1,445,000	2,890,000							
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer		410,400	2,052,000	4,104,000							
John Mehas		432,000	2,160,000	4,320,000							

- (1) Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards represent the Threshold, Target and Maximum opportunities under the 2015 ICPP for the 2020 Spring and Fall seasons. The actual amount earned under this plan is disclosed in the 2020 Summary Compensation Table in the “Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation” column.
- (2) Reflects RSUs granted pursuant to the LB 2020 Plan. Grant dates were established on the date the grants were approved by the LB HCC Committee. The RSUs vest 100% on the third anniversary of the grant, subject to continued employment.
- (3) The value of the RSUs reflects the grant date fair value under ASC Topic 718 Compensation—Stock Compensation for each award. RSUs are valued based on the fair market value of a share of LB common stock on the date of grant, adjusted for anticipated dividend yields.

### Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End for Fiscal 2020

The following table provides information relating to outstanding LB equity awards granted to the NEOs as of fiscal year end, January 30, 2021.

Name	Grant Date	Option Awards					Restricted Stock Awards				
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Grant Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Martin Waters	3/31/2011	6,149	—	—	26.43	3/31/2021					
	3/30/2012	27,074	—	—	41.54	3/30/2022					
	3/29/2013	27,757	—	—	41.88	3/29/2023					
	3/31/2014	21,440	—	—	54.21	3/31/2024					
	4/02/2015	13,985	—	—	91.17	4/02/2025					
	3/31/2016	5,978	2,563 <sup>(1)</sup>	—	87.81	3/31/2026					
	3/31/2017	5,732	8,599 <sup>(2)</sup>	—	47.10	3/31/2027					
	3/21/2018	3,519	14,080 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	39.42	3/21/2028					
	3/28/2019	8,500	17,001 <sup>(4)</sup>	—	27.94	3/28/2029					
							3/31/2016	—	—	9,396 <sup>(15)</sup>	382,981
							3/31/2017	—	—	25,160 <sup>(16)</sup>	1,025,522
							3/21/2018	—	—	14,079 <sup>(17)</sup>	573,860
							4/25/2018	—	—	20,869 <sup>(18)</sup>	850,620
Amy Hauk							3/28/2019	59,502 <sup>(6)</sup>	2,425,302	—	—
							12/11/2020	25,291 <sup>(7)</sup>	1,030,861	—	—
	3/30/2012	1,596	—	—	41.54	3/30/2022					
	3/29/2013	3,281	—	—	41.88	3/29/2023					
	3/31/2014	8,299	—	—	54.21	3/31/2024					
	4/02/2015	5,346	—	—	91.17	4/02/2025					
	3/31/2016	4,095	1,756 <sup>(1)</sup>	—	87.81	3/31/2026					
	3/31/2017	2,245	3,368 <sup>(2)</sup>	—	47.10	3/31/2027					
	3/21/2018	3,805	1,903 <sup>(5)</sup>	—	39.42	3/21/2028					
	3/28/2019	8,276	16,554 <sup>(4)</sup>	—	27.94	3/28/2029					
							3/31/2016	6,881 <sup>(8)</sup>	280,470	—	—
							3/31/2017	16,839 <sup>(9)</sup>	686,358	—	—
							3/21/2018	24,734 <sup>(10)</sup>	1,008,158	—	—
Greg Unis							7/9/2018	6,683 <sup>(11)</sup>	272,399	—	—
							10/9/2018	34,686 <sup>(12)</sup>	1,413,801	—	—
							3/28/2019	57,937 <sup>(6)</sup>	2,361,512	—	—
	3/31/2017	4,299	6,449 <sup>(2)</sup>	—	47.10	3/31/2027					
	3/21/2018	2,853	11,416 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	39.42	3/21/2028					
Greg Unis	3/28/2019	7,605	15,212 <sup>(4)</sup>	—	27.94	3/28/2029					
							3/31/2017	15,047 <sup>(9)</sup>	613,316	—	—
							3/21/2018	26,637 <sup>(10)</sup>	1,085,724	—	—
							4/25/2018	11,280 <sup>(13)</sup>	459,773	—	—
Greg Unis							3/28/2019	53,239 <sup>(6)</sup>	2,170,022	—	—



Option Awards							Restricted Stock Awards				
Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Grant Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer	3/31/2011	12,773	—	—	26.43	3/31/2021					
	3/30/2012	17,329	—	—	41.54	3/30/2022					
	3/29/2013	23,611	—	—	41.88	3/29/2023					
	3/31/2014	22,797	—	—	54.21	3/31/2024					
	4/02/2015	14,030	—	—	91.17	4/02/2025					
	3/31/2016	5,978	2,563 <sup>(1)</sup>	—	87.81	3/31/2026					
	3/31/2017	5,732	8,599 <sup>(2)</sup>	—	47.10	3/31/2027					
	3/21/2018	3,519	14,080 <sup>(3)</sup>	—	39.42	3/21/2028					
	3/28/2019	12,884	25,770 <sup>(4)</sup>	—	27.94	3/28/2029					
							3/31/2016	—	—	9,396 <sup>(15)</sup>	382,981
						3/31/2017	—	—	25,160 <sup>(16)</sup>	1,025,522	
						3/21/2018	—	—	14,079 <sup>(17)</sup>	573,860	
						4/25/2018	—	—	35,533 <sup>(18)</sup>	1,448,325	
						3/28/2019	19,327 <sup>(6)</sup>	787,769	32,212 <sup>(19)</sup>	1,312,961	
John Mehas							2/11/2019	32,264 <sup>(14)</sup>	1,315,081	—	

(1) Options vest on March 31, 2021.

(2) Options vest 50% on March 31, 2021 and 50% on March 31, 2022.

(3) Options vest 25% on March 21, 2021, 37.5% on March 21, 2022 and 37.5% on March 21, 2023.

(4) Options vest 50% on March 28, 2021 and 50% on March 28, 2022.

(5) Options vest 100% on March 21, 2021.

(6) Shares vest on March 28, 2022.

(7) Shares vest on December 11, 2023.

(8) Shares vest on March 31, 2021.

(9) Shares vest 50% on March 31, 2021 and 50% on March 31, 2022.

(10) Shares vest on March 21, 2021.

(11) Shares vest on July 9, 2021.

(12) Shares vest on October 9, 2021.

(13) Shares vest 25% on April 25, 2021, 37.5% on April 25, 2022 and 37.5% on April 25, 2023.

(14) Shares vest on February 11, 2022.

(15) Subject to achievement of a performance condition, shares vest 100% on March 31, 2021.

(16) Subject to achievement of a performance condition, shares vest 50% on March 31, 2021 and 50% on March 31, 2022.

(17) Subject to achievement of a performance condition, shares vest 25% on March 21, 2021, 37.5% on March 21, 2022 and 37.5% on March 21, 2023.

(18) Subject to achievement of a performance condition, shares vest 25% on April 25, 2021, 37.5% on April 25, 2022 and 37.5% on April 25, 2023.

(19) Subject to achievement of a performance condition, 100% of these shares vest on March 28, 2023.

### Option Exercises and Stock Vested Information for Fiscal 2020

The following table provides information relating to Option awards that were exercised and RSU awards that vested during the fiscal year ended January 30, 2021.

	Option Awards		Restricted Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise \$(1)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting \$(2)
Martin Waters	—	—	27,572	292,263
Amy Hauk	—	—	18,378	204,152
Gregory Unis	—	—	14,494	152,174
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer	—	—	27,606	292,624
John Mehas	—	—	—	—

(1) Option Award Value Realized is calculated based on the difference between the sale price and the option exercise price.

(2) Restricted Stock Award Value Realized is calculated based on the closing stock price on the date the RSUs vested.

### Retirement and Other Post-Employment Benefits Non-qualified Deferred Compensation for Fiscal 2020(1)

Name	Executive Contributions in Last Fiscal Year \$(2)	Registrant Contributions in Last Fiscal Year \$(3)	Aggregate Earnings in Last Fiscal Year \$(4)	Aggregate Withdrawals/Distributions \$(5)	Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year End \$(6)
Martin Waters	80,918	246,893	159,652	—	5,047,602
Amy Hauk	18,432	204,000	109,459	—	2,747,510
Gregory Unis	56,024	198,140	19,455	—	533,069
Stuart B. Burgdoerfer	23,958	210,169	211,770	—	5,271,529
John Mehas	41,130	82,260	4,016	—	127,406

(1) Amounts disclosed include non-qualified cash deferrals, company matching contributions, retirement credits and earnings under the LB SRP and stock deferrals and related reinvested dividend earnings under the Limited Brands, Inc. 1993 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan (the “LB 1993 Plan”), the Limited Brands, Inc. 2011 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan (the “LB 2011 Plan”) and the LB 2015 Plan. Executive Contributions and related matching Registrant Contributions represent 2020 calendar year deferrals and matches on incentive compensation payments earned based on performance for the Fall 2019 season, which was paid in March 2020, and for the Spring 2020 season, which was paid in August 2020.

(2) All of the contributions are reported in the 2020 Summary Compensation Table under the “Salary” and/or “Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation” columns.

(3) Reflects LB’s 200% match of associate contributions of up to 3% of base salary and bonus above the IRS qualified plan maximum compensation limit and LB’s retirement contribution of 6% for less than five years of service or 8% for five or more years of service of compensation above the IRS qualified plan maximum compensation limit. Associates become fully vested in these contributions after six years of service. These contributions are also included under the “All Other Compensation” column of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table.

(4) Non-qualified deferred cash compensation balances earn a fixed rate of interest determined prior to the beginning of each year.

The portion of the earnings on deferred cash compensation that exceeds 120% of the applicable federal long-term rate in the amount of \$71,126, \$51,754, \$9,199, \$100,128 and \$1,899 for Mr. Waters, Ms. Hauk, Mr. Unis, Mr. Burgdoerfer and Mr. Mehas, respectively, is disclosed in the “Change in Pension Value and Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings” column of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table.

Amount includes dividends earned on deferred stock and RSU balances in the amount of \$9,220 for Mr. Waters. Dividends are reinvested into additional stock units based on the closing market price of LB common stock on the dividend payment date.

(5) Participants may elect to receive the funds in a lump sum or in up to ten annual installments following termination of employment, but generally may not make withdrawals during their employment. Deferrals under the LB SRP, the LB 1993 Plan, the LB 2011 Plan and the LB 2015 Plan are unfunded.

(6) Balance includes the value of deferred stock and RSUs at calendar year-end in the amount of \$1,269,625 for Mr. Waters. Value is calculated based on a stock price of \$40.76 per share of Common Stock on January 29, 2021.

### Estimated Post-Employment Payments and Benefits

LB has entered into certain agreements with Messrs. Waters, Unis and Burgdoerfer that will require LB to provide compensation in the event of a qualifying termination of employment, including a termination following a change in control of LB. In addition, participants in the LB 2015 Plan and the LB 2020 Plan receive accelerated vesting of equity awards upon a “change in control” in the event of the participant’s termination of employment (other than for “cause”) within 24 months of the change in control (commonly referred to as “double-trigger” vesting).

However, the LB HCC Committee retains discretion to provide, and in the past has provided, additional benefits to NEOs upon termination or resignation if it determines the circumstances so warrant.

The following tables set forth the expected benefits that would be received by each of the NEOs in the event of termination resulting from various scenarios, assuming a termination date of January 30, 2021 and a stock price of \$40.76, the price of LB’s Common Stock on January 29, 2021. Each scenario relates to the single termination event described and amounts are not cumulative in situations where multiple scenarios may apply.

The tables below do not include the payment of the aggregate balance of the NEO’s non-qualified deferred compensation that is disclosed in the Non-qualified Deferred Compensation for Fiscal 2020 table above.<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

#### Martin Waters

	Involuntary Without Cause or Voluntary With Good Reason		Involuntary Without Cause following Change in Control	Death (\$) <sup>(6)</sup>	Disability (\$)	Voluntary Resignation/ Retirement (\$)
	w/out Release (\$)	& Signed Release (\$)	(\$)			
Base Salary	\$1,050,000	\$2,100,000	\$ 2,100,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Bonus <sup>(3)</sup>		1,890,000	4,026,214			
Gain of Accelerated Stock Options <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	236,820	236,820	236,820	—
Value of Pro-rated or Accelerated PSUs/RSUs <sup>(4)</sup>	—	3,063,318	6,289,146	6,289,146	6,289,146	—
Benefits and Perquisites <sup>(5)</sup>	30,648	37,228	37,228	2,017,488	508,279	17,488
Tax Gross-Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	\$1,080,648	\$7,090,546	\$12,689,408	\$8,543,454	\$7,034,245	\$17,488

#### Amy Hawk

	Involuntary Without Cause or Voluntary With Good Reason		Involuntary Without Cause following Change in Control	Death (\$) <sup>(6)</sup>	Disability (\$)	Voluntary Resignation/ Retirement (\$)
	w/out Release (\$)	& Signed Release (\$)	(\$)			
Base Salary	\$ —	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Bonus <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gain of Accelerated Stock Options <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	214,772	214,772	214,772	—
Value of Pro-rated or Accelerated PSUs/RSUs <sup>(4)</sup>	—	4,316,769	6,022,698	6,022,698	6,022,698	—
Benefits and Perquisites <sup>(5)</sup>	17,488	17,488	17,488	1,867,488	477,021	—
Tax Gross-Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	\$17,488	\$6,184,257	\$8,104,958	\$8,104,958	\$6,714,491	\$ —

**Gregory Unis**

	Involuntary Without Cause or Voluntary With Good Reason		Involuntary Without Cause following Change in Control	Death (\$) <sup>(6)</sup>	Disability (\$)	Voluntary Resignation/ Retirement (\$)
	w/out Release (\$)	& Signed Release (\$)				
Base Salary	\$850,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Bonus <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gain of Accelerated Stock Options <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	210,315	210,315	210,315	—
Value of Pro-rated or Accelerated PSUs/RSUs <sup>(4)</sup>	—	2,382,667	4,328,834	4,328,834	4,328,834	—
Benefits and Perquisites <sup>(5)</sup>	13,116	13,116	13,116	1,723,683	464,442	—
Tax Gross-Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$863,116</b>	<b>\$4,095,783</b>	<b>\$6,252,265</b>	<b>\$6,262,832</b>	<b>\$5,003,591</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

**Stuart B. Burgdoerfer**

	Involuntary Without Cause or Voluntary With Good Reason		Involuntary Without Cause following Change in Control	Death (\$) <sup>(6)</sup>	Disability (\$)	Voluntary Resignation/ Retirement (\$)
	w/out Release (\$)	& Signed Release (\$)				
Base Salary	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000	\$ 2,400,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Bonus <sup>(3)</sup>	—	2,160,000	4,124,520	—	—	—
Gain of Accelerated Stock Options <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	349,239	349,239	349,239	—
Value of Pro-rated or Accelerated PSUs/RSUs <sup>(4)</sup>	—	3,097,842	5,531,417	5,531,417	5,531,417	306,352
Benefits and Perquisites <sup>(5)</sup>	30,974	37,717	37,717	2,017,488	545,860	17,488
Tax Gross-Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,230,974</b>	<b>\$7,695,559</b>	<b>\$12,442,893</b>	<b>\$7,898,144</b>	<b>\$6,426,516</b>	<b>\$323,840</b>

(1) Assumes a termination date of January 30, 2021.

(2) In addition, certain of the NEOs would be entitled to receive the unpaid portion of his or her cash retention bonus award in connection with certain qualifying terminations of employment as described below.

(3) Bonus amounts assumed at target. Under “Involuntary without Cause or Voluntary with Good Reason” termination scenarios, actual bonus payments would be equal to the bonus payment the NEO would have received if he or she had remained employed with the Company for a period of one year after the termination date of January 30, 2021. Under an “Involuntary Without Cause following Change in Control” termination scenario, bonus payments will be equal to the sum of the last four seasonal bonus payments received.

(4) Reflects the value of unvested RSUs, PSUs at target and stock options that, subject to achievement of pre-established performance conditions, if applicable, would become vested based on the \$40.76 fair market value of a share of Common Stock on the last trading day of the fiscal year (January 29, 2021).

(5) Estimates for benefits and perquisites include the pro rata value of retirement plan contributions on earnings accrued up to the termination date and the continuation of medical, dental and other insurance benefits. Under the “Death” and “Disability” scenarios, includes proceeds from life and disability insurance policies and the value of unvested retirement plan balances that would become vested.

(6) Generally, in the event of an NEO’s death, subject to the achievement of any underlying performance conditions, any time-vesting conditions are deemed satisfied.

**Mr. Waters’ Employment Agreement**

Pursuant to Mr. Waters’ employment agreement with LB effective as of July 23, 2009 (as subsequently amended), in the event of a termination of Mr. Waters’ employment by LB other than for “cause” or by Mr. Waters for “good reason”, other than during the 24-month period following a “change in control”, LB will

provide to Mr. Waters (i) continued payment of Mr. Waters' base salary for 12 months following the termination date, (ii) if Mr. Waters executes and does not revoke a general waiver and release in favor of LB, (x) continued payment of Mr. Waters' base salary for an additional 12 months following the termination date and (y) the incentive compensation Mr. Waters would have received if he had remained an employee of LB for one year following the termination date and (iii) for a period of up to 18 months following the termination of employment, LB will provide Mr. Waters and his beneficiaries (at LB's expense) medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to those provided to Mr. Waters prior to the date of his termination of employment. If such termination occurs within the 24-month period following a "change in control", subject to Mr. Waters' execution and nonrevocation of a general waiver and release of claims in favor of LB, LB will provide to Mr. Waters (i) an amount equal to two times his base salary, (ii) an amount equal to the sum of the last four bonus payments under LB's incentive compensation program *plus* a prorated amount for the season in which his employment is terminated (based on the average of such four prior bonus payments), (iii) reimbursement for all documented legal fees and expenses incurred in seeking to obtain or enforce any rights provided in the Waters Agreement and (iv) for a period of 18 months following the termination of employment (or earlier if Mr. Waters becomes subsequently employed), LB will provide Mr. Waters and his beneficiaries (at LB's expense) medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to those provided to Mr. Waters prior to the date of his termination of employment. Following a termination of employment for any reason, Mr. Waters will be subject to non-competition and non-solicitation covenants during the period Mr. Waters receives severance payments.

In addition, under the Retention and Performance Bonus Agreement entered into with Mr. Waters, effective as of July 14, 2020, if Mr. Waters remained employed by LB through January 31, 2021, he is entitled to receive a retention bonus award in the amount of \$800,000. In the event he left LB prior to January 31, 2021 for any reason, he was entitled to receive a prorated amount of the retention bonus award, determined by multiplying \$800,000 by a fraction, the numerator being the number of months worked from July 14, 2020 and the denominator being seven, with any partial months being rounded up to the nearest whole number. The retention bonus award for Mr. Waters that was scheduled to vest on January 31, 2021 was paid by LB in February 2021. In addition, if Mr. Waters implements actions to reduce EBITDA losses in the United Kingdom and China, retain key talent and establish a platform for future growth and profitability (as determined in the discretion of the LB HCC Committee and certain members of management), Mr. Waters will be entitled to receive an additional \$800,000 bonus payment. In February 2021, it was determined by the LB HCC Committee that the requirements for payment of this additional bonus were satisfied and the bonus was paid.

#### *Ms. Hauk's Retention Agreement and Estimated Post-Employment Payments*

Pursuant to the retention agreement entered into between LB and Ms. Hauk effective as of June 1, 2020, Ms. Hauk is eligible to receive a cash retention bonus award in three installments, each in the amount of \$800,000, provided that Ms. Hauk continues to be employed by LB through each of January 31, 2021, July 31, 2021 and January 31, 2022. The retention bonus award for Ms. Hauk that was scheduled to vest on January 31, 2021 was paid by LB in February 2021. See "NEO Compensation Components—Cash Retention Awards" above for additional details regarding Ms. Hauk's retention bonus award.

Pursuant to LB's severance payment practice, in the event Ms. Hauk's employment is terminated by LB without "cause", subject to Ms. Hauk's execution and nonrevocation of a release of claims, Ms. Hauk will receive base salary continuation for a period of 24 months following the date on which her employment is terminated.

#### *Mr. Unis' Retention Agreement*

Pursuant to the retention agreement entered into between LB and Mr. Unis effective as of September 15, 2020, Mr. Unis is eligible to receive a cash retention bonus award in three installments, each in the amount of \$700,000, provided that Mr. Unis continues to be employed by LB through each of January 31, 2021, July 31, 2021 and January 31, 2022. In the event Mr. Unis' employment is terminated by LB without "cause" or by Mr. Unis for "good reason", Mr. Unis will continue to receive an amount equal to his base salary for one year from the date on which his employment is terminated. In addition, subject to Mr. Unis' execution and nonrevocation of a release of claims, LB will pay an amount equal to Mr. Unis' base salary for an additional 12 months. If Mr. Unis' employment is terminated by LB without "cause", Mr. Unis will also be entitled to receive the next scheduled retention bonus award payment immediately following the termination date. If

Mr. Unis' employment is terminated by LB or its successor without "cause" or by Mr. Unis for "good reason" within the 24 months following a "change in control", then Mr. Unis will be eligible to receive the next scheduled retention bonus award payment immediately following the termination date. The retention bonus award for Mr. Unis that was scheduled to vest on January 31, 2021 was paid by LB in February 2021. See "*NEO Compensation Components—Cash Retention Awards*" above for additional details regarding Mr. Unis' retention bonus award payment.

*Mr. Burgdoerfer's Employment and Retention Bonus Agreements*

Pursuant to Mr. Burgdoerfer's employment agreement with LB, effective as of April 9, 2007 (as subsequently amended), in the event of a termination of Mr. Burgdoerfer's employment by LB other than for "cause" or by Mr. Burgdoerfer for "good reason", other than during the 24-month period following a "change in control", LB will provide to Mr. Burgdoerfer (i) continued payment of Mr. Burgdoerfer's base salary for 12 months following the termination date, (ii) for a period up to 18 months following the termination of employment, LB will provide Mr. Burgdoerfer and his beneficiaries (at LB's expense) medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to those provided to Mr. Burgdoerfer prior to the date of his termination of employment and (iii) if Mr. Burgdoerfer executes and does not revoke a general waiver and release in favor of LB, (x) continued payment of Mr. Burgdoerfer's base salary for an additional 12 months following the termination date and (y) the incentive compensation Mr. Burgdoerfer would have received if he had remained an employee of LB for one year following the termination date. If such termination occurs within the 24-month period following a "change in control", subject to Mr. Burgdoerfer's execution and nonrevocation of a general waiver and release of claims in favor of LB, LB will provide to Mr. Burgdoerfer (i) an amount equal to two times his base salary, (ii) an amount equal to the sum of the last four bonus payments *plus* a prorated amount for the season in which his employment is terminated (based on the average of such four prior bonus payments), (iii) reimbursement for all documented legal fees and expenses incurred in seeking to obtain or enforce any rights provided in the Burgdoerfer Agreement and (iv) for a period of 18 months following the termination of employment (or earlier if Mr. Burgdoerfer becomes subsequently employed), LB will provide Mr. Burgdoerfer and his beneficiaries (at LB's expense) medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to those provided to Mr. Burgdoerfer prior to the date of his termination of employment. Following a termination of employment for any reason, Mr. Burgdoerfer will be subject to non-competition and non-solicitation covenants for 12 months following the termination date.

In addition, upon a termination of Mr. Burgdoerfer's employment by LB other than for "cause" or by Mr. Burgdoerfer for "good reason" in connection with a "change in control," a prorated amount of his retention bonus award determined based on (i) the product of (a) the total amount of his retention bonus award *multiplied by* (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days elapsed from May 14, 2020 through the date of termination and the denominator of which is 627 *minus* (ii) any amount of the retention bonus award previously paid to Mr. Burgdoerfer. The retention bonus award for Mr. Burgdoerfer that was scheduled to vest on January 31, 2021 was paid by LB in February 2021. See "*NEO Compensation Components—Cash Retention Awards*" above for additional details regarding Mr. Burgdoerfer's retention bonus award payment.

*Mr. Mehas' Release Agreement*

Pursuant to the Release Agreement entered into between LB and Mr. Mehas in connection with his termination of employment effective as of November 24, 2020, subject to Mr. Mehas' execution and nonrevocation of a release of claims and his compliance with applicable restrictive covenants, Mr. Mehas received the following benefits from LB: (i) continued payment of his base salary for 24 months following the termination date; (ii) incentive compensation that Mr. Mehas would have received had Mr. Mehas remained an employee of LB for one year following the termination date and (iii) the vesting of a prorated number of RSUs, to be settled following the end of the restricted period as of February 11, 2022.

*Definitions of "Cause" and "Good Reason"*

The agreements for Messrs. Waters, Unis and Burgdoerfer contain customary definitions of "cause" and "good reason". "Cause" generally means that (1) the NEO was grossly negligent in the performance of his duties with LB (or, in Mr. Burgdoerfer's case, he willfully failed to perform his duties with LB) (in each case other than a failure resulting from the NEO's incapacity due to physical or mental illness); (2) the NEO has pled

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“guilty” or “no contest” to or has been convicted of an act which is defined as a felony under federal or state law; or (3) the NEO engaged in misconduct in bad faith (or, in Mr. Burgdoerfer’s case “willful misconduct”) which could reasonably be expected to materially harm LB’s business or its reputation.

In addition, Messrs. Waters, Unis and Burgdoerfer have the right to resign for “good reason” in case of certain events. “Good Reason” generally means (1) for Messrs. Waters and Burgdoerfer, the NEO’s failure to continue in a capacity originally contemplated in the NEO’s agreement; (2) for Messrs. Waters and Burgdoerfer, the assignment to the NEO of any duties materially inconsistent with the NEO’s position, duties, authority, responsibilities or reporting requirements, as set out in his or her agreement or, for Mr. Unis, a material diminution in his duties or responsibilities representing a demonstrable and significant demotion for Mr. Unis or a change in reporting relationship such that Mr. Unis no longer directly reports to the Chief Executive Officer of VS; (3) for Messrs. Waters and Burgdoerfer, a material reduction of or a delay in payment of the NEO’s total cash compensation and benefits from those required to be provided or, for Mr. Unis, a material reduction in his base salary or annual bonus opportunity (other than pursuant to an across-the-board reduction applicable to all similarly situated employees); (4) for Mr. Unis, the relocation of Mr. Unis’ principal place of employment more than 50 miles from its current location or, for Mr. Burgdoerfer, the requirement that he be based outside of Columbus, Ohio; or (5) for Messrs. Waters and Burgdoerfer, the failure by LB to obtain the assumption in writing of its obligation to perform the agreement by a successor.

### *Definition of “Change in Control”*

A “Change in Control” of LB will be deemed to have occurred upon the first of any of the following events to occur:

- any person, together with all affiliates, becomes a beneficial owner of securities representing 33% or more of the combined voting power of the voting stock then outstanding;
- during any period of 24 consecutive months, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute LB’s Board of Directors (and any new director, whose election by LB’s Board of Directors or nomination for election by the stockholders of LB was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then in office who either were directors at the beginning of the period or whose election or nomination for election was so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of directors then constituting LB’s Board of Directors;
- a reorganization, merger or consolidation of LB is consummated, unless more than 50% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock are beneficially owned by individuals and entities who owned Common Stock just prior to such reorganization, merger or consolidation;
- the consummation of a complete liquidation or dissolution of LB or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of LB; or
- for Mr. Unis only, (i) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of any subsidiary of LB by which Mr. Unis was employed, (ii) the sale or series of sales by LB to any person of more than 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of the subsidiary or (iii) the consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation involving the subsidiary unless, immediately following such reorganization, merger or consolidation, LB continues to directly control more than 50% of the combined voting power of the securities of such subsidiary (each of (i), (ii) and (iii), a “Subsidiary Change in Control”); provided that (x) Mr. Unis was employed by the subsidiary immediately prior to the Subsidiary Change in Control and (y) immediately following the Subsidiary Change in Control, Mr. Unis is not, directly or indirectly, an employee of LB or another subsidiary of LB and has not been offered employment with LB or another subsidiary of LB.

### *No Tax Gross-ups*

In the event of a termination following a “change in control”, none of our NEOs are entitled to reimbursement or gross-up for any excise taxes that may be imposed under Section 280G of the Code.

### *Going forward*

Prior to the Separation, LB intends to enter into a new arrangement with Mr. Waters which will generally provide that, in the event of a termination of Mr. Waters’ employment by LB other than for “cause” or by Mr. Waters for “good reason,” other than during the 24-month period following a “change in control” or within the



three months preceding or 24 months following a sale or spinoff of VS, subject to Mr. Waters' execution and nonrevocation of a general waiver and release of claims, (i) Mr. Waters will be entitled to receive (A) continued payment of Mr. Waters' base salary for 24 months following the termination date and (B) the incentive compensation Mr. Waters would have received if he had remained an employee of LB for one year following the termination date and (ii) for a period of up to 24 months following the termination of employment, LB will provide Mr. Waters and his beneficiaries medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to those provided to Mr. Waters prior to the date of his termination of employment. In addition, LB intends that this new arrangement with Mr. Waters will also provide that if such termination of Mr. Waters' employment occurs within the 24-month period following a "change in control" or within the three months preceding or 24 months following a sale or spinoff of VS, subject to Mr. Waters' execution and nonrevocation of a general waiver and release of claims, (i) Mr. Waters will be entitled to receive (A) an amount equal to three times his (a) base salary and (b) target incentive compensation and (B) for a period of 36 months following the termination of employment (or earlier if Mr. Waters becomes subsequently employed), Mr. Waters and his beneficiaries will be entitled to receive medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to those provided to Mr. Waters prior to the date of his termination of employment and (ii) Mr. Waters will be entitled to accelerated vesting of any outstanding unvested equity awards held by Mr. Waters as of the termination date.

In addition, prior to the Separation, LB intends to enter into a new arrangement with each of Ms. Hauk and Mr. Unis which will generally provide that, in the event of a termination of the executive's employment by LB other than for "cause" or by the executive for "good reason," other than during the 24-month period following a "change in control" or within the three months preceding or 24 months following a sale or spinoff of VS, subject to the executive's execution and nonrevocation of a general waiver and release of claims, (i) each of Ms. Hauk and Mr. Unis will be entitled to receive (A) continued payment of the executive's base salary for 24 months following the termination date and (B) the incentive compensation such executive would have received if she or he had remained an employee of LB for one year following the termination date and (ii) for a period of up to 24 months following the termination of employment, LB will provide the executive and her or his beneficiaries medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to those provided to the executive prior to the date of termination. In addition, LB intends that these new arrangements with each of Ms. Hauk and Mr. Unis will also provide that if such termination of her or his employment occurs within the 24-month period following a "change in control" or within the three months preceding or 24 months following a sale or spinoff of VS, subject to the executive's execution and nonrevocation of a general waiver and release of claims, (i) each of Ms. Hauk and Mr. Unis will be entitled to receive (A) an amount equal to two times the executive's base salary and (B) an amount equal to the sum of the last four bonus payments under LB's incentive compensation program *plus* a prorated amount for the season in which her or his employment is terminated (based on the average of such four prior bonus payments), (ii) for a period of 24 months following the termination of employment (or earlier if the executive becomes subsequently employed), each executive and her or his beneficiaries will be entitled to receive medical and dental benefits substantially similar in the aggregate to those provided to the executive prior to the date of termination and (iii) each of Ms. Hauk and Mr. Unis will be entitled to accelerated vesting of any outstanding unvested equity awards held by the executive as of the termination date.

#### **VS 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan**

Prior to the Distribution, we intend to adopt the VS 2021 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan (the "2021 Plan"), subject to approval of the VS Board and LB, as our sole stockholder. The 2021 Plan is a long-term equity incentive plan under which we expect to grant equity incentive awards to our senior executives (including our NEOs), non-employee directors and other employees.

The following summary of the material terms of the 2021 Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the 2021 Plan, a form of which is filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the registration statement to which this information statement forms a part.

##### ***Purpose***

The purpose of the 2021 Plan is to attract and retain the best available executive and key management employees, consultants and other advisors for VS and its subsidiaries and affiliates and to encourage the highest level of performance by such employees, consultants and other advisors, thereby enhancing the value of VS for the benefit of its stockholders.



***Administration***

The 2021 Plan is administered by the VS HCC Committee. The VS HCC Committee has the power, in its discretion, to: (i) grant awards under the 2021 Plan; (ii) select eligible participants to receive awards under the 2021 Plan; (iii) determine the terms and conditions of any award and prescribe the form of each award agreement, which need not be identical for each participant; (iv) determine whether, to what extent, under what circumstances and by which methods awards may be settled or exercised in cash, shares, other awards, other property, net settlement (including broker-assisted cashless exercise), or any combination thereof, or canceled, forfeited or suspended; to determine whether, to what extent and under what circumstances cash, shares, other awards, other property and other amounts payable with respect to an award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the holder thereof or of the VS HCC Committee; (v) correct any defect, supply any omission and reconcile any inconsistency in the 2021 Plan or any award agreement, in the manner and to the extent it shall deem desirable to carry the 2021 Plan into effect; (vi) establish, amend, suspend or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents, trustees, brokers, depositories and advisors and determine such terms of their engagement as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the 2021 Plan and compliance with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and extent permitted under applicable regulations of any stock exchange on which VS is listed; and (vii) make any other determination and take any other action that the VS HCC Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the 2021 Plan and compliance with applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.

Subject to compliance with applicable law, the VS HCC Committee may delegate to one or more members, committees of the VS Board or any other person (including officers of the Company), such duties and responsibilities as it determines to be appropriate (including the authority to grant awards. The VS Board may, in its sole discretion, at any time and from time to time, grant awards under the 2021 Plan or administer the 2021 Plan.

***Authorized Shares***

Subject to certain capitalization adjustments (as described below), the maximum number of shares of VS common stock that may be granted pursuant to awards under the 2021 Plan will be equal to 12% of the total outstanding shares of VS common stock on a fully diluted basis as of the Distribution Date, plus shares of VS common stock issuable upon the exercise or settlement of (i) “converted awards” (i.e., L Brands equity awards that are converted into VS equity awards under the 2021 Plan in connection with the Distribution in accordance with the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement) and (ii) “substitute awards” (i.e., awards granted in assumption or substitution for any outstanding awards granted by a company acquired by VS or with which VS combines).

***Share Recycling***

In the event that any award granted under the 2021 Plan (other than any substitute award or converted award) expires unexercised or is terminated, surrendered, forfeited or canceled without being exercised or settled for shares of VS common stock for any reason, then the shares of VS common stock to which such award relates may be available for subsequent awards, upon the terms as the VS HCC Committee may determine.

The following shares of VS common stock may not again be made available for issuance as awards under the 2021 Plan: (i) shares of VS common stock not issued or delivered as a result of the net settlement of an outstanding SAR or option; or (ii) shares VS common stock used to pay the exercise price or withholding taxes related to an outstanding option or SAR.

***Capitalization Adjustments***

The number and class of shares available under the 2021 Plan and/or subject to outstanding awards may be adjusted by the VS HCC Committee to prevent dilution or enlargement of rights in the event of various changes in the capitalization of VS, including adjustments in the event of changes in the number of shares of outstanding VS common stock by reason of stock dividends, extraordinary cash dividends, split-ups, recapitalizations, mergers, consolidations, combinations or exchanges of shares, separations, reorganizations, liquidations and the like.

***Certain Limitations***

Awards granted under the 2021 Plan will be subject to a minimum one-year vesting period following the grant date of such award, except for: (i) the acceleration of awards in connection with certain corporate transactions; (ii) the grant of substitute awards, converted awards or “replacement awards” (i.e., awards granted under the 2021 Plan in respect of L Brands equity awards forfeited by certain service providers who transfer to VS following the Distribution Date, in accordance with the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement); (iii) the grant of awards relating to 5% of the shares available for issuance under the 2021 Plan; or (iv) the provision for accelerated exercisability or vesting of an award in cases of involuntary termination without cause, retirement, death or disability.

The maximum number of shares of VS common stock that may be granted pursuant to awards of incentive stock options under the 2021 Plan will be equal to 12% of the total outstanding shares of VS common stock on a fully diluted basis as of the Distribution Date.

***Non-Employee Director Limitations***

Non-employee directors of the VS Board may not receive compensation for any fiscal year in excess of \$1,000,000 in the aggregate, including cash payments and awards under the 2021 Plan, with the value of any award under the 2021 Plan for purposes of this limitation determined based on the grant date fair value of such award). However, this limitation will not apply with respect to converted awards or replacement awards.

***Eligibility and Participation***

Eligibility to participate in the 2021 Plan is limited to employees, consultants, directors and other advisors or individuals who provide services to (i) VS or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, or (ii) any joint venture in which VS or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates holds at least a 20% interest, and who, in each case, are selected to participate in the 2021 Plan by the VS HCC Committee. Participation in the 2021 Plan is at the discretion of the VS HCC Committee and will be based upon the person’s present and potential contributions to the success of VS and its subsidiaries and such other factors as the VS HCC Committee deems relevant, and the VS HCC Committee’s determination that the grant of an award to such person is in furtherance of the 2021 Plan’s stated purpose (as described above).

***Awards***

The 2021 Plan provides that the VS HCC Committee may grant awards to eligible participants in any of the following forms, subject to such terms, conditions and provisions as the VS HCC Committee may determine to be necessary or desirable: (i) incentive stock options (“ISOs”), (ii) nonstatutory stock options (“NSOs”), (iii) stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) (on a tandem or stand-alone basis), (iv) restricted shares, (v) restricted share units (“RSUs”), (vi) performance units, (vii) unrestricted common stock, (viii) converted awards, (ix) replacement awards and (x) substitute awards.

- *ISOs/NSOs.* The 2021 Plan allows for the grant of stock options, which may be “incentive stock options” within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code or nonstatutory stock options. Stock options must have an exercise price of no less than 100% of the fair market value of a share of VS common stock on the date of grant (except in the case of substitute awards and converted awards). Stock options expire ten years after grant, or earlier if the participant terminates employment before that time, unless otherwise provided by the VS HCC Committee.
- *SARs.* A SAR represents the right to receive any appreciation in a share of VS common stock over a particular time period (either in the form of VS common stock or cash), and may be granted either on a tandem or stand-alone basis.
- *Restricted Shares.* An award of restricted shares is a grant of outstanding shares of VS common stock which are subject to vesting conditions (including service conditions and/or performance objectives) and transfer restrictions.
- *RSUs.* An RSU represents the right to receive a share of VS common stock (or cash equivalent, if applicable) in the future, provided that the restrictions and conditions designated by the VS HCC Committee at the time of the grant are satisfied (including service conditions performance objectives, if applicable).

- *Performance Units.* The VS HCC Committee may award to participants performance units that will have a specified value or formula-based value at the end of a performance period. Performance units so awarded will be credited to an account established and maintained for the participant. The VS HCC Committee will determine performance periods and performance objectives in connection with each grant of performance units. Vesting of awards of performance units will occur upon achievement of the applicable objectives within the applicable performance period. Payment of vested performance units may be made in cash, VS common stock or any combination thereof, as determined by the VS HCC Committee.
- *Unrestricted Shares.* Shares of VS common stock that are fully vested (and not subject to any vesting or transfer restrictions).
- *Converted Awards and Replacement Awards.* The 2021 Plan provides for the grant of converted awards as a result of the adjustment and conversion of L Brands equity awards into VS equity awards at the Distribution pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement. The 2021 Plan also provides for the grant of replacement awards granted in replacement for L Brands equity awards that are forfeited by certain service providers who transfer to VS following the Distribution Date pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement. The terms and conditions of the 2021 Plan will apply to converted awards and replacement awards only to the extent that such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with the terms of the Employee Matters Agreement and the terms of the applicable converted awards and replacement awards, as contemplated by the Employee Matters Agreement.

#### ***No Transferability of Awards***

Awards granted under the 2021 Plan may not be transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated except by will or applicable laws of descent and distribution, except that the VS HCC Committee may determine that NSOs may be transferred to or for the benefit of members of a participant's immediate family or certain family trusts.

#### ***Tax Withholding***

The VS HCC Committee may, in its discretion, permit a participant to satisfy the participant's tax withholding obligation either by (i) surrendering shares of VS common stock owned by the participant or (ii) having VS withhold from shares of VS common stock otherwise deliverable to the participant.

#### ***Effect of Change in Control***

In the event a participant's employment or service is terminated by VS other than for cause or, to the extent provided in the participant's employment agreement with VS, the participant resigns for good reason, in either case during the 24-month period beginning on the date of a change in control of VS, (i) options and SARs granted to the participant which are not yet exercisable shall become fully exercisable, (ii) any restrictions applicable to any restricted shares and RSUs awarded to such participant shall be deemed to have been satisfied at target and the restricted period, if any, applicable to such restricted shares and RSUs held by such participant shall be deemed to have expired and (iii) any performance objectives applicable to any performance units awarded to such participant shall be deemed to have been satisfied at target and the performance period, if any, as applicable to such performance units held by such participant shall be deemed to have expired.

#### ***Term of the 2021 Plan***

Unless earlier terminated by the Board, the 2021 Plan will terminate on the tenth anniversary of the effective date of the 2021 Plan.

#### ***Clawback of Awards***

The VS HCC Committee may terminate without payment all outstanding awards under the 2021 Plan or claw back compensation paid out under the 2021 Plan if (1) required by applicable law or (2) (i) a participant engaged in fraudulent conduct or activities relating to VS, (ii) a participant has knowledge of such conduct or activities, or (iii) a participant, based upon the participant's position, duties or responsibilities, should have had knowledge of such conduct or activities. In addition, any awards granted under the 2021 Plan will be subject to

any clawback or recoupment arrangements or policies VS has in place from time to time, and the VS HCC Committee may, to the extent permitted by applicable law and stock exchange rules or any applicable VS policy or arrangement, and will, to the extent required, cancel or require reimbursement of any awards granted to the participants or any shares of VS common stock issued or cash received upon vesting, exercise or settlement of any such award or sale of shares of VS common stock underlying such awards.

#### ***No Repricing***

Other than in connection with a corporate transaction involving VS, the terms of outstanding awards may not be amended to reduce the exercise price of options or SARs or cancel options or SARs in exchange for cash, other awards or options or SARs with an exercise price less than the original option or SAR without stockholder approval.

#### ***Amendment and Termination***

The VS Board may suspend, amend, modify or terminate the 2021 Plan, except that VS stockholders will be required to approve any amendment that would constitute a “material revision” under applicable NYSE rules. Awards granted prior to a termination of the 2021 Plan will continue in accordance with their terms following such termination. No amendment, suspension or termination of the 2021 Plan will adversely affect the rights of a participant in an award previously granted without such participant’s consent, except to the extent any such action is required by applicable law, stock market or exchange rules and regulations or accounting or tax rules and regulations.

#### **VS Associate Stock Purchase Plan**

Prior to the Distribution, we intend to adopt the VS Associate Stock Purchase Plan (the “ASPP”), subject to approval of the VS Board and LB, as our sole stockholder.

The following summary of the material terms of the ASPP does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the ASPP, a form of which is filed as Exhibit 10.11 to the registration statement to which this information statement forms a part.

#### ***Purpose***

The ASPP is intended to provide our employees and employees of participating subsidiaries and affiliates with an opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in VS through the purchase of shares of VS common stock. The ASPP has two components: (a) one component is intended as a tax-qualified employee stock purchase plan under Section 423(b) of the Code and (b) the other component, which is not intended to be tax-qualified under Section 423 of the Code, authorizes the grant of options to purchase shares of VS common stock pursuant to rules, procedures or sub-plans adopted by the administrator that are designed to achieve tax, securities laws or other objectives for eligible employees.

#### ***Administration***

The ASPP will be administered by the VS HCC Committee, who will have the authority to take any actions necessary or desirable for the administration of the ASPP, including adopting sub-plans or special rules applicable to participants in particular participating subsidiaries or affiliates or particular locations. Subject to compliance with applicable law, the VS HCC Committee may delegate to one or more officers or committees of the VS Board some or all of its authority under the ASPP. The administrator may change the minimum and maximum amounts of compensation (as defined in the ASPP) for payroll deductions, the frequency with which a participant may elect to change his or her rate of payroll deductions, the dates by which a participant is required to submit an enrollment form and the effective date of a participant’s withdrawal from the ASPP due to a termination or transfer of employment or change in status.

#### ***Authorized Shares***

The maximum number of shares available for issuance under the ASPP will be equal to 3% of the total number of outstanding shares of VS common stock on a fully diluted basis as of the Distribution Date (subject to certain capitalization adjustments). The share pool will be increased on the first day of each fiscal year following

the effective date of the ASPP by the least of (i) a number of shares equal to 3% of the total number of outstanding shares of VS common stock on a fully diluted basis as of the Distribution Date (subject to certain capitalization adjustments), (ii) 1% of the aggregate number of shares of VS common stock outstanding (on a fully diluted basis) on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year and (iii) a number of shares of VS common stock determined by the VS Board in its discretion.

#### ***Eligibility and Participation***

Any employee of VS and its participating subsidiaries or affiliates who has competed (or who has been credited with) at least six months of continuous employment service with VS or any of its participating subsidiaries or affiliates as of the first day of the applicable offering period is eligible to participate (or such other period of employment as determined by the VS HCC Committee in accordance with Section 423 of the Code). However, the VS HCC Committee otherwise retains the discretion to determine which eligible employees may participate in the plan or any offering in a manner consistent with Section 423 of the Code.

An eligible employee will not be granted an option under the 423 component of the ASPP if such grant would result in the employee owning 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of VS common stock or if such grant would permit the employee to purchase VS common stock at a rate that exceeds \$25,000 of the fair market value of the VS common stock for each calendar year in which such option is outstanding at any time.

#### ***Offering Periods***

Unless otherwise determined by the administrator, each offering period under the ASPP will have a duration of three months, with such offering periods commencing on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. However, the initial offering period under the ASPP will commence on the effective date of the plan and end on September 30, 2021.

#### ***Participation***

Participation in the ASPP is voluntary. Eligible employees may elect to participate in the ASPP by completing an enrollment form and submitting it in accordance with the enrollment procedures established by the administrator, upon which the employee authorizes payroll deductions from his or her paycheck on each payroll date during the offering period in an amount equal to at least 1%, but no more than 10%, of his or her eligible compensation (i.e., base salary and wages).

#### ***Grant and Exercise of Options***

Each participant will be granted, on the grant date of each offering period, an option to purchase, on each purchase date during such offering period, a number of shares of VS common stock determined by dividing the participant's accumulated payroll deductions by the purchase price. The purchase price for the option will equal 85% of the fair market value of a share (or such greater percentage as designated by the administrator) on the purchase date. A participant's option will be exercised automatically on each purchase date in each offering period to purchase the maximum number of whole shares of VS common stock that can be purchased with the amounts in the participant's notional account. Unless otherwise determined by the administrator, subject to certain capitalization adjustments, a participant may not purchase more than 5,000 shares of VS common stock during any one offering period.

#### ***Withdrawal***

Participants may withdraw from an offering prior to the last day of the offering period by submitting a revised enrollment form at least 15 days prior to the purchase date indicating his or her election to withdraw. The accumulated payroll deductions held on behalf of the participant in his or her notional account will be returned to the participant, and the participant's option will be automatically terminated.

#### ***Termination of Employment; Change in Employment Status; Transfer of Employment***

On a termination of a participant's employment for any reason, or a change in the participant's employment status following which the participant is no longer an eligible employee, and such termination of employment or change in employment status occurs at least 15 days prior to the applicable purchase date, the participant will be

deemed to have withdrawn from the ASPP effective as of the date of such termination of employment or change in status, the accumulated payroll deductions remaining in the participant's notional account will be returned to the participant, and the participant's option will be automatically terminated. A participant whose employment transfers between VS and a participating subsidiary or affiliate, will not be treated as having terminated employment or purposes of participating in the ASPP or an offering.

***Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization; Corporate Transactions***

In the event that any dividend or other distribution, recapitalization, stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, or other change in VS's structure affecting VS common stock, then in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits intended to be made available under the ASPP, the administrator will make equitable adjustments to the number and class of shares that may be issued under the ASPP, the purchase price per share, and the number of shares covered by each outstanding option, and the individual offering period limit.

In the event of a corporate transaction (as defined in the ASPP), each outstanding option will be assumed (or an equivalent option substituted) by the successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of such successor corporation. If the successor corporation refuses to assume or substitute such option, the offering period will be shortened by setting a new purchase date on which the offering period will end. The new purchase date for the offering period will occur before the date of the corporate transaction.

***Amendment and Termination***

The administrator may, in its sole discretion, amend, suspend or terminate the ASPP at any time and for any reason. The administrator may elect, upon termination of the ASPP, to terminate all outstanding offering periods either immediately or once shares have been purchased on the next purchase date or permit offering periods to expire in accordance with their terms.

***Term***

The ASPP will become effective on the Distribution Date and, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the ASPP, will have a term of ten years.

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

We describe below transactions and series of similar transactions, during our last three fiscal years or currently proposed, to which we were a party or will be a party, in which:

- The amounts involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000; and
- Any of our directors, executive officers or beneficial holders of more than 5% of any class of our capital stock had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Other than as described below, there have not been, nor are there any currently proposed, transactions or series of similar transactions meeting this criteria to which we have been or will be a party other than compensation arrangements, which are described where required under “Management—Board Structure,” “Management—Compensation of Directors” and “Compensation Discussion and Analysis.”

### **The Separation from LB**

The Separation will be accomplished by LB distributing all of its shares of VS common stock to holders of LB common stock entitled to such distribution, as described in “The Separation” included elsewhere in this information statement. Completion of the Separation will be subject to satisfaction or waiver by LB of the conditions to the Distribution described under “The Separation—Conditions to the Distribution.”

As part of the Separation, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements with LB to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationships with LB after the Separation. See “The Separation—Agreements with LB” for information regarding these agreements.

### **Related Party Transactions**

As a current business segment of LB, we engage in related party transactions with LB. Those transactions are described in more detail in Note 3 to the accompanying audited combined financial statements, and Note 2 to the accompanying unaudited interim combined financial statements.

### **Registration Rights Agreement**

On March 17, 2021, LB, Leslie H. Wexner and Abigail S. Wexner entered into a registration rights agreement (the “LB Registration Rights Agreement”) providing each of Mr. Wexner and Mrs. Wexner and certain of their affiliated and related entities (collectively, the “Holders”) with certain customary registration rights with respect to their respective shares of LB’s common stock. Pursuant to the terms of the LB Registration Rights Agreement, VS intends to enter into a substantially similar agreement with the Holders prior to the completion of the Separation, which will provide the Holders certain customary demand registration, shelf takedown and piggyback registration rights with respect to their respective shares of VS common stock, subject to certain customary limitations; provided that the LB Registration Rights Agreement, and VS’s obligation to enter into a substantially similar agreement with the Holders, terminates if the Holders collectively beneficially own less than 5% of the then-outstanding shares of LB’s common stock.

### **Long-term Debt Due to Related Party**

During 2020, we borrowed \$97 million from LB to pay down outstanding debt with external parties. This borrowing is due in September 2025 and has a variable interest rate based on the China Loan Prime Rate, which was 3.85% as of May 1, 2021. At the time of the Separation, we will no longer have the related party note.

### **Victoria’s Secret Guarantees**

Certain Victoria’s Secret subsidiaries, along with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of LB, guarantee and pledge collateral to secure LB’s asset-backed revolving credit facility. The ABL Facility has aggregate commitments at \$1 billion and has an expiration date in August 2024. As of May 1, 2021, there were no borrowings outstanding under the ABL Facility.

Certain Victoria’s Secret subsidiaries, along with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of LB, have also guaranteed LB’s obligations under certain of LB’s long-term notes. The guarantees are full and unconditional on a joint and several basis.

Our guarantees of obligations under LB's long-term notes are expected to terminate concurrently with the Separation, subject to standard notice provisions to the trustee. Our guarantees of obligations under the ABL Facility are also expected to terminate concurrently with the Separation, subject to consent of the lenders.

### ***LB Guarantees***

LB has provided guarantees related to certain of the Company's store and office lease payments under the current terms of noncancelable leases expiring at various dates through 2037. These guarantees include minimum rent and additional payments covering taxes, common area costs and certain other expenses.

Certain of our China subsidiaries utilize revolving and term loan bank facilities to support their operations. These facilities are guaranteed by LB and certain of LB's and our 100% owned subsidiaries. As of May 1, 2021, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Foreign Facilities. Further, during 2020, LB placed cash on deposit with certain financial institutions as collateral for the Foreign Facilities. The amount of collateral required was dependent upon the aggregate lending commitments and totaled \$30 million as of May 1, 2021. We expect to terminate the Foreign Facilities prior to the Separation.

Under the Separation and Distribution Agreement, the Company is required to use commercially reasonable efforts to, effective as of the Distribution, terminate any guarantee provided by LB or any of its subsidiaries for the benefit of the Company or its subsidiaries, or remove or substitute LB and its subsidiaries as guarantors under such guarantees and, if not effected by the Distribution, to effect such termination, removal or substitution as soon as reasonably practicable after the Distribution.

### **Review, Approval or Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons**

We expect that our Board of Directors will adopt procedures for the review of any transactions and relationships in which we and any of our directors, nominees for director or executive officers, or any of their immediate family members, are participants, to determine whether any of these individuals have a direct or indirect material interest in any such transaction. We expect that we will develop and implement processes and controls to obtain information from the directors and executive officers about related person transactions, and for determining, based on the facts and circumstances, whether a related person has a direct or indirect material interest in any such transaction. Transactions that are determined to be directly or indirectly material to a related person will be disclosed by us as required. Pursuant to these processes, we expect that all directors and executive officers will annually complete, sign and submit a Director and Executive Officer Questionnaire designed to identify related person transactions and both actual and potential conflicts of interest.

As described above, we expect that the Board of Directors will adopt one or more codes of ethics applicable to our directors and executive officers that will prohibit directors and executive officers from entering into transactions, or having any relationships, that would result in a conflict of interest with us. Any waivers of the codes of ethics for directors and executive officers will only be granted by the Board of Directors or a Committee of the Board.



## OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK BY CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

As of the date of this information statement, all of the outstanding shares of VS common stock are owned by LB. After the Separation, LB will not directly or indirectly own any of our common stock. The following tables provide information with respect to the expected beneficial ownership of VS common stock by (1) each person who is known by us who we believe will be a beneficial owner of more than 5% of VS outstanding common stock immediately after the Distribution (assuming they maintain such ownership positions when the Distribution occurs) based on current publicly available information, (2) each identified director of VS, (3) each NEO and (4) all identified VS executive officers and directors as a group. We based the share amounts on each person's beneficial ownership of LB common stock as of the close of business on , 2021 and applying the distribution ratio of one share of our common stock for every shares of LB common stock held as of the record date for the Distribution, unless we indicate some other date or basis for the share amounts in the applicable footnotes.

Except as otherwise noted in the footnotes below, each person or entity identified below is expected to have sole voting and investment power with respect to such securities. Following the Separation, VS will have outstanding an aggregate of approximately shares of common stock based upon approximately shares of LB common stock outstanding on , 2021 assuming no exercise of LB stock options, and applying the distribution ratio of one share of our common stock for every shares of LB common stock.

To the extent our directors and executive officers own LB common stock at the record date for the Distribution, they will participate in the Distribution on the same terms as other holders of LB common stock.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each stockholder, director or officer is determined according to the rules of the SEC and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose.

### Holdings of Certain Beneficial Owners

As of the date of this information statement, all of the outstanding shares of VS common stock are owned by LB. The following table sets forth information regarding each stockholder who is expected to beneficially own more than 5% of our common stock immediately following the Separation. The table is based upon an assumption that, for every shares of LB common stock held by such persons, they will receive one share of VS common stock:

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Leslie H. Wexner <sup>(1)</sup>		
Lone Pine Capital LLC, David F. Craver, Brian F. Doherty, Mala Gaonkar, Kelly A. Granat, Stephen F. Mandel, Jr. and Kerry A. Tyler <sup>(2)</sup>		
The Vanguard Group <sup>(3)</sup>		
Melvin Capital Management LP <sup>(4)</sup>		
Egerton Capital (UK) LLP <sup>(5)</sup>		
Abigail S. Wexner <sup>(1)</sup>		

- (1) As of March 24, 2021, based solely on information set forth in the Schedule 13D/A filed March 24, 2021 by Leslie H. Wexner and Abigail S. Wexner. Mr. and Mrs. Wexner's address is Three Limited Parkway, P.O. Box 16000, Columbus, OH 43216.
- (2) As of December 31, 2020, based solely on information set forth in the Schedule 13G filed February 16, 2021 by Lone Pine Capital LLC, David F. Craver, Brian F. Doherty, Mala Gaonkar, Kelly A. Granat, Stephen F. Mandel, Jr. and Kerry A. Tyler (each, a "Lone Pine Reporting Person"). Each Lone Pine Reporting Person has shared dispositive power over shares and shared voting power over shares. Each Lone Pine Reporting Person's address is Two Greenwich Plaza Greenwich, CT 06830.
- (3) As of December 31, 2020, based solely on information set forth in the Schedule 13G/A filed February 10, 2021 by The Vanguard Group ("Vanguard"). Vanguard has sole dispositive power over shares, and has shared dispositive power over shares and shared voting power over shares. Vanguard's address is 100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355.
- (4) As of December 31, 2020, based solely on information set forth in the Schedule 13G filed February 16, 2021 by Melvin Capital Management LP ("Melvin"). Melvin has shared dispositive power over shares and shared voting power over shares. Melvin's address is 535 Madison Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10022.

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- (5) As of December 31, 2020, based solely on information set forth in the Schedule 13G filed February 10, 2021 by Egerton Capital (UK) LLP ("Egerton"). Egerton has sole dispositive power over shares and sole voting power over shares. Egerton's address is 5 Stratton Street, London, W1J 8LA, United Kingdom.

### Holdings of Directors and Executive Officers

As of the date of this information statement, all of the outstanding shares of VS common stock are owned by LB. The following table sets forth the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned, based on the presentation previously described, as of , 2021 by each of the identified directors of VS, NEOs in the Summary Compensation Table in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and all identified VS executive officers and directors as a group. The table is based upon an assumption that, for every shares of LB stock held by such person, they will receive one share of VS common stock.

For purposes of this table, shares are considered to be "beneficially" owned if the person, directly or indirectly, has sole or shared voting or investment power with respect to such shares. In addition, a person is deemed to beneficially own shares if that person has the right to acquire such shares within 60 days of , 2021. No executive officer or director holds any class of equity securities other than LB common stock or LB equity awards that may give them the right to acquire beneficial ownership of LB common stock, and it is not expected that any of them will own any class of equity securities of VS other than common stock following the Distribution.

Name	Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned(a)	Percentage of Class
Irene Chang Britt		
Sarah Davis		
Jacqueline Hernandez		
Donna A. James		
Lauren B. Peters		
Anne Sheehan		
Martin Waters		
Tim Johnson		
Amy Hauk		
Gregory Unis		
Stuart Burgdoerfer		
John Mehas		
All executive officers and directors (11 persons)		

\* Less than 1%

- (a) Unless otherwise indicated, each named person has voting and investment power over the listed shares and such voting and investment power is exercised solely by the named person or shared with a spouse. None of the listed shares have been pledged as security or otherwise deposited as collateral.

## DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL INDEBTEDNESS

In connection with the Separation, we expect to enter into a Term Loan B Credit Agreement for the Term Loan B Facility (the “Term Loan B Credit Agreement”) and an Asset-Backed Revolving Credit Agreement for the ABL Facility (the “ABL Credit Agreement”) and complete the offering of \$600 million of 4.625% senior notes due 2029, as described below, such that we will have a total principal amount of outstanding debt of \$1.0 billion immediately following the Separation, consisting of a \$400 million seven-year term loan pursuant to the Term Loan B Credit Agreement and the \$600 million of eight-year senior notes. We currently intend to use all of the net proceeds from these borrowings to fund the LB Cash Payment and to pay related fees and expenses.

### Term Loan B Facility

Substantially concurrent with the consummation of the Separation, we expect to enter into a Term Loan B Facility (the “Term Loan B Facility”), which is expected to mature seven years from the closing date thereof. Interest on the loans under the Term Loan B Facility is expected to be calculated by reference to the LIBOR and an alternative base rate, plus an interest rate margin equal to (x) in the case of LIBOR loans, 3.25% and (y) in the case of alternate base rate loans, 2.25%. The LIBOR rate applicable to the Term Loan B Facility is expected to be subject to a floor of 0.50%.

It is expected that the Term Loan B Facility will provide that the Company will have the right at any time, subject to customary conditions, to request incremental term loans in an aggregate principal amount of (i) up to the greater of (x) \$1,000 million and (y) 100% of Consolidated EBITDA for the preceding four fiscal quarters of the Company and (ii) an amount such that our senior first lien net leverage ratio would not exceed 1.50:1.00. The lenders under the Term Loan B Facility will not be under any obligation to provide any such incremental loans or commitments, and any such addition of or increase in loans will be subject to certain customary conditions precedent and other provisions.

The Term Loan B Facility is expected to contain customary mandatory prepayments, including with respect to excess cash flow, asset sale proceeds and proceeds from certain incurrences of indebtedness. It is expected that the Company may voluntarily repay outstanding loans under the Term Loan B Facility at any time without premium or penalty, other than customary breakage costs with respect to LIBOR loans; provided, however, that we expect that any voluntary prepayment, refinancing or repricing of the Term Loan B Facility in connection with certain repricing transactions that occur prior to the six-month anniversary of the closing of the Term Loan B Facility will be subject to a prepayment premium of 1.00% of the principal amount of the term loans so prepaid, refinanced or repriced.

The Term Loan B Facility is expected to amortize in equal quarterly installments in an aggregate annual amount equal to 1.00% of the original principal amount thereon, with the balance being payable on the date that is seven years after the closing of the Term Loan B Facility.

Our obligations under the Term Loan B Facility (collectively, “Term Loan Obligations”) are expected to be guaranteed (the “Term Loan Guarantees”) by our existing and future wholly-owned domestic material subsidiaries, other than securitization subsidiaries (in such capacity, the “Term Loan Guarantors”). The Term Loan Obligations are expected to be secured by first priority liens on the Term Loan Priority Collateral and second-priority liens on the ABL Priority Collateral. The Term Loan Guarantee and security interest of a Term Loan Guarantor may be released where such Term Loan Guarantor ceases to be a consolidated subsidiary of us pursuant to a transaction permitted under the Term Loan Facility. The Term Loan Facility is expected to contain various covenants, including, for example, those that restrict our ability and the ability of our consolidated subsidiaries to incur certain types of indebtedness or to grant certain liens on their respective property or assets.

### ABL Facility

Substantially concurrent with the Separation, we expect to enter into a senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility (the “ABL Facility” and, together with the Term Loan B Facility, the “Credit Facilities”), which is expected to mature five years from the closing date thereof. The ABL Facility is expected to allow us to borrow and obtain letters of credit in U.S. dollars or Canadian dollars in amounts available to be drawn from time to time (including, in part, in the form of letters of credit) equal to the lesser of (i) the borrowing base, which equals the sum of 95.0% of eligible credit card receivables, 85.0% of eligible accounts receivable, 90.0% of the net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory and 50.0% of eligible real property (up to the lesser of (x) \$150 million and (y) 25% of the borrowing base), subject, in each case, to customary eligibility criteria and reserves established by the collateral agent under the ABL

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Facility from time to time, and (ii) the aggregate revolving credit commitments. Interest on the loans under the ABL Facility is expected to be calculated by reference to (x) the LIBOR and an alternative base rate and (y) in the case of loans denominated in Canadian dollars, Canadian Dollar Offered Rate (“CDOR”) and a Canadian base rate, plus an interest rate margin based on average daily excess availability ranging (x) in the case of LIBOR and CDOR loans, 1.50% to 2.00% and (y) in the case of alternate base rate loans and Canadian base rate loans, 0.50% to 1.00%. Unused commitments under the ABL Facility are expected to accrue an unused commitment fee ranging from 0.25% to 0.30%.

Our obligations under the ABL Facility (as well as any obligation of us or any ABL Guarantor (as defined below) in respect of hedging arrangements, cash management arrangements, open account agreements (subject to a cap) and certain separate letters of credit (subject to a cap), in each case, with any of the lenders thereunder or their respective affiliates) (collectively, the “ABL Obligations”) are expected to be guaranteed (the “ABL Guarantees”) by our existing and future domestic and Canadian wholly-owned material subsidiaries, subject to customary exceptions (the “ABL Guarantors”). The ABL Obligations are expected to be secured by first priority liens on, among other things, credit card receivables, accounts receivable, deposit accounts, inventory and, at the Company’s election, real property (collectively, the “ABL Priority Collateral”), and second-priority liens on substantially all other assets of the Company and the ABL Guarantors, including intellectual property, but subject to customary exceptions (collectively, the “Non-ABL Priority Collateral”). The ABL Guarantee and security interest of an ABL Guarantor may be released where such ABL Guarantor ceases to be a consolidated subsidiary of us pursuant to a transaction permitted under the ABL Facility.

The ABL Facility is expected to contain various covenants, including, for example, those that restrict our ability and the ability of our consolidated subsidiaries to incur certain types of indebtedness or to grant certain liens on their respective property or assets. The ABL Facility is also expected to include a covenant that requires us to maintain a 1.00:1.00 consolidated EBITDAR to consolidated fixed charges financial maintenance covenant that is tested during the continuation of any specified event of default and any period (i) commencing on any day when specified excess availability is less than the greater of (x) \$70 million and (y) 10% of the maximum borrowing amount and (ii) ending after specified excess availability has been greater than the amount set forth in clause (i) above for 30 consecutive calendar days.

Borrowings under the ABL Facility are expected to mature, and lending commitments thereunder are expected to terminate, five years after the closing of the ABL Facility.

We expect the ABL Facility to be undrawn at the Separation. As of May 1, 2021, on an as adjusted basis to give effect to (i) the Separation, (ii) the issuance of the 4.625% senior notes due 2029, (iii) the establishment of the Credit Facilities and the incurrence of \$400 million in new indebtedness under the Term Loan B Facility and (iv) the LB Cash Payment, we estimate that we would have had a borrowing base of approximately \$526 million and availability under the ABL Facility of \$485 million, after considering letters of credit of \$41 million.

### **Senior Notes**

We expect to issue \$600 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.625% senior notes due 2029 in a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act (the “senior notes”) prior to completion of the Separation, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The senior notes were priced at par, resulting in a yield to maturity of 4.625%. Interest is payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 of each year to holders of record at the close of business on January 1 and July 1 immediately preceding the interest payment date. The proceeds received from the senior notes offering will be deposited into an escrow account at the closing of the offering for release to VS upon satisfaction of certain conditions, including the substantially simultaneous consummation of the Separation and the transactions contemplated thereby. If (i) the conditions for the release of the proceeds of the senior notes offering from escrow are not satisfied on or prior to the close of business on January 15, 2022 or (ii) we notify the escrow agent that we will not pursue the Separation, the senior notes will be subject to mandatory redemption. The senior notes will be senior unsecured obligations. Upon issuance, the senior notes will not be guaranteed. From and after the date on which the proceeds of the offering are released from escrow, the senior notes will be guaranteed by each of our existing and future wholly-owned domestic restricted subsidiaries that (i) guarantees the Term Loan B Facility, (ii) is a borrower under the ABL Facility or (iii) guarantees or incurs any other material debt. VS intends to use the net proceeds from the senior notes together with the net proceeds from the Term Loan B Facility to fund the LB Cash Payment and to pay related fees and expenses.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

*Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws will be amended and restated prior to the Separation. The following descriptions are summaries of the material terms of our capital stock based on the applicable provisions of Delaware law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws that will be in effect at the time of the Separation. The summaries and descriptions below do not purport to be complete statements of the relevant provisions of the applicable provisions of Delaware law or of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or our amended and restated bylaws to be in effect at the time of the Separation. The summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws, which we recommend that you read (along with the applicable provisions of Delaware law) for additional information on our capital stock as of the time of the Separation.*

### General

Upon completion of the Separation, we will be authorized to issue shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. Our Board of Directors may authorize the issuance of one or more series of preferred stock and establish, among other things, the rights, preferences and privileges of any such series of preferred stock from time to time without stockholder approval.

### Common Stock

*Common stock outstanding.* Upon completion of the Separation, we expect there will be approximately \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock outstanding, to be held of record by stockholders based upon approximately \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock outstanding as of \_\_\_\_\_, applying the distribution ratio of one share of our common stock for every \_\_\_\_\_ shares of LB common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable, and the shares of common stock to be issued upon completion of the Distribution will be fully paid and non-assessable.

*Voting rights.* The holders of common stock will be entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted on by stockholders. Generally, all matters to be voted on by stockholders must be approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the meeting on such matter. Directors will be elected by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the meeting with respect to such director's election, except that if the number of nominees in any given election exceeds the number of directors to be elected, the directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by holders of shares entitled to vote in the election at the meeting.

*Dividends.* Subject to the rights of any shares of preferred stock which may at the time be outstanding, holders of common stock are entitled to receive dividends as may be declared from time to time by our Board of Directors out of funds legally available therefor.

*Rights upon liquidation.* In the event of liquidation or dissolution of our company, each share of common stock is entitled to share ratably in any distribution of our assets after payment or providing for the payment of liabilities and the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred stock.

*Other rights.* Holders of our common stock have no preferential, preemptive, conversion or redemption rights. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of our common stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that our Board of Directors may authorize and issue in the future.

### Preferred Stock

Our Board of Directors will have the authority to issue, without further vote or action by our stockholders, preferred stock in one or more series. Subject to the limitations prescribed by Delaware law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our Board of Directors may fix the designations, powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other rights, if any, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, dividend rates, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, redemption prices, liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting any series or the designation of such series.

The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of the common stock and the likelihood that such holders will receive dividend payments and payments upon liquidation. In addition, the issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of VS without further action by our stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of common stock. At present, VS has no plans to issue any of the preferred stock.

### **Election and Removal of Directors**

We expect that our Board of Directors will initially consist of seven directors, and thereafter, the number of directors will be fixed exclusively by one or more resolutions adopted from time to time solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors. Each director shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast at the meeting with respect to such director's election at which a quorum is present, except that if the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected, the directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by holders of shares entitled to vote in the election at the meeting. In order for an incumbent director to become a nominee for further service on the Board of Directors, or for any other person to become a nominee for service on the Board of Directors, such director or other person must submit an irrevocable resignation that will be effective upon (a) such director or other person not receiving a majority of the votes cast in an election that is not a contested election, and (b) the acceptance of such director's or other person's resignation by the Board of Directors.

Directors will be removable, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors and any newly created directorship may be filled only by a majority of the remaining directors in office (although less than a quorum).

### **Annual Election of Directors**

Each director will be elected annually by the stockholders at each annual meeting of stockholders for a term expiring at the next annual meeting of stockholders. See "Management—Board of Directors Following the Separation."

### **Limits on Stockholder Action by Written Consent**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws will provide that holders of our common stock will not be able to act by written consent without a stockholder meeting.

### **Special Meetings**

Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that special meetings of the stockholders may be called by the chair of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the total number of directors or, subject to certain procedural requirements, the Board of Directors at the written request to our secretary by the holders of at least 25% of the outstanding shares of VS common stock entitled to vote on the matter or matters entitled to vote at the meeting.

Our amended and restated bylaws will not permit a special meeting to be held at the request of stockholders if (a) the request does not comply with the procedural requirements set forth in our amended and restated bylaws, (b) the request relates to an item of business that is not a proper subject for stockholder action under the certificate of incorporation or applicable law, (c) the request is received by VS during the period commencing 90 days prior to the first anniversary of the date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders and ending on the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders, (d) an annual or special meeting of stockholders that included an identical or substantially similar item of business was held not more than 120 days before the request was received by our secretary, (e) the Board of Directors has called or calls for an annual or special meeting of stockholders to be held within 90 days after the request is received by our secretary and the business to be conducted at such meeting includes an identical or substantially similar item of business or (f) the request was made in a manner that involved a violation of Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act or other applicable law.

### **Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation**

Our certificate of incorporation may be amended by stockholders upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding stock entitled to vote thereon.

## **Amendment of Bylaws**

Our certificate of incorporation grants our Board of Directors the power to amend our bylaws without a stockholder vote.

## **Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nomination and Proposals**

Under our amended and restated bylaws, stockholders of record will be able to nominate persons for election to our Board of Directors or bring other business constituting a proper matter for stockholder action only by providing proper notice to our secretary. Proper notice must be generally received not less 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary date of the annual meeting for the preceding year; provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced by more than 30 days prior to such anniversary or delayed more than 90 days after such anniversary, then to be timely, such notice must be received no earlier than 120 days prior to such annual meeting and no later than the later of 90 days prior to the date of the meeting or the 10th day following the day on which announcement of the date of the meeting was first made. The notice must include, among other information, the name and address of the stockholder giving the notice, information about the stockholder's ownership of securities in the company, certain information relating to each person whom such stockholder proposes to nominate for election as a director and a brief description of any business such stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting and the reason for bringing such proposal. For the purposes of these advance notice provisions of our amended and restated bylaws, the first anniversary date of our 2021 annual meeting shall be deemed to be May 20, 2022.

## **Proxy Access**

Under our amended and restated bylaws, up to 20 stockholders owning 3% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock continuously for at least three years may nominate the greater of two directors or up to 20% of our Board of Directors, and include those nominees in our proxy materials. Notice of stockholder nominations for persons for election as a director that are to be included in our proxy statement must be delivered or mailed and received at our principal executive offices, not less than 120 days nor more than 150 days prior to the first anniversary of the date that we first distributed our proxy statement to stockholders for the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders.

## **Limitation of Liability of Directors and Officers**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provide that no director will be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of any duty as a director, except for the following:

- Any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to our company or our stockholders;
- Any act or omission not in good faith or which involved intentional misconduct of a knowing violation of law;
- Unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions as provided in Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law; and
- Any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

As a result, neither we nor our stockholders have the right, including through stockholders' derivative suits on our behalf, to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of any duty as a director, including breaches resulting from grossly negligent behavior, except in the situations described above.

Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, we will indemnify any of our officers and directors in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding to which such person is, or is threatened to be made, a party, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, arising out of the fact that the person is or was our director or officer, or served any other enterprise at our request as a director or officer.

We expect to maintain insurance for our officers and directors against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, under insurance policies, the premiums of which will be paid by us. The effect of these will be to indemnify any of our officers or directors against expenses, judgments, attorneys' fees and other amounts paid in settlements incurred by an officer or director arising from claims against such persons for conduct in their capacities as officers or directors of VS.



The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions that will be in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duties. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, the indemnification provisions may adversely affect your investment to the extent that, in a class action or direct suit, we are required to pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions. There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding against any VS directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought.

### **Forum Selection**

Pursuant to our amended and restated bylaws, as will be in effect upon the completion of the Separation, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, a state court located within the State of Delaware (or, if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal court for the District of Delaware) shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf; (ii) any action asserting a claim for or based on a breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our director or officer or other employee or agent to us or to our stockholders, including a claim alleging the aiding and abetting of such a breach of fiduciary duty; (iii) any action asserting a claim against us or any of our director or officer or other employee or agent arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or our certificate of incorporation or bylaws; (iv) any action asserting a claim related to or involving us that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine; or (v) any action asserting an “internal corporate claim” as that term is defined in Section 115 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. These exclusive forum provisions will apply to all covered actions, including any covered action in which the plaintiff chooses to assert a claim or claims under federal law in addition to a claim or claims under Delaware law. These exclusive forum provisions, however, will not apply to actions asserting only federal law claims under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, regardless of whether the state courts in the State of Delaware have jurisdiction over those claims.

### **Anti-Takeover Effects of Some Provisions**

Some of the provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws (as described above), including the stockholder approval requirements for certain business combinations (as described below), could make the following more difficult:

- Acquisition of control of us by means of a proxy contest or otherwise, or
- Removal of our incumbent officers and directors.

These provisions, including our ability to issue preferred stock, are designed to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our Board of Directors. We believe that the benefits of increased protection will give us the potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us, and that the benefits of this increased protection will outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging those proposals, because negotiation of those proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

### **Delaware Business Combinations**

We have elected to be subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which regulates corporate acquisitions. Section 203 prevents an “interested stockholder,” which is defined generally as a person owning 15% or more of a corporation’s voting stock, or any affiliate or associate of that person, from engaging in a broad range of “business combinations” with the corporation for three years after becoming an interested stockholder unless:

- the board of directors of the corporation had, prior to the person becoming an interested stockholder, approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder’s becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder’s becoming an interested stockholder, that person owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than statutorily excluded shares; or



- following the transaction in which that person became an interested stockholder, the business combination is approved by the board of directors of the corporation and holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder.

Under Section 203, the restrictions described above also do not apply to specific business combinations proposed by an interested stockholder following the announcement or notification of designated extraordinary transactions involving the corporation and a person who had not been an interested stockholder during the previous three years or who became an interested stockholder with the approval of a majority of the corporation's directors, if such extraordinary transaction is approved or not opposed by a majority of the directors who were directors prior to any person becoming an interested stockholder during the previous three years or were recommended for election or elected to succeed such directors by a majority of such directors.

Section 203 may make it more difficult for a person who would be an interested stockholder to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period. Section 203 also may have the effect of preventing changes in our management and could make it more difficult to accomplish transactions which our stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

### **Distributions of Securities**

VS was formed on April 9, 2021, and since its formation, it has not sold any securities, including sales of reacquired securities, new issues (other than to LB pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act in connection with its formation, which VS did not register under the Securities Act because such issuance did not constitute a public offer), securities issued in exchange for property, services or other securities, and new securities resulting from the modification of outstanding securities.

### **Authorized But Unissued Shares**

Our authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock will be available for future issuance without your approval. We may use additional shares for a variety of purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, to fund acquisitions and as employee compensation. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of VS by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for the common stock will be American Stock Transfer.

### **Listing**

We have been approved to list our common stock on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "VSCO."

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form 10 with the SEC with respect to the shares of our common stock being distributed in the Separation as contemplated by this information statement. This information statement is a part of, and does not contain all of the information set forth in, the registration statement and the exhibits to the registration statement. For further information with respect to our company and our common stock, please refer to the registration statement, including its exhibits. Statements made in this information statement relating to any contract or other document are not necessarily complete, and you should refer to the exhibits attached to the registration statement for the full text of the actual contract or document. You may review a copy of the registration statement, including its exhibits, at the Internet website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Information contained on any website referenced in this information statement is not incorporated by reference into this information statement or the registration statement of which this information statement forms a part.

After the Separation, we will become subject to the information and reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, we will file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our future filings will be available from the SEC as described above.

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Our fiscal year ends on the Saturday nearest to January 31. Fiscal years are designated in the Combined Financial Statements and Notes by the calendar year in which the fiscal year commences. The results for 2020, 2019 and 2018 refer to the 52-week periods ended January 30, 2021, February 1, 2020 and February 2, 2019, respectively.

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Our fiscal year ends on the Saturday nearest to January 31. As used herein, “first quarter of 2021” and “first quarter of 2020” refer to the thirteen-week periods ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020, respectively.

## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of L Brands, Inc.

### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying Combined Balance Sheets of the Victoria's Secret Business of L Brands, Inc. (the Company) as of January 30, 2021, and February 1, 2020, the related Combined Statements of Income (Loss), Comprehensive Income (Loss), Total Equity (Deficit), and Cash Flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 30, 2021, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "combined financial statements"). In our opinion, the combined financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, and the results of its operations and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 30, 2021, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### **Adoption of New Accounting Standard**

As discussed in Note 1 to the combined financial statements, the Company has changed its method for accounting for leases as of February 3, 2019 due to the adoption of the ASU 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842).

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Critical Audit Matter**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the combined financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

## Impairment of Store Assets

Description of the Matter      As discussed in Note 1 to the combined financial statements, the Company reviews long-lived store assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. Store assets are grouped at the lowest level for which they are largely independent of other assets or asset groups. If the estimated undiscounted future cash flows related to the asset group are less than the carrying value, the Company recognizes a loss equal to the difference between the carrying value and the estimated fair value, determined by the estimated discounted future cash flows of the asset group.

The Company concluded that negative operating results for certain of the Victoria's Secret stores were an indicator of potential impairment of the related store asset groups. As a result, the Company recognized an impairment loss on leasehold improvements and store related assets of approximately \$136 million for the year ended January 30, 2021. In addition, the Company recognized an impairment loss of \$118 million for the operating lease assets.

Auditing management's long-lived store asset impairment analysis, including operating lease assets, is complex and highly judgmental due to the estimation required in determining the future cash flows used to assess recoverability of the store assets (undiscounted) and determining the fair value (discounted). The significant assumptions used include estimated future cash flows directly related to the future operation of the stores (including sales growth rate and gross margin rate), as well as the discount rate used to determine fair value. Significant assumptions used in determining the fair value of the operating lease assets include the current market rent for the remaining lease term of the related stores. These assumptions are subjective in nature and are affected by expectations about future market or economic conditions.

How We Addressed the Matter in Our Audit      We tested the design and operating effectiveness of controls over the Company's process to identify impairment indicators, determine the undiscounted future cash flows for the stores, and determine the fair value for those store assets (including those related to operating leases) that were deemed to be impaired. Our testing included controls over management's review of the significant assumptions described above.

Our testing of the Company's impairment measurement included, among other procedures, evaluating the significant assumptions and operating data used to calculate the estimated future cash flows, as well as the estimated fair value. For example, we assessed the Company's long-range plan that is developed by management and reviewed by the Board of Directors and serves as the basis for the future cash flows in the analysis. We inquired of the Company's executives to understand the underlying assumptions in the future cash flows and compared the future cash flows to the Company's actual performance. We performed a sensitivity analysis on the significant assumptions to evaluate the changes in the fair value of the store assets that would result from changes in the assumptions. We also involved internal specialists to assist in testing the estimated market rental rates of the store leases by comparing them to market rates from comparable leases.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP  
We have served as the Company's auditor since 2020.

Grandview Heights, Ohio  
April 16, 2021

**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS**

(in millions)

	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 335	\$ 245
Accounts Receivable, Net	121	157
Inventories	701	855
Prepaid Expenses	26	49
Other	56	52
Total Current Assets	1,239	1,358
Property and Equipment, Net	1,078	1,423
Operating Lease Assets	1,590	2,140
Trade Name	246	246
Deferred Income Taxes	20	25
Other Assets	56	78
Total Assets	<u>\$4,229</u>	<u>\$5,270</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 338	\$ 384
Accrued Expenses and Other	776	614
Current Debt	—	61
Current Operating Lease Liabilities	421	341
Income Taxes Payable	15	32
Due to Related Parties	6	8
Total Current Liabilities	1,556	1,440
Deferred Income Taxes	19	89
Long-term Debt	—	92
Long-term Debt due to Related Party	97	—
Long-term Operating Lease Liabilities	1,553	2,158
Other Long-term Liabilities	113	177
Total Liabilities	3,338	3,956
<b>Equity</b>		
Noncontrolling Interest	—	2
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	4	(29)
Net Investment by L Brands, Inc.	887	1,341
Total Equity	891	1,314
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$4,229</u>	<u>\$5,270</u>

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

**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.  
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)**

(in millions)

	2020	2019	2018
Net Sales	\$ 5,413	\$ 7,509	\$ 8,103
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	(3,842)	(5,446)	(5,414)
Gross Profit	1,571	2,063	2,689
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	(1,672)	(2,235)	(2,289)
Impairment of Goodwill	—	(720)	—
Operating Income (Loss)	(101)	(892)	400
Interest Expense	(6)	(8)	(2)
Other Income (Loss)	1	1	(7)
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	(106)	(899)	391
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	(34)	(2)	140
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (72)</u>	<u>\$ (897)</u>	<u>\$ 251</u>

**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.  
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

(in millions)

	2020	2019	2018
Net Income (Loss)	\$(72)	\$(897)	\$251
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax:			
Foreign Currency Translation	(3)	(6)	(5)
Reclassification of Currency Translation to Earnings	36	—	—
Unrealized Gain on Cash Flow Hedges	—	1	6
Reclassification of Cash Flow Hedges to Earnings	—	(3)	2
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	<u>\$ 33</u>	<u>\$ (8)</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	<u><u>\$(39)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(905)</u></u>	<u><u>\$254</u></u>

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**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.  
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(in millions)

	2020	2019	2018
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (72)	\$(897)	\$ 251
<b>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>			
Depreciation of Long-lived Assets	326	411	425
Amortization of Landlord Allowances	—	—	(29)
Asset Impairment Charges	254	263	101
Impairment of Goodwill	—	720	—
Share-based Compensation Expense	25	38	39
Deferred Income Taxes	(64)	(30)	(35)
Gain related to formation of Victoria's Secret U.K. Joint Venture	(54)	—	—
Gain from Hong Kong Store Closure and Lease Termination	(39)	—	—
<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities, Net of Assets and Liabilities related to Divestiture:</b>			
Accounts Receivable	36	14	10
Inventories	141	20	(20)
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other	49	(118)	(27)
Income Taxes Payable	(25)	(49)	(114)
Other Assets and Liabilities	97	(57)	97
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>698</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Capital Expenditures	(127)	(225)	(341)
Other Investing Activities	4	(18)	(2)
<b>Net Cash Used for Investing Activities</b>	<b>(123)</b>	<b>(243)</b>	<b>(343)</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>			
Borrowings from Foreign Facilities	34	167	172
Repayments of Foreign Facilities	(189)	(162)	(109)
Borrowing from Related Party	97	—	—
Net Transfers to L Brands, Inc.	(407)	(197)	(327)
<b>Net Cash Used for Financing Activities</b>	<b>(465)</b>	<b>(192)</b>	<b>(264)</b>
Effects of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	(4)	2
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>(124)</b>	<b>93</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of the Year	245	369	276
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of the Year</b>	<b>\$ 335</b>	<b>\$ 245</b>	<b>\$ 369</b>

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**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.  
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**

(in millions)

	Net Investment by L Brands, Inc.	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity
Balance, February 3, 2018	\$2,468	\$(24)	\$ 2	\$2,446
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change	(32)	—	—	(32)
Balance, February 4, 2018	2,436	(24)	2	2,414
Net Income	251	—	—	251
Other Comprehensive Income	—	3	—	3
Total Comprehensive Income	251	3	—	254
Net Transfers to L Brands, Inc.	(288)	—	—	(288)
Balance, February 2, 2019	2,399	(21)	2	2,380
Cumulative Effect of Accounting Change	(2)	—	—	(2)
Balance, February 3, 2019	2,397	(21)	2	2,378
Net Loss	(897)	—	—	(897)
Other Comprehensive Loss	—	(8)	—	(8)
Total Comprehensive Loss	(897)	(8)	—	(905)
Net Transfers to L Brands, Inc.	(159)	—	—	(159)
Balance, February 1, 2020	1,341	(29)	2	1,314
Net Loss	(72)	—	—	(72)
Other Comprehensive Income	—	33	—	33
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(72)	33	—	(39)
Other	—	—	(2)	(2)
Net Transfers to L Brands, Inc.	(382)	—	—	(382)
Balance, January 30, 2021	<u>\$ 887</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$ 891</u>

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## VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**1. Background, Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*****Description of Business***

L Brands, Inc. ("L Brands" or the "Parent") operates the Bath & Body Works, Victoria's Secret and PINK retail brands in the highly competitive specialty retail business. L Brands is committed to establishing its Bath & Body Works business as a pure-play public company and is taking the necessary steps to prepare its Victoria's Secret business, including PINK, to operate as a separate standalone company.

Victoria's Secret (the "Company") is a specialty retailer of women's intimate and other apparel and beauty products marketed under the Victoria's Secret and PINK brand names. The Company operates more than 930 Victoria's Secret and PINK stores in the U.S., Canada and Greater China as well as online at [www.VictoriasSecret.com](http://www.VictoriasSecret.com) and [www.PINK.com](http://www.PINK.com). Additionally, Victoria's Secret and PINK have more than 455 stores in more than 70 countries operating under franchise, license and wholesale arrangements. The Company also includes the Victoria's Secret and PINK merchandise sourcing and production function serving the Company and its international partners.

The Company manages and evaluates its business activities based on geography and, as a result, determined that its Victoria's Secret North America and Victoria's Secret International businesses are its operating segments. The North America and International operating segments both sell women's intimate and other apparel and beauty products under the Victoria's Secret and PINK brand names and serve customers through stores and online channels. The operating segments share similar economic and other qualitative characteristics, and therefore the results are aggregated into one reportable segment.

***Basis of Presentation***

The combined financial statements have been derived from the consolidated financial statements and accounting records of L Brands and have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). The combined financial statements may not be indicative of the Company's future performance and do not necessarily reflect what the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows would have been had it operated as an independent company during the periods presented.

Intracompany transactions have been eliminated. Transactions between the Company and L Brands have been included in these combined financial statements. For those transactions between the Company and L Brands that have been historically settled in cash, the Company has reflected such balances in the Combined Balance Sheets as Due from Related Parties or Due to Related Parties. The aggregate net effect of transactions between the Company and related parties that have been historically settled other than in cash are reflected in the Combined Balance Sheets as Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. and in the Combined Statements of Cash Flows as Net Transfers to L Brands, Inc. For additional information, see Note 3, "Transactions with Related Parties."

The Combined Balance Sheets include certain L Brands' assets and liabilities that are specifically identifiable or otherwise attributable to the Company. L Brands' third-party long-term notes payable and the related interest expense have not been allocated to the Company for any of the periods presented as the Company was not the legal obligor of such debt. Except for Long-term Debt due to Related Party, the debt and associated interest expense reflected in the Combined Balance Sheets relate to third-party borrowings specifically attributable to, and legal obligations of, the Company.

L Brands utilizes a centralized approach to cash management and financing its operations. The Cash and Cash Equivalents held by L Brands at the corporate level are not specifically identifiable to the Company and, therefore, have not been reflected in the Company's Combined Balance Sheets. Cash transfers between L Brands and the Company are accounted for through Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Combined Balance Sheets represent Cash and Cash Equivalents held by the Company at period-end prior to any potential transfer to the centralized cash management pool of L Brands.

The Combined Statements of Income (Loss) include costs for certain functions, including information technology, human resources and store design and construction, that historically were provided and administered

on a centralized basis by L Brands. In 2020, as part of the steps to prepare Victoria's Secret to operate as a separate standalone company, these functions were transitioned to the business and are now operated and administered as part of Victoria's Secret. For additional information, see Note 5, "Restructuring Activities." Costs applicable to the Company related to these functions are included in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss) for all years presented. Prior to the transition of these functions in 2020, these costs were directly charged to the Company by L Brands.

In addition, for purposes of preparing these combined financial statements on a "carve-out" basis, a portion of L Brands' corporate expenses have been allocated to the Company. These expense allocations include the cost of corporate functions and resources that continue to be provided by, or administered by, L Brands including, but not limited to, executive management and other corporate and governance functions, such as corporate finance, internal audit, tax and treasury. The related employee payroll and benefit costs associated with such functions, such as share-based compensation, are included in the expense allocations. Corporate expenses of \$77 million in 2020, \$110 million in 2019 and \$118 million in 2018 were allocated and included within General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss).

Costs were allocated to the Company based on direct usage when identifiable or, when not directly identifiable, on the basis of proportional net sales. Management considers the basis on which the expenses have been allocated to reasonably reflect the utilization of services provided to, or the benefit received by, the Company during the periods presented. However, the allocations may not reflect the expenses the Company would have incurred if the Company had been a standalone company for the periods presented. Actual costs that may have been incurred if the Company had been a standalone company would depend on a number of factors, including the organizational structure, whether functions were outsourced or performed by employees, and strategic or capital decisions. Going forward, the Company may perform these functions using its own resources or outsourced services. For a period following the planned separation, however, some of these functions may continue to be provided by L Brands under a transition services agreement, and the Company may provide some services to L Brands under a transition services agreement. The Company may also enter into certain commercial arrangements with L Brands in connection with the planned separation.

During the periods presented in these Combined Financial Statements, the Company's income tax expense (benefit) and deferred tax balances have been included in the L Brands' income tax returns. Income tax expense (benefit) and deferred tax balances contained in the Combined Financial Statements are presented on a separate return basis, as if the Company had filed its own income tax returns. As a result, actual tax transactions included in the consolidated financial statements of L Brands may or may not be included in the Combined Financial Statements of the Company. Similarly, the tax treatment of certain items reflected in the Combined Financial Statements of the Company may or may not be reflected in the consolidated financial statements and income tax returns of L Brands. The taxes recorded in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss) are not necessarily representative of the taxes that may arise in the future if the Company files its income tax returns independent from L Brands' returns.

### ***Fiscal Year***

The Company's fiscal year ends on the Saturday nearest to January 31. As used herein, "2020," "2019" and "2018" refer to the 52-week periods ended January 30, 2021, February 1, 2020 and February 2, 2019, respectively.

### ***Impacts of COVID-19***

In March 2020, the coronavirus pandemic ("COVID-19") was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. This pandemic has negatively affected the U.S. and global economies, disrupted global supply chains and financial markets, and led to significant travel and transportation restrictions, including mandatory closures and orders to "shelter-in-place." The actions that governments around the world have taken to contain the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in a period of disruption, including closure of the Company's stores, limited store operating hours, reduced customer traffic and consumer spending and delays in manufacturing and shipping of products and raw materials. During this period, the Company is focused on protecting the health and safety of its customers, employees, contractors, suppliers and other business partners. The Company is also working with its suppliers to minimize potential disruptions, while managing the Company's business in response to a changing dynamic.

The Company's business operations and financial performance for 2020 were materially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the Company's stores in North America were closed on March 17, 2020, but the Company was able to re-open the majority of its stores as of the beginning of August. Operations for the direct business were temporarily suspended for approximately one week in late March 2020. The Company has dedicated resources to maximize capacity in its direct fulfillment centers to meet increased customer demand, while focusing on distribution, fulfillment and call center safety. There remains a high level of uncertainty around the pandemic and the potential for further restrictions.

In response to the global COVID-19 crisis, L Brands and the Company took prudent actions to manage expenses and to preserve its cash. The Company:

- Furloughed most store associates as of April 5, 2020 during the temporary store closures, while continuing to provide healthcare benefits for eligible associates;
- Suspended associate merit increases;
- Temporarily reduced salaries for senior vice presidents and above by 20%;
- Reduced fiscal 2020 capital expenditures;
- Actively managed inventory to adjust for the impact of channel shifts to meet customer demand;
- Suspended many store and select office rent payments during the temporary closures. The Company completed negotiations with the majority of landlords, leading to a combination of rent waivers or abatements relating to closure periods, rent relief relating to the post-reopening "recovery" period given traffic declines, and rent deferrals; and
- Extended payment terms to vendors.

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, which, among other things, provided employer payroll tax credits for wages paid to employees who were unable to work during the coronavirus outbreak and options to defer payroll tax payments. During fiscal 2020, the Company recognized \$28 million of qualified payroll tax credits.

#### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits with financial institutions and highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than 90 days. The Company's Cash and Cash Equivalents are considered Level 1 fair value measurements as they are valued using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

#### ***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The Company maintains Cash and Cash Equivalents and derivative contracts with various major financial institutions. L Brands, on behalf of the Company, monitors the relative credit standing of financial institutions with whom the Company transacts and limits the amount of credit exposure with any one entity.

The Company also periodically reviews the relative credit standing of franchise, license and wholesale partners and other entities to which the Company grants credit terms in the normal course of business. The Company determines the required allowance for expected credit losses using information such as customer credit history and financial condition. Amounts are charged against the allowance when it is determined that expected credit losses may occur.

#### ***Inventories***

Inventories are principally valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value, on an average cost basis.

The Company records valuation adjustments to its inventories if the cost of inventory on hand exceeds the amount it expects to realize from the ultimate sale or disposal of the inventory. These estimates are based on management's judgment regarding future demand and market conditions and analysis of historical experience.

The Company also records inventory loss adjustments for estimated physical inventory losses that have occurred since the date of the last physical inventory. These estimates are based on management's analysis of historical results and operating trends.

### Property and Equipment

The Company's property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis using the following depreciable life ranges:

Category of Property and Equipment	Depreciable Life Range
Software, including software developed for internal use	3 - 5 years
Store related assets	3 - 10 years
Leasehold improvements	Shorter of lease term or 10 years
Non-store related building and site improvements	10 - 15 years
Other property and equipment	20 years
Buildings	30 years

When a decision has been made to dispose of property and equipment prior to the end of the previously estimated useful life, depreciation estimates are revised to reflect the use of the asset over the shortened estimated useful life. The Company's cost of assets sold or retired and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts with any resulting gain or loss included in net income (loss). Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Major renewals and betterments that extend useful lives are capitalized.

Long-lived store assets, which include leasehold improvements, store related assets and operating lease assets (subsequent to the adoption of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 842, *Leases*), are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Store assets are grouped at the lowest level for which they are largely independent of other assets or asset groups. If the estimated undiscounted future cash flows related to the asset group are less than the carrying value, the Company recognizes a loss equal to the difference between the carrying value and the estimated fair value, determined by the estimated discounted future cash flows of the asset group. For operating lease assets, the Company determines the fair value of the assets by comparing the contractual rent payments to estimated market rental rates. An individual asset within an asset group is not impaired below its estimated fair value. The fair value of long-lived store assets is determined using Level 3 inputs within the fair value hierarchy.

### Leases and Leasehold Improvements

In 2019, the Company adopted ASC 842, *Leases*, using the modified retrospective approach. Results for 2020 and 2019 are presented under ASC 842, while results for 2018 have not been adjusted and continue to be presented under the accounting standard in effect at that time. For additional information regarding the impacts as a result of the Company's adoption of ASC 842 in fiscal 2019, refer to Note 2, "New Accounting Pronouncements."

The Company leases retail space, office space, warehouse facilities, storage space, equipment and certain other items under operating leases. A substantial portion of the Company's leases are operating leases for its stores, which generally have an initial term of ten years. Annual store rent consists of a fixed minimum amount and/or variable rent based on a percentage of sales exceeding a stipulated amount. Store lease terms generally also require additional payments covering certain operating costs such as common area maintenance, utilities, insurance and taxes. Certain leases contain predetermined fixed escalations of minimum rentals or require periodic adjustments of minimum rentals, depending on an index or rate. Additionally, certain leases contain incentives, such as construction allowances from landlords and/or rent abatements subsequent to taking possession of the leased property.

At lease commencement, the Company recognizes an asset for the right to use the leased asset and a liability based on the present value of the unpaid fixed lease payments. Operating lease costs are recognized on a straight-line basis as lease expense over the lease term. Variable lease payments associated with the Company's leases are recognized upon occurrence of the event or circumstance on which the payments are assessed. Short-term leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet, and lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Company uses L Brands' incremental borrowing rate, adjusted for collateral, to determine the present value of its unpaid lease payments.

The Company's store leases often include options to extend the initial term or to terminate the lease prior to the end of the initial term. The exercise of these options is typically at the sole discretion of the Company. These options are included in determining the initial lease term at lease commencement if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise the option. Additionally, the Company may operate stores for a period of time on a month-to-month basis after the expiration of the lease term.

The Company also has leasehold improvements, which are amortized over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the period from the date the assets are placed in service to the end of the initial lease term. Leasehold improvements made after the inception of the initial lease term are depreciated over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the remaining lease term, including renewal periods, if reasonably assured.

### ***Trade Name***

The Victoria's Secret trade name is an intangible asset with an indefinite life. Intangible assets with indefinite lives are reviewed for impairment each year in the fourth quarter and may be reviewed more frequently if certain events occur or circumstances change. The Company has the option to either first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired, or to proceed directly to the quantitative assessment, which requires a comparison of the fair value of the intangible asset to its carrying value. To determine if the fair value of the asset is less than its carrying amount, the Company will estimate the fair value, usually determined by the relief from royalty method under the income approach, and compare that value with its carrying amount. If the carrying value of the trade name exceeds its fair value, the Company recognizes an impairment charge equal to the difference.

### ***Income Taxes***

The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method. Under this method, taxes currently payable or refundable are accrued, and deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets are also recognized for realizable operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted income tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in income tax rates is recognized in the Company's Combined Statement of Income (Loss) in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is recorded to reduce the carrying amounts of deferred tax assets if it is more likely than not that such assets will not be realized.

In determining the Company's provision for income taxes, the Company considers permanent differences between book and tax income and statutory income tax rates. The Company's effective income tax rate is affected by items including changes in tax law, the tax jurisdiction of new stores or business ventures and the level of earnings.

The Company follows a two-step approach to recognize and measure uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the available evidence indicates it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount which is more than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Company considers many factors when evaluating and estimating its tax positions and tax benefits, which may require periodic adjustments and for which actual outcomes may differ from forecasted outcomes. The Company's policy is to include interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense.

Historically, the Company's income tax expense and deferred tax balances have been included in the L Brands' income tax returns. L Brands' income tax returns, like those of most companies, are periodically audited by domestic and foreign tax authorities. These audits include questions regarding tax filing positions, including the timing and amount of deductions and the allocation of income and expense among various tax jurisdictions. At any one time, multiple tax years are subject to audit by the various tax authorities. A number of years may elapse before a particular matter for which the Company has established an accrual is audited and fully resolved or clarified. The Company adjusts its tax contingencies accrual and income tax provision in the period in which matters are effectively settled with tax authorities at amounts different from its established accrual, when the statute of limitations expires for the relevant taxing authority to examine the tax position or

when more information becomes available. The Company includes its tax contingencies accrual, including accrued penalties and interest, in Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheets unless the liability is expected to be paid within one year. Changes to the tax contingencies accrual, including accrued penalties and interest, are included in Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes on the Combined Statements of Income (Loss).

### ***Self-Insurance***

L Brands is self-insured for medical, workers' compensation, property, general liability and automobile liability up to certain stop-loss limits. Such costs are accrued based on known claims and an estimate of incurred but not reported ("IBNR") claims. IBNR claims are estimated using historical claim information and actuarial estimates. L Brands' businesses, including the Company, are charged directly for their estimated share of the cost of these self-insured programs, and the Company's share of the cost is included in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). The Company's estimated share of L Brands' retained liability for these programs has been reflected in the Combined Balance Sheets within Accrued Expenses and Other.

### ***Equity Method Investments***

The Company accounts for investments in unconsolidated entities where it exercises significant influence, but does not have control, using the equity method. Under the equity method of accounting, the Company recognizes its share of the investee's net income or loss. Losses are only recognized to the extent the Company has positive carrying value related to the investee. Carrying values are only reduced below zero if the Company has an obligation to provide funding to the investee. The Company's share of net income or loss of unconsolidated entities from which the Company purchases merchandise or merchandise components is included in Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). The Company's share of net income or loss from its investment in the Victoria's Secret U.K. joint venture with Next PLC is included in General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). See Note 5, "Restructuring Activities" for additional information on the Victoria's Secret U.K. joint venture. The Company's equity method investments are required to be reviewed for impairment when it is determined there may be an other-than-temporary loss in value. The carrying values of equity method investments were \$35 million and \$38 million as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, respectively. These investments are recorded in Other Assets on the Combined Balance Sheets.

### ***Net Investment by L Brands, Inc.***

Net investment by L Brands, Inc. in the Combined Balance Sheets is presented in lieu of shareholders' equity and represents L Brands' historical investment in the Company, the accumulated net earnings after taxes and the net effect of the transactions with and allocations from L Brands. All transactions reflected in Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. in the accompanying Combined Balance Sheets have been considered as financing activities for purposes of the Combined Statements of Cash Flows.

For additional information, see Basis of Presentation above and Note 3, "Transactions with Related Parties."

### ***Noncontrolling Interest***

Noncontrolling interest represented the portion of equity interests not owned by the Company in a technology joint venture in India.

### ***Foreign Currency Translation***

The functional currency of the Company's foreign operations is generally the applicable local currency. Assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars using the current exchange rates in effect as of the balance sheet date, while revenues and expenses are translated at the average exchange rates for the period. The Company's resulting translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in equity. Accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments are reclassified to net income (loss) when realized upon sale or upon complete, or substantially complete, liquidation of the investment in the foreign entity.



**Fair Value**

The authoritative guidance included in ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. This authoritative guidance further establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1—Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2—Observable inputs other than quoted market prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices of similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3—Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities. This includes certain pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies and similar techniques that use significant unobservable inputs.

The Company estimates the fair value of financial instruments, property and equipment and trade name in accordance with the provisions of ASC 820. The recorded amounts for Cash and Cash Equivalents, Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses, other current assets and current liabilities approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these assets and liabilities.

**Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to foreign currency exchange rates. The Company does not use derivative instruments for trading purposes. All derivative instruments are recorded on the Combined Balance Sheets at fair value.

The earnings of the Company's foreign operations are subject to exchange rate risk as substantially all the merchandise is sourced through U.S. dollar transactions. The Company uses foreign currency forward contracts designated as cash flow hedges to mitigate this foreign currency exposure for its Canadian operations. Amounts are reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) upon sale of the hedged merchandise to the customer. These gains and losses are recognized in Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). The fair value of designated cash flow hedges is not significant for any period presented.

The Company does not enter into any derivative contracts. However, L Brands, Inc., through its centralized treasury function, currently enters into derivative financial instruments with external counterparties to hedge certain foreign currency transactions with exposure to the Canadian dollar. The Company enters into offsetting internal contracts with L Brands, Inc. The maturities of the internal contracts range from one to eighteen months.

**Revenue Recognition**

In 2018, the Company adopted ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, using the modified retrospective approach.

The Company recognizes revenue based on the amount it expects to receive when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer. The Company recognizes sales upon customer receipt of merchandise, which, for direct channel revenues, reflect an estimate of shipments that have not yet been received by the customer based on shipping terms and historical delivery times. The Company's shipping and handling revenues are included in Net Sales with the related costs included in Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). The Company also provides a reserve for projected merchandise returns based on historical experience. Net Sales exclude sales and other similar taxes collected from customers.

The Company offers certain loyalty programs that allow customers to earn points based on purchasing activity. As customers accumulate points and reach point thresholds, they can use the points to purchase



merchandise in stores or online. The Company allocates revenue to points earned on qualifying purchases and defers recognition until the points are redeemed. The amount of revenue deferred is based on the relative stand-alone selling price method, which includes an estimate for points not expected to be redeemed based on historical experience.

The Company sells gift cards with no expiration dates to customers. The Company does not charge administrative fees on unused gift cards. The Company recognizes revenue from gift cards when they are redeemed by the customer. In addition, the Company recognizes revenue on unredeemed gift cards where the likelihood of the gift card being redeemed is remote and there is no legal obligation to remit the unredeemed gift cards to relevant jurisdictions (gift card breakage). Gift card breakage revenue is recognized in proportion, and over the same period, as actual gift card redemptions. The Company determines the gift card breakage rate based on historical redemption patterns. Gift card breakage is included in Net Sales in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss).

Revenue earned in connection with Victoria's Secret's U.S. private label credit card arrangement is primarily recognized based on credit card sales and usage, and is included in Net Sales in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). The Company recognized Net Sales of \$135 million, \$194 million and \$187 million for 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively, related to its private label credit card arrangement.

The Company also recognizes revenues associated with franchise, license, wholesale and sourcing arrangements. Revenue recognized under franchise and license arrangements generally consists of royalties earned and recognized upon sale of merchandise by franchise and license partners to retail customers. Revenue is generally recognized under wholesale and sourcing arrangements at the time the title passes to the partner.

#### ***Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy***

The Company's costs of goods sold include merchandise costs, net of discounts and allowances, freight and inventory shrinkage. The Company's buying and occupancy expenses primarily include payroll, benefit costs and operating expenses for its buying departments and distribution network; and rent, common area maintenance, real estate taxes, utilities, maintenance, fulfillment expenses and depreciation for the Company's stores, warehouse facilities and equipment.

#### ***General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses***

The Company's general, administrative and store operating expenses primarily include payroll and benefit costs for its store-selling and administrative departments (including corporate functions), marketing, advertising and other operating expenses not specifically categorized elsewhere in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss).

#### ***Share-based Compensation***

Certain Company employees participate in the share-based compensation plans sponsored by L Brands. L Brands' share-based compensation awards granted to employees of the Company consist of L Brands stock options and restricted stock. As such, the awards to Company employees are reflected in Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. within the Combined Statements of Equity at the time they are expensed. The Combined Statements of Income (Loss) also include an allocation of L Brands' corporate and shared employee share-based compensation expenses.

The Company recognizes all share-based payments to employees as compensation cost over the service period based on their estimated fair value on the date of grant. The Company estimates award forfeitures at the time awards are granted and adjusts, if necessary, in subsequent periods based on historical experience and expected future forfeitures.

Compensation cost is recognized over the service period for the fair value of awards that actually vest. Compensation expense for awards without a performance condition is recognized, net of estimated forfeitures, using a single award approach (each award is valued as one grant, irrespective of the number of vesting tranches). Compensation expense for awards with a performance condition is recognized, net of estimated forfeitures, using a multiple award approach (each vesting tranche is valued as one grant).

**Advertising Costs**

Advertising and marketing costs are expensed at the time the promotion first appears in media, or in the store or when the advertising is mailed. Advertising and marketing costs totaled \$239 million, \$306 million and \$348 million for 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

**Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates, and the Company revises its estimates and assumptions as new information becomes available.

**2. New Accounting Pronouncements*****Revenue from Contracts with Customers***

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which was further clarified and amended in 2015 and 2016. This guidance requires companies to recognize revenue in a manner that depicts the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration to which a company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard also results in enhanced disclosures about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers.

The Company adopted the standard in 2018 under the modified retrospective approach. Under the standard, income from the Victoria’s Secret private label credit card arrangement, which was historically presented as a reduction to General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses, is presented as revenue. Further, historical accounting related to loyalty points earned under the Victoria’s Secret customer loyalty program changed as the Company now defers revenue associated with customer loyalty points until the points are redeemed using a relative stand-alone selling price method. The standard also changed accounting for sales returns which requires balance sheet presentation on a gross basis.

Upon adoption at the beginning of 2018, the Company recorded a cumulative catch-up adjustment resulting in a reduction to Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. of \$32 million, net of tax. The cumulative adjustment primarily related to the deferral of revenue related to outstanding points, net of estimated forfeitures, under the Victoria’s Secret customer loyalty program. See Note 4, “Revenue Recognition” for additional disclosures required by the standard.

***Leases***

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASC 842, *Leases*, which requires companies classified as lessees to account for most leases on their balance sheet but recognize expense on their income statement in a manner similar to legacy accounting. The standard also requires enhanced quantitative and qualitative disclosures, including significant judgments made by management, to provide greater insight into the extent of expense recognized and expected to be recognized from existing leases. In July 2018, the FASB approved an amendment to the standard that provides companies a modified retrospective transition option that did not require earlier periods to be restated upon adoption.

The Company adopted the standard in 2019 under the modified retrospective approach. As allowed by the standard, the Company elected the package of transition practical expedients but elected to not apply the hindsight practical expedient to its leases at transition.

Upon adoption at the beginning of 2019, the Company recorded operating lease liabilities of \$2.7 billion and operating lease assets for its leases of \$2.4 billion. The operating lease assets are less than the operating lease liabilities by approximately \$320 million, primarily due to deferred rent and unamortized landlord construction allowances that were previously recorded as Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheet. The Company also recorded a decrease to Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. of \$2 million, net of tax. The adoption of the standard did not materially impact the Combined Statements of Income (Loss) or Cash Flows. See Note 8, “Leases,” for additional disclosures required by the standard.

**Goodwill**

In January 2017, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2017-04, *Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment*, which simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill. The standard eliminates the second step from the goodwill impairment test, which required a hypothetical purchase price allocation to determine the implied fair value of goodwill. Under the new standard, the goodwill impairment charge is the excess of the reporting unit’s carrying value over its fair value, not to exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. The Company adopted this standard in 2019 and performed its 2019 impairment assessments in accordance with ASU 2017-04. For additional information, see Note 9, “Goodwill and Trade Name.”

**Hedging Activities**

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-12, *Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities*, which is intended to better align risk management activities and financial reporting for hedging relationships. The standard eliminates the requirement to separately measure and report hedge ineffectiveness and generally requires the entire change in the fair value of a hedging instrument to be presented in the same income statement line as the hedged item. It also eases certain documentation and assessment requirements. The Company adopted the standard 2019. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

**Credit Losses**

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses*, which requires the use of a forward-looking expected loss impairment model for accounts receivable and certain other financial instruments. The Company adopted the standard in 2020. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company’s results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

**3. Transactions with Related Parties**

The combined financial statements have been prepared on a standalone basis and are derived from the consolidated financial statements and accounting records of L Brands. The following discussion summarizes activity between the Company and L Brands.

**Allocation of General Corporate Expenses**

For purposes of preparing these combined financial statements on a “carve-out” basis, we have allocated a portion of L Brands’ total corporate expenses to the Company. See Note 1 for a discussion of the methodology used to allocate corporate-related costs for purposes of preparing these financial statements on a “carve-out” basis.

**Due to Related Parties**

Balances between the Company and L Brands, Inc. or its affiliates that are derived from transactions that have been historically cash settled are reflected in the Combined Balance Sheet as Due to Related Parties. Balances between the Company and L Brands, Inc. or its affiliates derived from transactions that have been historically settled other than in cash are included in Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. within Equity on the Combined Balance Sheets.

**Long-term Debt due to Related Party**

During 2020, the Company borrowed \$97 million from L Brands to pay down outstanding debt with external parties. This borrowing is due in September 2025 and has a variable interest rate based on the China Loan Prime Rate, which was 3.85% as of January 30, 2021.

### Net Transfers To L Brands, Inc.

The following table presents the components of Net Transfers to L Brands, Inc. in the 2020, 2019 and 2018 Combined Statements of Equity:

	2020	2019	2018
	(in millions)		
Cash Pooling and General Financing Activities, Net	\$(543)	\$(422)	\$(691)
Corporate Expense Allocations	77	110	118
Share-based Compensation Expense	25	38	39
Assumed Income Tax Payments	59	115	246
Total Net Transfers to L Brands, Inc.	<u>\$(382)</u>	<u>\$(159)</u>	<u>\$(288)</u>

### Victoria's Secret Guarantees

Certain Victoria's Secret subsidiaries, along with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of L Brands, Inc., guarantee and pledge collateral to secure the L Brands' asset-backed revolving credit facility ("ABL Facility"). The ABL Facility has aggregate commitments at \$1 billion and has an expiration date in August 2024. As of January 30, 2021, there were no borrowings outstanding under the ABL Facility.

Certain Victoria's Secret subsidiaries, along with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of L Brands, Inc., have also guaranteed L Brands' obligations under certain of L Brands' long-term notes. The guarantees are full and unconditional on a joint and several basis. The following table provides the outstanding principal balance for these notes as of January 30, 2021:

	(in millions)
5.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due February 2022	\$ 285
5.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due October 2023	320
9.375% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due July 2025	500
6.875% Fixed Interest Rate Secured Notes due July 2025	750
6.694% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due January 2027	297
5.25% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due February 2028	500
7.50% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due June 2029	500
6.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due October 2030	1,000
6.875% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due November 2035	1,000
6.75% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due July 2036	700
Total	<u>\$5,852</u>

The Company's guarantees of obligations under L Brands' long-term notes are expected to terminate concurrently with the separation of the Company from L Brands, subject to standard notice provisions to the trustee. The Company's guarantees of obligations under the ABL Facility may be released upon consent of the lenders.

Subsequent to January 30, 2021, L Brands, Inc. redeemed the remaining \$285 million of outstanding notes due February 2022, and the \$750 million of outstanding Secured notes due July 2025.

### L Brands, Inc. Guarantees

#### Lease Arrangements

L Brands, Inc. has provided guarantees related to certain of the Company's store and office lease payments under the current terms of noncancelable leases expiring at various dates through 2037. These guarantees include minimum rent and additional payments covering taxes, common area costs and certain other expenses.

#### Secured Foreign Facilities

Certain of the Company's China subsidiaries utilize revolving and term loan bank facilities to support their operations. These facilities are guaranteed by L Brands, Inc. and certain of L Brands' 100% owned subsidiaries ("Secured Foreign Facilities"). As of January 30, 2021, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Secured

Foreign Facilities. Further, during 2020, L Brands, Inc. placed cash on deposit with certain financial institutions as collateral for the Secured Foreign Facilities. The amount of collateral required was dependent upon the aggregate lending commitments and totaled \$30 million as of January 30, 2021.

#### 4. Revenue Recognition

Accounts receivable, net from revenue-generating activities was \$74 million and \$102 million as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, respectively. Accounts receivable primarily relate to amounts due from the Company's franchise, license and wholesale partners. Under these arrangements, payment terms are typically 60 to 90 days.

The Company records deferred revenue when cash payments are received in advance of transfer of control of goods or services. Deferred revenue primarily relates to gift cards, loyalty and private label credit card programs and direct channel shipments, which are all impacted by seasonal and holiday-related sales patterns. The balance of deferred revenue was \$256 million and \$250 million as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, respectively. The Company recognized \$137 million as revenue in 2020 from amounts recorded as deferred revenue at the beginning of the year. As of January 30, 2021, the Company recorded deferred revenues of \$246 million within Accrued Expenses and Other, and \$10 million within Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheet.

The following table provides a disaggregation of Net Sales for 2020, 2019 and 2018:

	2020	2019	2018
	(in millions)		
North America Stores	\$2,795	\$5,112	\$5,628
Direct	2,223	1,693	1,747
International <sup>(a)</sup>	395	704	728
Total Net Sales	<u>\$5,413</u>	<u>\$7,509</u>	<u>\$8,103</u>

(a) Results include company-operated stores in the U.K. (pre-joint venture) and Greater China, royalties associated with franchised store and wholesale sales.

The Company's international net sales include sales from company-operated stores, royalty revenue from franchise and license arrangements, wholesale revenues and direct sales shipped internationally. Certain of these sales are subject to the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency. The Company's net sales outside of the U.S. totaled \$643 million, \$1.000 billion and \$1.039 billion for 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

#### 5. Restructuring Activities

Management of L Brands and the Company is actively engaged in implementing a comprehensive profit improvement plan that will better position the Company for separation from L Brands. During 2020, management of L Brands and the Company reduced home office head count as a result of completing a comprehensive review of the home office organizations in order to achieve meaningful reductions in overhead expenses and to decentralize significant shared functions and services to support the creation of standalone companies. Pre-tax severance and related costs associated with these reductions, totaling \$51 million, are included in General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses in the 2020 Combined Statement of Loss.

During 2020, the Company made payments of \$38 million and, as of January 30, 2021, a liability, after accrual adjustments, of \$14 million related to these costs is included in Accrued Expenses and Other on the Combined Balance Sheet.

#### *Victoria's Secret U.K.*

Due to challenging business results in the U.K., the Company entered into Administration in June 2020 to restructure store lease agreements and reduce operating losses in the U.K. business. In October 2020, the Company entered into a joint venture with Next PLC for the Victoria's Secret business in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Under this agreement, the Company owns 49% of the joint venture, and Next owns 51% and is responsible for operations. The Company accounts for its investment in the joint venture under the equity method of accounting.

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The joint venture acquired the majority of the operating assets, primarily inventory, and the restructured leases were transferred to the joint venture. Effective October 19, 2020, the newly formed joint venture began operating all Victoria's Secret stores in the U.K. and Ireland. The joint venture will begin operating the U.K. direct business starting spring 2021. The Company recognized non-cash pre-tax gains of \$90 million related to the derecognition of operating lease liabilities in excess of operating lease assets for the 24 store leases that were restructured and transferred to the joint venture. In addition, the Company recognized a \$25 million non-cash pre-tax impairment charge to fully write-off all remaining long-lived store assets in the U.K. Finally, as a result of the transition to a joint venture business model in the U.K. and the substantially complete liquidation of the Company's investment in the U.K., the Company recognized a \$36 million non-cash pre-tax loss related to accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments that were reclassified into earnings, which were previously recognized as a component of equity.

The above items relating to Victoria's Secret U.K. are included in General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses in the 2020 Combined Statement of Loss as they all relate to the Company's transition to a joint venture business model in the U.K.

### 6. Inventories

The following table provides details of inventories as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020:

	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020
	(in millions)	
Finished Goods Merchandise	\$663	\$824
Raw Materials and Merchandise Components	38	31
Total Inventories	<u>\$701</u>	<u>\$855</u>

### 7. Long-Lived Assets

The following table provides details of property and equipment, net as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020:

	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020
	(in millions)	
Land and Improvements	\$ 26	\$ 27
Buildings and Improvements	190	185
Furniture, Fixtures, Software and Equipment	2,462	2,188
Leasehold Improvements	1,091	1,645
Construction in Progress	23	106
Total	<u>3,792</u>	<u>4,151</u>
Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>(2,714)</u>	<u>(2,728)</u>
Property and Equipment, Net	<u>\$ 1,078</u>	<u>\$ 1,423</u>

Depreciation expense was \$326 million in 2020, \$411 million in 2019 and \$425 million in 2018.

The Company's internationally based long-lived assets, including operating lease assets, were \$269 million as of January 30, 2021 and \$600 million as of February 1, 2020.

In 2020, the Company executed a rationalization of the Victoria's Secret company-operated store footprint. The Company permanently closed 241 stores in North America. Given the closures in 2020 as well as the negative operating results of certain Victoria's Secret stores in 2020, 2019 and 2018, the Company reviewed the long-lived store assets for potential impairment in all periods presented. The Company determined that the estimated undiscounted future cash flows were less than the carrying values for certain Victoria's Secret asset groups and, as a result, determined the estimated fair values of the store asset groups using estimated discounted future cash flows and estimated market rental rates. Long-lived store asset impairment charges are principally included within Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). As

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discussed in Note 5, “Restructuring Activities,” the Company recorded a \$25 million non-cash pre-tax impairment charge to fully write off all remaining long-lived store assets in the U.K. This charge is included in General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses in the 2020 Combined Statement of Loss.

The following table provides pre-tax long-lived store asset impairment charges included in the Combined Statement of Income (Loss) for 2020, 2019 and 2018:

	2020	2019	2018
	(in millions)		
Store Asset Impairment	\$136	\$198	\$101
Operating Lease Asset Impairment	118	65	—
Total Impairment	<u>\$254</u>	<u>\$263</u>	<u>\$101</u>

## 8. Leases

In 2019, the Company adopted ASC 842, *Leases*, using the modified retrospective approach. Results for 2020 and 2019 are presented under ASC 842, while results for 2018 have not been adjusted and continue to be presented under the accounting standards in effect at that time.

The following table provides the components of lease cost for operating leases for 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
	(in millions)	
Operating Lease Costs(a)	\$521	\$562
Variable Lease Costs	6	48
Short-term Lease Costs	5	8
Total Lease Cost	<u>\$532</u>	<u>\$618</u>

(a) As discussed in Note 7, “Long-Lived Assets,” the Company recognized operating lease asset impairment charges of \$118 million and \$65 million during 2020 and 2019, respectively, which is included as operating lease costs.

For many stores and select office locations, beginning in April 2020, rent was not paid, or was only partially paid, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Negotiations are complete with nearly all landlords to determine potential rent credits or payment deferrals related to COVID-19. As of January 30, 2021, the Company is fully accrued to the original contractual rent due unless an executed amendment is in place. The FASB issued guidance in April 2020 which allows certain COVID-19-related concessions to be recognized as a reduction of lease costs in the period an amendment is executed. As a result, the Company recognized a \$90 million reduction to occupancy expenses in the 2020 Combined Statement of Loss as a result of executed amendments with landlords.

The following table provides future maturities of operating lease liabilities as of January 30, 2021:

Fiscal Year	(in millions)
2021	\$ 519
2022	424
2023	356
2024	290
2025	241
Thereafter	<u>558</u>
Total Lease Payments	<u>\$2,388</u>
Less: Interest	<u>(414)</u>
Present Value of Operating Lease Liabilities	<u>\$1,974</u>

For leases entered into or reassessed after the adoption of the new standard, the Company has elected the practical expedient allowed by the standard to account for all fixed consideration in a lease as a single lease component. Therefore, the lease payments used to measure the lease liability for these leases include fixed minimum rentals along with fixed operating costs such as common area maintenance and utilities.

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As of January 30, 2021, the Company had additional operating lease commitments that have not yet commenced of approximately \$189 million.

The following table provides the weighted-average remaining lease term and discount rate for operating leases with lease liabilities as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020:

	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (years)	6.1	7.4
Weighted Average Discount Rate	5.9%	6.2%

During 2020 and 2019, the Company paid \$348 million and \$511 million, respectively, for operating lease liabilities recorded on the balance sheet. These payments are included within the Operating Activities section of the Combined Statements of Cash Flows.

During 2020, the Company reduced its lease assets by \$32 million as a result of permanent store closures due to the fleet rationalization and lease term reductions that also reduced its operating lease obligations. During 2019, the Company obtained \$114 million of additional lease assets as a result of new operating lease obligations.

### ***Victoria's Secret Hong Kong***

In 2020, the Company closed its unprofitable Victoria's Secret flagship store in Hong Kong. As a result of the store closure, the Company recognized a non-cash pre-tax gain of \$39 million, primarily due to terminating the store lease and the related write-off of the operating lease liability in excess of the operating lease asset, which was partially impaired in 2019. This gain is included in Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy in the 2020 Combined Statement of Loss. The Company also recorded \$3 million of severance and related costs associated with the closure, which are included in General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses in the 2020 Combined Statement of Loss.

### ***Asset Retirement Obligations***

The Company has asset retirement obligations related to certain company-operated international stores that contractually obligate the Company to remove leasehold improvements at the end of a lease. The Company's liabilities for asset retirement obligations totaled \$11 million and \$22 million as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, respectively. These liabilities are included in Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheets.

### ***Disclosures for 2018***

The following table provides rent expense, as presented under the prior accounting standard, for 2018:

	2018 (in millions)
<b>Store Rent:</b>	
Fixed Minimum	\$473
Contingent	36
Total Store Rent	509
Office, Equipment and Other	39
Total Rent Expense	\$548

## **9. Goodwill and Trade Name**

### ***Goodwill***

The Company previously recorded goodwill related to its North America and Greater China reporting units resulting from business combinations and acquisitions.

In 2019, as of the end of L Brands' third quarter (November 2, 2019), the Company performed a quantitative interim impairment assessment over the North America and Greater China reporting units. An interim



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assessment was performed in consideration of the negative performance of these reporting units and their impact on the sustained decline in the L Brands' market capitalization. Further, for the Greater China reporting unit, the Company considered the results of the long-lived store asset impairment assessment.

The interim assessment concluded that the fair value of the North America reporting unit, which was based on a weighted average of the income and market approaches, exceeded its carrying value. However, the fair value of the Greater China reporting unit, which was based on the income approach, did not exceed its carrying value. Accordingly, the Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$30 million in 2019 related to the Greater China reporting unit. This charge is included in Impairment of Goodwill in the 2019 Combined Statement of Loss.

As of the end of 2019, the Company completed its annual goodwill impairment assessment over the North America reporting unit. As a result of continued declines in business performance during the Holiday season and increased risk, volatility and uncertainty related to the North America reporting unit, the estimated fair value of the reporting unit decreased as compared to the interim assessment.

As such, the annual assessment concluded that the fair value of the North America reporting unit did not exceed its carrying value. Accordingly, the Company recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$690 million related to the North America reporting unit. This charge is included in Impairment of Goodwill in the 2019 Combined Statement of Loss.

The Company estimated the fair value of the North America reporting unit as of the end of 2019 using a market approach. The market approach is based on earnings multiples of selected guideline public companies, while the income approach is based on estimated discounted future cash flows. The approaches, which are determined using Level 3 inputs within the fair value hierarchy, incorporated a number of significant assumptions and judgments, including, but not limited to, estimated future cash flows, multiples of earnings of similar public companies, discount rates, income tax rates, terminal growth rates and an implied control premium relative to the L Brands' market capitalization.

### Trade Name

The Victoria's Secret trade name, an indefinite lived intangible asset, was \$246 million as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, respectively.

As of the end of 2020 and 2019, the Company performed its annual impairment assessment of the Victoria's Secret trade name. At the end of L Brands' third quarter in 2019, the Company also performed an interim assessment. To estimate the fair value of the trade name, the Company used the relief from royalty method under the income approach. The assessments concluded that the fair value of the trade name was in excess of its carrying value.

### 10. Accrued Expenses and Other

The following table provides additional information about the composition of Accrued Expenses and Other as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020:

	January 30, 2021	February 1, 2020
	(in millions)	
Deferred Revenue on Gift Cards	\$178	\$169
Compensation, Payroll Taxes and Benefits	173	121
Supplemental Retirement Plan	66	—
Taxes, Other than Income	45	42
Accrued Marketing	44	23
Deferred Revenue on Loyalty and Private Label Credit Card	38	58
Deferred Revenue on Direct Shipments not yet Delivered	30	11
Returns Reserve	26	22
Rent	22	13
Accrued Claims on Self-insured Activities	17	22
Other	137	133
Total Accrued Expenses and Other	<u>\$776</u>	<u>\$614</u>

## 11. Income Taxes

For purposes of our combined financial statements, income taxes have been calculated as if we file income tax returns for the Company on a standalone basis. The Company's U.S. operations and certain of its non-U.S. operations historically have been included in the income tax returns of L Brands or its subsidiaries that may not be part of the Company. The Company believes the assumptions supporting its allocation and presentation of income taxes on a separate return basis are reasonable. However, the Company's tax results, as presented in the combined financial statements, may not be reflective of the results that the Company expects to generate in the future.

Current income tax expense represents the amounts expected to be reported on the Company's income tax returns, and deferred tax expense or benefit represents the change in net deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities as measured by the enacted tax rates that will be in effect when these differences reverse. Valuation allowances are recorded as appropriate to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount considered likely to be realized.

The following table provides the components of the Company's provision (benefit) for income taxes for 2020, 2019 and 2018:

	2020	2019	2018
	(in millions)		
<b>Current:</b>			
U.S. Federal	\$ 7	\$ 15	\$144
U.S. State	16	(6)	20
Non-U.S.	7	19	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Deferred:</b>			
U.S. Federal	(68)	(10)	(27)
U.S. State	(14)	(1)	(7)
Non-U.S.	18	(19)	(1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(64)</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>(35)</b>
<b>Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes</b>	<b>\$(34)</b>	<b>\$ (2)</b>	<b>\$140</b>

The non-U.S. component of pre-tax income, arising principally from overseas operations, was income of \$11 million, loss of \$241 million and income of \$7 million for 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The following table provides the reconciliation between the statutory federal income tax rate and the effective tax rate for 2020, 2019 and 2018:

	2020	2019	2018
Federal Income Tax Rate	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
Restructuring of Foreign Investments	23.3%	—%	—%
Uncertain Tax Positions	19.3%	2.4%	(0.1)%
Impact of Non-U.S. Operations	(16.6)%	(1.9)%	4.8%
State Income Taxes, Net of Federal Income Tax Effect	(5.8)%	(0.6)%	5.8%
Share-Based Compensation	(4.0)%	(0.9)%	1.3%
U.S. Permanent Items	(2.8)%	(0.1)%	(0.1)%
Change in Valuation Allowance	(2.6)%	(3.6)%	3.1%
Impairment of Goodwill	—%	(16.3)%	—%
Other Items, Net	0.1%	0.2%	(0.1)%
<b>Effective Tax Rate</b>	<b>31.9%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>35.7%</b>

## Deferred Taxes

The following table provides the effect of temporary differences that cause deferred income taxes as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020. Deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the future effects on income taxes resulting from temporary differences and carryforwards at the end of the respective year.

	January 30, 2021			February 1, 2020		
	Assets	Liabilities	Total	Assets	Liabilities	Total
	(in millions)					
Loss Carryforwards	\$ 346	\$ —	\$ 346	\$ 83	\$ —	\$ 83
Non-qualified Retirement Plan	—	—	—	1	—	1
Leases	426	(365)	61	512	(482)	30
Share-based Compensation	29	—	29	47	—	47
Deferred Revenue	7	—	7	14	—	14
Property and Equipment	—	(106)	(106)	—	(144)	(144)
Trade Name and Other Intangibles	—	(64)	(64)	—	(63)	(63)
Other, Net	72	(28)	44	86	(27)	59
Valuation Allowance	(316)	—	(316)	(91)	—	(91)
Total Deferred Income Taxes	\$ 564	\$(563)	\$ 1	\$652	\$(716)	\$ (64)

As of January 30, 2021, the Company had loss carryforwards of \$346 million, of which \$275 million has an indefinite carryforward. The remainder of the U.S. and non-U.S. carryforwards, if unused, will expire at various dates from 2025 through 2040 and 2021 through 2025, respectively. For certain jurisdictions where the Company has determined that it is more likely than not that the loss carryforwards will not be realized, a valuation allowance has been provided on those loss carryforwards as well as other net deferred tax assets.

As described above, we have prepared our income taxes on a standalone tax basis, and as a result, certain loss carryforwards may not be available for our use in future periods as they may have already been used in L Brands consolidated or combined tax return filings or they may be retained by L Brands upon our separation.

The Company would have paid \$59 million in 2020, \$115 million in 2019 and \$246 million in 2018 had it filed its own separate return in those years.

## Uncertain Tax Positions

The following table summarizes the activity related to the Company's unrecognized tax benefits for U.S. federal, state and non-U.S. tax jurisdictions for 2020, 2019 and 2018, without interest and penalties:

	2020	2019	2018
	(in millions)		
Gross Unrecognized Tax Benefits, as of the Beginning of the Fiscal Year	\$ 41	\$ 78	\$ 45
Increases to Unrecognized Tax Benefits for Prior Years	—	2	35
Decreases to Unrecognized Tax Benefits for Prior Years	(16)	(20)	(20)
Increases to Unrecognized Tax Benefits as a Result of Current Year Activity	105	1	24
Decreases to Unrecognized Tax Benefits Relating to Settlements with Taxing Authorities	—	(15)	—
Decreases to Unrecognized Tax Benefits as a Result of a Lapse of the Applicable Statute of Limitations	(4)	(5)	(6)
Gross Unrecognized Tax Benefits, as of the End of the Fiscal Year	\$126	\$ 41	\$ 78

Of the total gross unrecognized tax benefits, approximately \$121 million, \$38 million and \$73 million, at January 30, 2021, February 1, 2020 and February 2, 2019, respectively, represent the amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would favorably affect the effective income tax rate in future periods. These amounts are net of the offsetting tax effects from other tax jurisdictions.

Of the total unrecognized tax benefits, it is reasonably possible that \$120 million could change in the next 12 months due to audit settlements, expiration of statute of limitations or other resolution of uncertainties. Due to the uncertain and complex application of tax regulations, it is possible that the ultimate resolution of audits may

result in amounts which could be different from this estimate. In such case, the Company will record additional tax expense or tax benefit in the period in which such matters are effectively settled.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as components of income tax expense. The Company recognized an income tax benefit from interest and penalties of \$2 million, \$1 million and \$1 million in 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The Company has accrued \$6 million and \$8 million for the payment of interest and penalties as of January 30, 2021 and February 1, 2020, respectively. Accrued interest and penalties are included within Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheets.

The Company is part of the L Brands consolidated U.S. federal income tax return, as well as separate and combined L Brands income tax returns in various state and international jurisdictions. L Brands is a participant in the Compliance Assurance Process ("CAP"), which is a program made available by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") to certain qualifying large taxpayers, under which participants work collaboratively with the IRS to identify and resolve potential tax issues through open, cooperative and transparent interaction prior to the annual filing of their federal income tax return. The IRS is currently examining L Brands' 2019 consolidated U.S. federal income tax return.

The Company is also subject to various state and local income tax examinations for the years 2015 to 2019. Finally, the Company is subject to multiple non-U.S. tax jurisdiction examinations for the years 2016 to 2019. In some situations, the Company determines that it does not have a filing requirement in a particular tax jurisdiction. Where no return has been filed, no statute of limitations applies. Accordingly, if a tax jurisdiction reaches a conclusion that a filing requirement does exist, additional years may be reviewed by the tax authority. The Company believes it has appropriately accounted for uncertainties related to this issue.

## **12. Borrowing Facilities**

Certain of the Company's China subsidiaries utilize revolving and term loan bank facilities to support their operations ("Foreign Facilities"). The Foreign Facilities allow borrowings in U.S. dollars and Chinese Yuan, and interest rates on outstanding borrowings are based upon the applicable benchmark rate for the currency of each borrowing.

The Company has Secured Foreign Facilities which allow for borrowings and letters of credit up to \$30 million as of January 30, 2021. The Company borrowed \$21 million, \$117 million and \$107 million under the Secured Foreign Facilities during 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Additionally, the Company made payments of \$126 million, \$103 million and \$17 million under the Secured Foreign Facilities during 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. As of January 30, 2021, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Secured Foreign Facilities.

The Company borrowed \$13 million, \$50 million and \$65 million under unsecured Foreign Facilities during 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Additionally, the Company made payments of \$63 million, \$59 million and \$92 million under these unsecured Foreign Facilities during 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. During 2020, with no borrowings outstanding, the Company terminated its unsecured Foreign Facilities.

## **13. Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

Comprehensive Income (Loss) includes gains and losses on foreign currency translation and derivative instruments. The cumulative gains and losses on these items are included in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) on the Combined Balance Sheets and Combined Statements of Equity.

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The following table provides the rollforward of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for 2020:

	Foreign Currency Translation	Cash Flow Hedges	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	(in millions)		
Balance as of February 1, 2020	\$(29)	\$—	\$(29)
Other Comprehensive Loss Before Reclassifications	(3)	(1)	(4)
Amounts Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	36	1	37
Tax Effect	—	—	—
Current-period Other Comprehensive Income	33	—	33
Balance as of January 30, 2021	\$ 4	\$—	\$ 4

As a result of the transition to a joint venture business model in the U.K. and the substantially complete liquidation of the Company's investment in the U.K., the Company reclassified \$36 million of accumulated foreign currency translation adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and into earnings. For additional information, see Note 5, "Restructuring Activities."

The following table provides the rollforward of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for 2019:

	Foreign Currency Translation	Cash Flow Hedges	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	(in millions)		
Balance as of February 2, 2019	\$(23)	\$ 2	\$(21)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Before Reclassifications	(6)	1	(5)
Amounts Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	—	(3)	(3)
Tax Effect	—	—	—
Current-period Other Comprehensive Loss	(6)	(2)	(8)
Balance as of February 1, 2020	\$(29)	\$—	\$(29)

### 14. Share-based Compensation

In 2020, L Brands' shareholders approved the 2020 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan (the "2020 Plan"). The 2020 Plan replaced the 2015 Stock Option and Performance Incentive Plan (together with the 2020 Plan, the "Plans"). Certain Company employees were granted share-based awards to participate in the Plans. The Plans provide for the grant of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance-based restricted stock, performance units and unrestricted shares.

The following disclosures of share-based compensation expense recognized by the Company are based on grants related directly to Company employees, and exclude amounts related to the allocation of L Brands' corporate and shared employee share-based compensation expenses. The amounts presented are not necessarily indicative of future awards and do not necessarily reflect the results that the Company would have experienced as a standalone company for the periods presented.

#### Income Statement Impact

The following table provides share-based compensation expense included in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss) for 2020, 2019 and 2018:

	2020	2019	2018
	(in millions)		
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	\$ 9	\$15	\$15
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	16	23	24
Total Share-based Compensation Expense	\$25	\$38	\$39

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The tax benefits associated with recognized share-based compensation expense were \$6 million for 2020, \$8 million for 2019 and \$9 million for 2018.

### *Restricted Stock*

Restricted stock generally vests (the restrictions lapse) at the end of a three-year period or on a graded basis over a five-year period. The fair value of restricted stock awards is based on the market value of an unrestricted share of L Brands common stock on the date of grant adjusted for anticipated dividend yields.

The following table provides L Brands' restricted stock activity for Company employees for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2021:

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>	
Unvested as of February 1, 2020	4,022	\$30.75
Employee Transfers, Net	644	31.02
Granted	205	27.33
Vested	(1,043)	42.22
Cancelled	(784)	26.47
Unvested as of January 30, 2021	3,044	\$27.75

As of January 30, 2021, there was \$18 million of total unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to unvested restricted stock. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years.

The total intrinsic value of restricted stock outstanding as of January 30, 2021 was \$124 million.

### *Stock Options*

Stock options are granted with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of L Brands common stock on the date of grant. Stock options have a maximum term of 10 years and generally vest ratably over three to five years. The fair value of stock options granted are determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The determination of the fair value of options is affected by the L Brands' stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of highly complex and subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, the L Brands' expected stock price volatility over the term of the awards and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors. L Brands' stock option activity, including stock options granted, exercised or cancelled, for Company employees for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2021 was not significant.

As of January 30, 2021, there was less than \$1 million of total unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to unvested stock options. As of January 30, 2021, there were 1.8 million outstanding stock options, the majority of which were fully vested, with a total intrinsic value of \$2 million.

## **15. Retirement Benefits**

Certain Company employees who meet certain age and service requirements participate in a tax-qualified defined contribution retirement plan sponsored by L Brands. The qualified plan permits participating associates to elect contributions up to the maximum limits allowable under the Internal Revenue Code. L Brands matches associate contributions according to a predetermined formula and contributes additional amounts based on a percentage of the associates' eligible annual compensation and years of service. Associate contributions and L Brands matching contributions vest immediately. Additional L Brands contributions and the related investment earnings are subject to vesting based on years of service. Total expense recognized related to the qualified plan was \$38 million, \$43 million and \$40 million in 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Certain Company employees participate in a non-qualified supplemental retirement plan sponsored by L Brands. The non-qualified plan is an unfunded plan which provides benefits beyond the Internal Revenue Code limits for qualified defined contribution plans. On June 27, 2020 (the "Termination Date"), the Human Capital and Compensation Committee of the L Brands' Board of Directors authorized the termination of the

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non-qualified plan. Subsequent to the Termination Date, no additional employee contributions may be made to the non-qualified plan. The remaining benefits and obligations are expected to be paid out in full approximately one year following the Termination Date. Accordingly, the liability of \$66 million related to the non-qualified plan is included within Accrued Expenses and Other on the January 30, 2021 Combined Balance Sheet. The Company recorded a liability of \$62 million as of February 1, 2020 related to the non-qualified plan in Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheets. Total expense recognized related to the non-qualified plan was \$4 million in 2020 and \$8 million for both 2019 and 2018.

### **16. Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company is subject to various claims and contingencies related to lawsuits, taxes, insurance and other matters arising out of the normal course of business. Actions filed against the Company from time to time include commercial, tort, intellectual property, customer, employment, data privacy and other claims, including purported class action lawsuits. Management believes that the ultimate liability arising from such claims and contingencies, if any, is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

### **17. Subsequent Events**

The Company evaluated subsequent events for matters that may require disclosure in these combined financial statements through April 16, 2021. Other than as already disclosed, there have been no events that have occurred that would require disclosure in the combined financial statements.

**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in millions)

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021	May 2, 2020
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 332	\$ 335	\$ 169
Accounts Receivable, Net	111	121	114
Due from Related Parties	2	—	2
Inventories	761	701	975
Prepaid Expenses	39	26	22
Other	<u>54</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>74</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,299	1,239	1,356
Property and Equipment, Net	1,036	1,078	1,260
Operating Lease Assets	1,602	1,590	2,044
Trade Name	246	246	246
Deferred Income Taxes	13	20	29
Other Assets	<u>51</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>74</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$4,247</u>	<u>\$4,229</u>	<u>\$5,009</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 366	\$ 338	\$ 391
Accrued Expenses and Other	688	776	492
Current Debt	—	—	18
Current Operating Lease Liabilities	356	421	424
Income Taxes Payable	29	15	35
Due to Related Parties	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	1,444	1,556	1,362
Deferred Income Taxes	45	19	16
Long-term Debt	—	—	89
Long-term Debt due to Related Party	97	97	—
Long-term Operating Lease Liabilities	1,541	1,553	2,057
Other Long-term Liabilities	<u>113</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>162</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>3,240</u>	<u>3,338</u>	<u>3,686</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Noncontrolling Interest	—	—	3
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	7	4	(31)
Net Investment by L Brands, Inc.	<u>1,000</u>	<u>887</u>	<u>1,351</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>891</u>	<u>1,323</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<u>\$4,247</u>	<u>\$4,229</u>	<u>\$5,009</u>

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



**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.**  
**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter	
	2021	2020
Net Sales	\$1,554	\$ 894
Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy	<u>(882)</u>	<u>(873)</u>
Gross Profit	672	21
General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses	<u>(446)</u>	<u>(394)</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	226	(373)
Interest Expense	(1)	(2)
Other Income (Loss)	<u>—</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	225	(377)
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	<u>51</u>	<u>(78)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 174</u>	<u>\$(299)</u>

**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.**  
**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter	
	2021	2020
Net Income (Loss)	\$174	\$(299)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax:		
Foreign Currency Translation	4	(5)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Cash Flow Hedges	<u>(1)</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ (2)</u>
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	<u>\$177</u>	<u>\$(301)</u>

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**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.**  
**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

	First Quarter	
	2021	2020
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net Income (Loss)	\$174	\$(299)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities:		
Depreciation of Long-lived Assets	80	90
Asset Impairment Charges	—	97
Share-based Compensation Expense	7	9
Deferred Income Taxes	34	(78)
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable	10	43
Inventories	(60)	(120)
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other	(97)	(115)
Income Taxes Payable	14	3
Other Assets and Liabilities	<u>(60)</u>	<u>70</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	<u>102</u>	<u>(300)</u>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Capital Expenditures	(19)	(27)
Other Investing Activities	<u>—</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	<u>(19)</u>	<u>(28)</u>
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Borrowings from Foreign Facilities	—	23
Repayments of Foreign Facilities	—	(69)
Net Transfers from (to) L Brands, Inc.	<u>(88)</u>	<u>300</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Financing Activities	<u>(88)</u>	<u>254</u>
Effects of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	(2)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(3)	(76)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of the Period	<u>335</u>	<u>245</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	<u>\$332</u>	<u>\$ 169</u>

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**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.**  
**COMBINED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**  
(in millions)  
(Unaudited)

**First Quarter 2021**

	Net Investment by L Brands, Inc.	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity
<b>Balance, January 30, 2021</b>	\$ 887	\$ 4	\$—	\$ 891
Net Income	174	—	—	174
Other Comprehensive Income	<u>—</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Comprehensive Income	174	3	—	177
Net Transfers to L Brands, Inc.	<u>(61)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(61)</u>
<b>Balance, May 1, 2021</b>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$1,007</u>

**First Quarter 2020**

	Net Investment by L Brands, Inc.	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity
<b>Balance, February 1, 2020</b>	\$1,341	\$(29)	\$ 2	\$1,314
Net Loss	(299)	—	—	(299)
Other Comprehensive Loss	<u>—</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Total Comprehensive Loss	(299)	(2)	—	(301)
Net Transfers from L Brands, Inc.	309	—	—	309
Other	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Balance, May 2, 2020</b>	<u>\$1,351</u>	<u>\$(31)</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$1,323</u>

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**VICTORIA'S SECRET BUSINESS OF L BRANDS, INC.**  
**NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. Background, Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***The Separation***

L Brands, Inc. ("L Brands" or the "Parent") operates the Bath & Body Works, Victoria's Secret and PINK retail brands in the highly competitive specialty retail business. On May 11, 2021, L Brands announced that its Board of Directors unanimously approved a plan to separate L Brands into two independent, public companies: Bath & Body Works and Victoria's Secret, including PINK. L Brands expects to create these companies through a tax-free spin-off of Victoria's Secret to L Brands' shareholders. The spin-off is expected to be effected through a pro-rata distribution to L Brands shareholders of common stock of a newly formed entity holding certain assets and liabilities comprising the Victoria's Secret business. The spin-off will create Victoria's Secret & Co. (the "Company"), a separate, independent, publicly traded company. The spin-off is expected to be completed in August 2021, subject to certain customary market, regulatory and other conditions.

***Description of Business***

The Company is a specialty retailer of women's intimate and other apparel and beauty products marketed under the Victoria's Secret and PINK brand names. The Company operates more than 925 Victoria's Secret and PINK stores in the U.S., Canada and Greater China as well as online at [www.VictoriasSecret.com](http://www.VictoriasSecret.com) and [www.PINK.com](http://www.PINK.com) and other online channels worldwide. Additionally, Victoria's Secret and PINK have more than 455 stores in more than 70 countries operating under franchise, license and wholesale arrangements. The Company also includes the Victoria's Secret and PINK merchandise sourcing and production function serving the Company and its international partners.

The Company manages and evaluates its business activities based on geography and, as a result, determined that its Victoria's Secret North America and Victoria's Secret International businesses are its operating segments. The North America and International operating segments both sell women's intimate and other apparel and beauty products under the Victoria's Secret and PINK brand names and serve customers through stores and online channels. The operating segments share similar economic and other qualitative characteristics, and therefore the results are aggregated into one reportable segment.

***Basis of Presentation***

The combined financial statements have been derived from the consolidated financial statements and accounting records of L Brands and have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). The combined financial statements may not be indicative of the Company's future performance and do not necessarily reflect what the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows would have been had it operated as an independent company during the periods presented.

Intracompany transactions have been eliminated. Transactions between the Company and L Brands have been included in these combined financial statements. For those transactions between the Company and L Brands that have been historically settled in cash, the Company has reflected such balances in the Combined Balance Sheets as Due from Related Parties or Due to Related Parties. The aggregate net effect of transactions between the Company and related parties that have been historically settled other than in cash are reflected in the Combined Balance Sheets as Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. and in the Combined Statements of Cash Flows as Net Transfers from (to) L Brands, Inc. For additional information, see Note 2, "Transactions with Related Parties."

The Combined Balance Sheets include certain L Brands' assets and liabilities that are specifically identifiable or otherwise attributable to the Company. L Brands' third-party long-term notes payable and the related interest expense have not been allocated to the Company for any of the periods presented as the Company was not the legal obligor of such debt. Except for Long-term Debt due to Related Party, the debt reflected in the Combined Balance Sheets relate to third-party borrowings specifically attributable to, and legal obligations of, the Company.

L Brands utilizes a centralized approach to cash management and financing its operations. The Cash and Cash Equivalents held by L Brands at the corporate level are not specifically identifiable to the Company and, therefore, have not been reflected in the Company's Combined Balance Sheets. Cash transfers between L Brands

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and the Company are accounted for through Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Combined Balance Sheets represent cash and cash equivalents held by the Company at period-end prior to any potential transfer to the centralized cash management pool of L Brands.

The Combined Statements of Income (Loss) include costs for certain functions, including information technology, human resources and store design and construction, that historically were provided and administered on a centralized basis by L Brands. Starting in the third quarter of 2020, as part of the steps to prepare Victoria's Secret to operate as a separate standalone company, these functions were transitioned to the business and are now operated and administered as part of Victoria's Secret. For additional information, see Note 4, "Restructuring Activities." Costs applicable to the Company related to these functions are included in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss) for all periods presented. Prior to the transition of these functions, these costs were directly charged to the Company by L Brands.

In addition, for purposes of preparing these combined financial statements on a "carve-out" basis, a portion of L Brands' corporate expenses have been allocated to the Company. These expense allocations include the cost of corporate functions and resources that continue to be provided by, or administered by, L Brands including, but not limited to, executive management and other corporate and governance functions, such as corporate finance, internal audit, tax and treasury. The related employee payroll and benefit costs associated with such functions, such as share-based compensation, are included in the expense allocations. Corporate expenses of \$19 million in the first quarter of 2021 and \$20 million in the first quarter of 2020 were allocated and included within General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss).

Costs were allocated to the Company based on direct usage when identifiable or, when not directly identifiable, on the basis of proportional net sales. Management considers the basis on which the expenses have been allocated to reasonably reflect the utilization of services provided to, or the benefit received by, the Company during the periods presented. However, the allocations may not reflect the expenses the Company would have incurred if the Company had been a standalone company for the periods presented. Actual costs that may have been incurred if the Company had been a standalone company would depend on a number of factors, including the organizational structure, whether functions were outsourced or performed by employees, and strategic or capital decisions. Going forward, the Company may perform these functions using its own resources or outsourced services. For a period following the planned separation, however, some of these functions may continue to be provided by L Brands under a transition services agreement, and the Company may provide some services to L Brands under a transition services agreement. The Company may also enter into certain commercial arrangements with L Brands in connection with the planned separation.

During the periods presented in these Combined Financial Statements, the Company's income tax expense (benefit) and deferred tax balances have been included in the L Brands' income tax returns. Income tax expense (benefit) and deferred tax balances contained in the Combined Financial Statements are presented on a separate return basis, as if the Company had filed its own income tax returns. As a result, actual tax transactions included in the consolidated financial statements of L Brands may or may not be included in the Combined Financial Statements of the Company. Similarly, the tax treatment of certain items reflected in the Combined Financial Statements of the Company may or may not be reflected in the consolidated financial statements and income tax returns of L Brands. The taxes recorded in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss) are not necessarily representative of the taxes that may arise in the future if the Company files its income tax returns independent from L Brands' returns.

### ***Fiscal Year***

The Company's fiscal year ends on the Saturday nearest to January 31. As used herein, "first quarter of 2021" and "first quarter of 2020" refer to the thirteen-week periods ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020, respectively.

### ***Interim Financial Statements***

The Combined Financial Statements as of and for the periods ended May 1, 2021 and May 2, 2020 are unaudited. These Combined Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited Combined Financial Statements and Notes thereto for the fiscal years ended January 30, 2021, February 1, 2020 and February 2, 2019.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying Combined Financial Statements reflect all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature and necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods.

Due to the seasonal variations in the retail industry, the results of operations for the interim period is not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full fiscal year.

### ***Impacts of COVID-19***

The coronavirus pandemic (“COVID-19”) has created significant public health concerns as well as economic disruption, uncertainty and volatility. The Company’s operations and financial performance have been materially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the first quarter of 2020, all of the Company’s stores in North America were closed on March 17, 2020 and almost all remained closed throughout the remainder of the first quarter of 2020. Operations for the direct business were temporarily suspended for approximately one week in late March 2020.

The Company has adopted new operating models focused on providing a safe environment for its customers and associates, while also delivering an engaging shopping experience. The Company remains focused on the safe operations of its distribution, fulfillment and call centers while maximizing its direct business. Government stimulus payments and the relaxation of pandemic-related restrictions have positively impacted demand for the Company’s products during the first quarter of 2021. There remains the potential for COVID-related risks of closure or operating restrictions should the pandemic persist or worsen, which could materially impact the Company’s operations and financial performance in future periods.

### ***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents and derivative contracts with various major financial institutions. L Brands, on behalf of the Company, monitors the relative credit standing of financial institutions with whom the Company transacts and limits the amount of credit exposure with any one entity.

The Company also periodically reviews the relative credit standing of franchise, license and wholesale partners and other entities to which the Company grants credit terms in the normal course of business. The Company determines the required allowance for expected credit losses using information such as customer credit history and financial condition. Amounts are recorded to the allowance when it is determined that expected credit losses may occur.

### ***Equity Method Investments***

The Company accounts for investments in unconsolidated entities where it exercises significant influence, but does not have control, using the equity method. Under the equity method of accounting, the Company recognizes its share of the investee’s net income or loss. Losses are only recognized to the extent the Company has positive carrying value related to the investee. Carrying values are only reduced below zero if the Company has an obligation to provide funding to the investee. The Company’s share of net income or loss of unconsolidated entities from which the Company purchases merchandise or merchandise components is included in Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). The Company’s share of net income or loss from its investment in the Victoria’s Secret U.K. joint venture is included in General, Administrative and Store Operating Expenses in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). The Company’s equity method investments are required to be reviewed for impairment when it is determined there may be an other-than-temporary loss in value. The carrying values of equity method investments were \$32 million as of May 1, 2021, \$35 million January 30, 2021 and \$36 million as of May 2, 2020. These investments are recorded in Other Assets on the Combined Balance Sheets.

### ***Net Investment by L Brands, Inc.***

Net investment by L Brands, Inc. in the Combined Balance Sheets is presented in lieu of shareholders’ equity and represents L Brands’ historical investment in the Company, the accumulated net earnings after taxes and the net effect of the transactions with and allocations from L Brands. All transactions reflected in Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. in the accompanying Combined Balance Sheets have been considered as financing activities for purposes of the Combined Statements of Cash Flows.

For additional information, see Basis of Presentation above and Note 2, “Transactions with Related Parties.”

### ***Derivative Financial Instruments***

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to foreign currency exchange rates. The Company does not use derivative instruments for trading purposes. All derivative instruments are recorded on the Combined Balance Sheets at fair value.

The earnings of the Company's foreign operations are subject to exchange rate risk as substantially all the merchandise is sourced through U.S. dollar transactions. The Company uses foreign currency forward contracts designated as cash flow hedges to mitigate this foreign currency exposure for its Canadian operations. Amounts are reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) upon sale of the hedged merchandise to the customer. These gains and losses are recognized in Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy in the Combined Statements of Income (Loss). The fair value of designated cash flow hedges is not significant for any period presented.

The Company does not enter into any derivative contracts. However, L Brands, Inc., through its centralized treasury function, currently enters into derivative financial instruments with external counterparties to hedge certain foreign currency transactions with exposure to the Canadian dollar. The Company enters into offsetting internal contracts with L Brands, Inc. The maturities of the internal contracts range from one to eighteen months.

#### ***Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from those estimates, and the Company revises its estimates and assumptions as new information becomes available.

#### ***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

The Company did not adopt any new accounting standards during the first quarter of 2021 that had a material impact on the Company's combined results of operations, financial position or cash flows. In addition, there are no new accounting standards not yet adopted that are expected to have a material impact on the Company's combined results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

## **2. Transactions with Related Parties**

The combined financial statements have been prepared on a standalone basis and are derived from the consolidated financial statements and accounting records of L Brands. The following discussion summarizes activity between the Company and L Brands.

#### ***Allocation of General Corporate Expenses***

For purposes of preparing these combined financial statements on a "carve-out" basis, we have allocated a portion of L Brands' total corporate expenses to the Company. See Note 1 for a discussion of the methodology used to allocate corporate-related costs for purposes of preparing these financial statements on a "carve-out" basis.

#### ***Due from and Due to Related Parties***

Balances between the Company and L Brands, Inc. or its affiliates that are derived from transactions that have been historically cash settled are reflected in the Combined Balance Sheet as Due from and Due to Related Parties. Balances between the Company and L Brands, Inc. or its affiliates derived from transactions that have been historically settled other than in cash are included in Net Investment by L Brands, Inc. within Equity on the Combined Balance Sheets.

#### ***Long-term Debt due to Related Party***

During 2020, the Company borrowed \$97 million from L Brands to pay down outstanding debt with external parties. This borrowing is due in September 2025 and has a variable interest rate based on the China Loan Prime Rate, which was 3.85% as of May 1, 2021. The Company recognized \$1 million of interest expense in the first quarter of 2021 related to this borrowing.

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**Net Transfers From (to) L Brands, Inc.**

The following table presents the components of Net Transfers from (to) L Brands, Inc. in the first quarter of 2021 and 2020 Combined Statements of Equity:

	First Quarter	
	2021	2020
	(in millions)	
Cash Pooling and General Financing Activities, Net	\$(108)	\$274
Long-lived Assets <sup>(a)</sup>	20	—
Corporate Expense Allocations	19	20
Share-based Compensation Expense	7	9
Assumed Income Tax Payments	1	6
<b>Total Net Transfers from (to) L Brands, Inc.</b>	<b>\$ (61)</b>	<b>\$309</b>

(a) Represents long-lived assets transferred to the Company from L Brands, Inc. as a result of asset allocation decisions made during the period.

**Victoria's Secret Guarantees**

Certain Victoria's Secret subsidiaries, along with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of L Brands, Inc., guarantee and pledge collateral to secure the L Brands' asset-backed revolving credit facility ("ABL Facility"). The ABL Facility has aggregate commitments at \$1 billion and has an expiration date in August 2024. As of May 1, 2021, there were no borrowings outstanding under the ABL Facility.

Certain Victoria's Secret subsidiaries, along with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of L Brands, Inc., have also guaranteed L Brands' obligations under certain of L Brands' long-term notes. The guarantees are full and unconditional on a joint and several basis. The following table provides the outstanding principal balance for these notes as of May 1, 2021:

	(in millions)
5.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due October 2023	\$ 320
9.375% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due July 2025	500
6.694% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due January 2027	297
5.25% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due February 2028	500
7.50% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due June 2029	500
6.625% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due October 2030	1,000
6.875% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due November 2035	1,000
6.75% Fixed Interest Rate Notes due July 2036	700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,817</b>

The Company's guarantees of obligations under L Brands' long-term notes are expected to terminate concurrently with the separation of the Company from L Brands, subject to standard notice provisions to the trustee. The Company's guarantees of obligations under the ABL Facility are also expected to terminate concurrently with the separation, subject to consent of the lenders.

**L Brands, Inc. Guarantees**

*Lease Arrangements*

L Brands, Inc. has provided guarantees related to certain of the Company's store and office lease payments under the current terms of noncancelable leases expiring at various dates through 2037. These guarantees include minimum rent and additional payments covering taxes, common area costs and certain other expenses.

*Foreign Facilities*

Certain of the Company's China subsidiaries utilize revolving and term loan bank facilities to support their operations (the "Foreign Facilities"). These facilities are guaranteed by L Brands, Inc. and certain of L Brands'



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100% owned subsidiaries. As of May 1, 2021, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Foreign Facilities. L Brands, Inc. placed cash on deposit with certain financial institutions as collateral for the Foreign Facilities. The amount of collateral required was dependent upon the aggregate lending commitments and totaled \$30 million as of May 1, 2021.

### 3. Revenue Recognition

Accounts receivable, net from revenue-generating activities were \$74 million as of May 1, 2021, \$74 million as of January 30, 2021, and \$59 million as of and May 2, 2020. Accounts receivable primarily relate to amounts due from the Company's franchise, license and wholesale partners. Under these arrangements, payment terms are typically 60 to 90 days.

The Company records deferred revenue when cash payments are received in advance of transfer of control of goods or services. Deferred revenue primarily relates to gift cards, loyalty and private label credit card programs and direct channel shipments, which are all impacted by seasonal and holiday-related sales patterns. The balance of deferred revenue was \$230 million as of May 1, 2021, \$256 million as of January 30, 2021 and \$249 million as of and May 2, 2020. The Company recognized \$85 million as revenue in the first quarter of 2021 from amounts recorded as deferred revenue at the beginning of the year. As of May 1, 2021, the Company recorded deferred revenues of \$220 million within Accrued Expenses and Other, and \$10 million within Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheet.

The following table provides a disaggregation of Net Sales for the first quarter of 2021 and 2020:

	First Quarter	
	2021	2020
	(in millions)	
North America Stores	\$ 933	\$514
Direct	521	308
International (a)	100	72
Total Net Sales	<u>\$1,554</u>	<u>\$894</u>

(a) Results include company-operated stores in the U.K. (pre-joint venture) and Greater China, and royalties associated with franchised store and wholesale sales.

The Company recognized Net Sales of \$28 million and \$25 million for the first quarter of 2021 and 2020, respectively, related to its U.S. private label credit card arrangement.

The Company's international net sales include sales from company-operated stores, royalty revenue from franchise and license arrangements, wholesale revenues and direct sales shipped internationally. Certain of these sales are subject to the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency. The Company's net sales outside of the U.S. totaled \$163 million and \$106 million for the first quarter of 2021 and 2020, respectively.

### 4. Restructuring Activities

During the second quarter of 2020, management of L Brands and the Company reduced home office head count as a result of completing a comprehensive review of the home office organizations in order to achieve meaningful reductions in overhead expenses and to decentralize significant shared functions and services to support the creation of standalone companies.

During the first quarter of 2021, the Company made payments of \$6 million related to severance and related costs associated with these reductions. As of May 1, 2021, a liability of \$9 million related to these reductions is included in Accrued Expenses and Other on the Combined Balance Sheet.

#### **Victoria's Secret U.K.**

Due to challenging business results in the U.K., the Company entered into Administration in June 2020 to restructure store lease agreements and reduce operating losses in the U.K. business. In October 2020, the Company entered into a joint venture with Next PLC for the Victoria's Secret business in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Under this agreement, the Company owns 49% of the joint venture, and Next owns 51% and is responsible for operations. The Company accounts for its investment in the joint venture under the equity method of accounting.

## 5. Inventories

The following table provides details of inventories as of May 1, 2021, January 30, 2021 and May 2, 2020:

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021	May 2, 2020
		(in millions)	
Finished Goods Merchandise	\$721	\$663	\$940
Raw Materials and Merchandise Components	40	38	35
<b>Total Inventories</b>	<b>\$761</b>	<b>\$701</b>	<b>\$975</b>

## 6. Long-Lived Assets

The following table provides details of property and equipment, net as of May 1, 2021, January 30, 2021 and May 2, 2020:

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021	May 2, 2020
		(in millions)	
Property and Equipment, at Cost	\$ 3,774	\$ 3,792	\$ 4,267
Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(2,738)	(2,714)	(3,007)
<b>Property and Equipment, Net</b>	<b>\$ 1,036</b>	<b>\$ 1,078</b>	<b>\$ 1,260</b>

Depreciation expense was \$80 million and \$90 million for the first quarter of 2021 and 2020, respectively.

During the first quarter of 2020, the Company recorded pre-tax store asset impairment charges of \$97 million as a result of the Victoria's Secret fleet rationalization executed during 2020 and the negative operating results of certain Victoria's Secret stores. These impairment charges are included in Costs of Goods Sold, Buying and Occupancy in the 2020 Combined Statement of Loss.

## 7. Accrued Expenses and Other

The following table provides additional information about the composition of Accrued Expenses and Other as of May 1, 2021, January 30, 2021 and May 2, 2020:

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021	May 2, 2020
		(in millions)	
Deferred Revenue on Gift Cards	\$163	\$178	\$155
Compensation, Payroll Taxes and Benefits	104	173	58
Supplemental Retirement Plan	57	66	—
Taxes, Other than Income	45	45	31
Accrued Marketing	37	44	9
Deferred Revenue on Loyalty and Private Label Credit Card	35	38	41
Deferred Revenue on Direct Shipments not yet Delivered	22	30	41
Returns Reserve	21	26	33
Rent	64	22	11
Accrued Claims on Self-insured Activities	17	17	19
Other	123	137	94
<b>Total Accrued Expenses and Other</b>	<b>\$688</b>	<b>\$776</b>	<b>\$492</b>

## 8. Income Taxes

For purposes of our combined financial statements, income taxes have been calculated as if we file income tax returns for the Company on a standalone basis. The Company's U.S. operations and certain of its non-U.S. operations historically have been included in the income tax returns of L Brands or its subsidiaries that may not

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be part of the Company. The Company believes the assumptions supporting its allocation and presentation of income taxes on a separate return basis are reasonable. However, the Company's tax results, as presented in the combined financial statements, may not be reflective of the results that the Company expects to generate in the future.

For the first quarter of 2021, the Company calculated the provision for income taxes on the current estimate of the annual effective tax rate and adjusted as necessary for quarterly events. Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the income tax expense for the first quarter of 2020 was computed on a year-to-date effective tax rate.

For the first quarter of 2021, the Company's effective tax rate was 22.5% compared to 20.8% in the first quarter of 2020. The first quarter of 2021 rate was lower than the Company's combined estimated federal and state statutory rate primarily due to the recognition of excess tax benefits recorded through the income statement on share-based awards that vested in the quarter. In the first quarter of 2020, the Company recognized a benefit for income taxes of \$78 million on a loss before income taxes of \$377 million. The first quarter of 2020 rate was lower than the Company's combined estimated federal and state statutory rate primarily due to losses related to certain foreign subsidiaries, which generate no tax benefit.

The Company would have paid \$1 million and \$6 million for the first quarter of 2021 and 2020, respectively, had it filed its own separate returns in those years.

## 9. Borrowing Facilities

Certain of the Company's China subsidiaries utilize revolving and term loan bank facilities to support their operations. The Foreign Facilities allow borrowings in U.S. dollars and Chinese Yuan, and interest rates on outstanding borrowings are based upon the applicable benchmark rate for the currency of each borrowing. These facilities are guaranteed by the Company and certain of the Company's 100% owned subsidiaries. As of May 1, 2021, the Foreign Facilities allow for borrowings and letters of credit up to \$30 million, and there were no borrowings outstanding under the Foreign Facilities.

## 10. Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table provides the rollforward of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the first quarter of 2021:

	Foreign Currency Translation	Cash Flow Hedges	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	(in millions)		
<b>Balance as of January 30, 2021</b>	\$ 4	\$—	\$ 4
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Before Reclassifications	4	(1)	3
Tax Effect	—	—	—
Current-period Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	4	(1)	3
<b>Balance as of May 1, 2021</b>	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>

The following table provides the rollforward of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the first quarter of 2020:

	Foreign Currency Translation	Cash Flow Hedges	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	(in millions)		
<b>Balance as of February 1, 2020</b>	\$(29)	\$—	\$(29)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Before Reclassifications	(5)	4	(1)
Tax Effect	—	(1)	(1)
Current-period Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(5)	3	(2)
<b>Balance as of May 2, 2020</b>	<u>\$(34)</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$(31)</u>

## **11. Retirement Benefits**

Certain Company employees who meet certain age and service requirements participate in a tax-qualified defined contribution retirement plan sponsored by L Brands. The qualified plan permits participating associates to elect contributions up to the maximum limits allowable under the Internal Revenue Code. L Brands matches associate contributions according to a predetermined formula and contributes additional amounts based on a percentage of the associates' eligible annual compensation and years of service. Associate contributions and L Brands matching contributions vest immediately. Additional L Brands contributions and the related investment earnings are subject to vesting based on years of service. Total expense recognized related to the qualified plan was not significant for any period presented.

Certain Company employees participate in a non-qualified supplemental retirement plan sponsored by L Brands. The non-qualified plan is an unfunded plan which provides benefits beyond the Internal Revenue Code limits for qualified defined contribution plans. On June 27, 2020 (the "Termination Date"), the Human Capital and Compensation Committee of the L Brands' Board of Directors authorized the termination of the non-qualified plan. Subsequent to the Termination Date, no additional employee contributions may be made to the non-qualified plan. The remaining benefits and obligations are expected to be paid out in full approximately one year following the Termination Date. Accordingly, the Company recorded a liability of \$57 million as of May 1, 2021 and \$66 million as of January 30, 2021 within Accrued Expenses and Other on the Combined Balance Sheets. The Company recorded a liability of \$59 million as of May 2, 2020 related to the non-qualified plan in Other Long-term Liabilities on the Combined Balance Sheets. Total expense recognized related to the non-qualified plan was not significant for any period presented.

## **12. Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company is subject to various claims and contingencies related to lawsuits, taxes, insurance and other matters arising out of the normal course of business. Actions filed against the Company from time to time include commercial, tort, intellectual property, customer, employment, data privacy and other claims, including purported class action lawsuits. Management believes that the ultimate liability arising from such claims and contingencies, if any, is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

## **13. Subsequent Events**

The Company evaluated subsequent events for matters that may require disclosure in these combined financial statements through May 28, 2021. Except as already disclosed, there have been no events that have occurred that would require disclosure in the combined financial statements.

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