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

For the Quarterly Period Ended August 1, 2015

OR

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

For the Transition Period From _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-34918

VERA BRADLEY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

27-2935063

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**12420 Stonebridge Road,
Roanoke, Indiana**

(Address of principal executive offices)

46783

(Zip Code)

(877) 708-8372

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The registrant had 37,972,235 shares of its common stock outstanding as of September 9, 2015.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical or current fact included in this report are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements refer to our current expectations and projections relating to our financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, strategies, future performance, and business. You can identify forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements may include words such as “anticipate,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project,” “plan,” “intend,” “believe,” “may,” “might,” “will,” “should,” “can have,” and “likely” and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future operating or financial performance or other events. For example, all statements we make relating to our estimated and projected earnings, revenues, costs, expenditures, cash flows, growth rates, and financial results, our plans and objectives for future operations, growth, initiatives, or strategies, or the expected outcome or impact of pending or threatened litigation are forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those that we expected, including:

- possible inability to successfully implement our long-term strategic plan;
- possible failure of our multi-channel distribution model;
- possible adverse changes in general economic conditions and their impact on consumer confidence and consumer spending;
- possible inability to predict and respond in a timely manner to changes in consumer demand;
- possible inability to successfully open new stores and/or operate current stores as planned;
- possible inability to maintain and enhance our brand;
- possible loss of key management or design associates or inability to attract and retain the talent required for our business;
- possible data security or privacy breaches or disruptions in our computer systems or website; and
- possible continued declines in our comparable sales.

We derive many of our forward-looking statements from our operating plans and forecasts, which are based upon detailed assumptions. While we believe that our assumptions are reasonable, we caution that it is difficult to predict the impact of known factors, and it is impossible for us to anticipate all factors that could affect our actual results.

For a discussion of these risks and other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in our forward-looking statements, please refer to “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015.

We caution you that the risks and uncertainties identified by us may not be all of the factors that are important to you. Furthermore, the forward-looking statements included in this report are made only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Vera Bradley, Inc.
Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	August 1, 2015	January 31, 2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,042	\$ 112,292
Accounts receivable, net	33,863	31,374
Inventories	103,921	98,403
Income taxes receivable	3,199	3,208
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,620	9,100
Deferred income taxes	13,473	13,320
Total current assets	241,118	267,697
Property, plant, and equipment, net	115,013	109,003
Other assets	1,046	584
Total assets	\$ 357,177	\$ 377,284
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 28,734	\$ 32,906
Accrued employment costs	10,264	14,595
Other accrued liabilities	15,107	15,548
Income taxes payable	286	—
Total current liabilities	54,391	63,049
Deferred income taxes	6,163	5,297
Other long-term liabilities	29,057	24,467
Total liabilities	89,611	92,813
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock; 5,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock, without par value; 200,000 shares authorized, 40,790 and 40,695 shares issued and 38,595 and 40,074 outstanding, respectively	—	—
Additional paid-in-capital	83,023	80,992
Retained earnings	218,030	216,451
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(14)	(15)
Treasury stock	(33,473)	(12,957)
Total shareholders' equity	267,566	284,471
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 357,177	\$ 377,284

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

Vera Bradley, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income
(in thousands, except per share data)
(unaudited)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
Net revenues	\$ 120,724	\$ 118,960	\$ 221,828	\$ 231,157
Cost of sales	54,170	55,516	103,580	107,958
Gross profit	66,554	63,444	118,248	123,199
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	57,351	50,663	114,963	100,708
Other income	283	465	1,230	2,042
Operating income	9,486	13,246	4,515	24,533
Interest expense, net	72	24	149	104
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	9,414	13,222	4,366	24,429
Income tax expense	3,699	5,328	2,787	9,658
Income from continuing operations	5,715	7,894	1,579	14,771
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	—	(296)	—	(606)
Net income	\$ 5,715	\$ 7,598	\$ 1,579	\$ 14,165
Basic weighted-average shares outstanding	39,315	40,686	39,600	40,663
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding	39,328	40,719	39,606	40,722
Net income per share - basic				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.36
Discontinued operations	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)
Net income	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.35
Net income per share - diluted				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.36
Discontinued operations	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)
Net income	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.35

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

Vera Bradley, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
Net income	\$ 5,715	\$ 7,598	\$ 1,579	\$ 14,165
Cumulative translation adjustment	(9)	(20)	1	(10)
Comprehensive income	\$ 5,706	\$ 7,578	\$ 1,580	\$ 14,155

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Vera Bradley, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 1,579	\$ 14,165
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation of property, plant, and equipment	9,904	7,150
Provision for doubtful accounts	436	(63)
Loss on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	52	—
Stock-based compensation	2,515	1,962
Deferred income taxes	713	(2,007)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(2,925)	(895)
Inventories	(5,518)	24,897
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(1,982)	704
Accounts payable	(5,931)	(11,271)
Income taxes	295	(5,477)
Accrued and other liabilities	(136)	3,591
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(998)	32,756
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment	(15,359)	(12,231)
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,359)	(12,231)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Tax withholdings for equity compensation	(484)	(595)
Repurchase of common stock	(19,364)	—
Other financing activities, net	(46)	(47)
Net cash used in financing activities	(19,894)	(642)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1	(7)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(36,250)	19,876
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	112,292	59,215
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 76,042	\$ 79,091
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Non-cash operating, investing, and financing activities		
Repurchase of common stock incurred but not yet paid	\$ 1,152	\$ —
Property, plant, and equipment expenditures incurred but not yet paid	\$ 607	\$ 3,159

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Vera Bradley, Inc.
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
(unaudited)

1. Description of the Company and Basis of Presentation

The terms “Company” and “Vera Bradley” refer to Vera Bradley, Inc. and its subsidiaries, except where the context requires otherwise or where otherwise indicated.

Vera Bradley is a leading designer of women’s handbags and accessories, luggage and travel items, eyewear, and stationery and gifts. Founded in 1982 by friends Barbara Bradley Baekgaard and Patricia R. Miller, the brand’s iconic designs and versatile styles offer women of all ages a colorful way to accessorize every look.

Vera Bradley offers a unique, multi-channel sales model, as well as a focus on service and a high level of customer engagement. The Company sells its products through two reportable segments: Direct and Indirect. The Direct business consists of sales of Vera Bradley products through the Company’s full-line and factory outlet stores in the United States, verabradley.com, direct-to-consumer eBay sales, and the Company’s annual outlet sale in Fort Wayne, Indiana. As of August 1, 2015, the Company operated 107 full-line stores and 37 factory outlet stores. The Indirect business consists of sales of Vera Bradley products to approximately 2,700 specialty retail locations, substantially all of which are located in the United States, as well as department stores, national accounts, third-party e-commerce sites, the Company’s wholesale business in Japan, and third-party inventory liquidation.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) have been omitted. These interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015, filed with the SEC.

The interim financial statements reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present fairly the results for the interim periods presented. All such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. The results of operations for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. The Company has eliminated intercompany balances and transactions in consolidation.

Fiscal Periods

The Company’s fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to January 31. References to the fiscal quarters ended August 1, 2015, and August 2, 2014, refer to the thirteen-week periods ended on those dates.

Operating Leases and Tenant-Improvement Allowances

The Company has leases that contain rent holidays and predetermined, fixed escalations of minimum rentals. For each of these leases, the Company recognizes the related rent expense on a straight-line basis commencing on the date of initial possession of the leased property. The Company records the difference between the recognized rent expense and the amount payable under the lease as a deferred rent liability. As of August 1, 2015 and January 31, 2015, deferred rent liability was \$10.4 million and \$8.9 million, respectively, and is included within other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company receives tenant-improvement allowances from some of the landlords of its leased properties. These allowances generally are in the form of cash received by the Company from its landlords as part of the negotiated lease terms. The Company records each tenant-improvement allowance as a deferred credit and amortizes the allowance on a straight-line basis as a reduction to rent expense over the term of the lease, commencing on the possession date. As of August 1, 2015 and January 31, 2015, the deferred lease credit liability was \$16.7 million and \$13.8 million, respectively. Of these amounts, \$2.2 million and \$1.8 million is included within other accrued liabilities as of August 1, 2015 and January 31, 2015, respectively; and \$14.5 million and \$12.0 million is included within other long-term liabilities as of August 1, 2015 and January 31, 2015, respectively.

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Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-08, *Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*. This guidance states that the disposal of a component of an entity is to be reported in discontinued operations only if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity’s operations and financial results. The pronouncement also requires additional disclosures regarding individually significant disposals of components that do not meet the criteria to be recognized as a discontinued operation as well as additional and expanded disclosures. The guidance is effective for all disposals (or classifications as held for sale) of components of an entity and all businesses or nonprofit activities that, on acquisition, are classified as held for sale that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2015; it is applied prospectively. Early adoption is permitted, but only for disposals (or classifications as held for sale) that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued or available for issuance. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements upon adoption.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. 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 new standard also will result in enhanced disclosures about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The standard allows for either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective transition method. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14 to defer the effective date of ASU 2014-09 for all entities by one year to annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, which for the Company is fiscal 2019. Earlier application is permitted as of the original effective date, annual reporting periods beginning after December 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard, including the transition method, on its consolidated results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-15, *Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern* which requires management to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity’s ability to continue as a going concern and provide related footnote disclosures. The guidance is effective for annual or interim reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is permitted for financial statements that have not been previously issued. The standard allows for either a full retrospective or modified retrospective transition method. The Company does not expect this standard to have an impact on the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements upon adoption.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, which modifies the presentation of debt issuance costs in financial statements. Under this new guidance, the Company will be required to present these costs in our condensed consolidated balance sheets as a direct deduction from the related debt liability. The requirements of the new standard will become effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years (including retrospective application), beginning after December 15, 2015; early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating this guidance and does not expect the application of this standard to have a material impact on the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements upon adoption.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-11, *Inventory*, which requires entities to measure inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2016. The Company is currently evaluating this guidance and does not expect the application of this standard to have a material impact on the Company’s Consolidated Financial Statements upon adoption.

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2. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding, plus the effect of dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method. Dilutive potential common shares represent outstanding restricted stock units. The components of basic and diluted earnings per share were as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
<i>Numerator:</i>				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 5,715	\$ 7,894	\$ 1,579	\$ 14,771
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	—	(296)	—	(606)
Net income	\$ 5,715	\$ 7,598	\$ 1,579	\$ 14,165
<i>Denominator:</i>				
Weighted-average number of common shares (basic)	39,315	40,686	39,600	40,663
Dilutive effect of stock-based awards	13	33	6	59
Weighted-average number of common shares (diluted)	39,328	40,719	39,606	40,722
<i>Earnings per share - basic:</i>				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.36
Discontinued operations	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)
Net income	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.35
<i>Earnings per share - diluted:</i>				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.36
Discontinued operations	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)
Net income	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.35

As of August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, there were an immaterial number of additional shares issuable upon the vesting of restricted stock units that were excluded from the diluted share calculations because they were anti-dilutive.

3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified using the following hierarchy, which is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation as of the measurement date:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs based on the Company's own assumptions.

The classification of fair value measurements within the hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement.

The carrying amounts reflected on the Consolidated Balance Sheets for cash and cash equivalents, receivables, other current assets, and payables as of August 1, 2015, and January 31, 2015, approximated their fair values.

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4. Inventories

The components of inventories were as follows (in thousands):

	August 1, 2015	January 31, 2015
Raw materials ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,203	\$ 5,542
Work in process	—	470
Finished goods	102,718	92,391
Total inventories	<u>\$ 103,921</u>	<u>\$ 98,403</u>

(1) The decrease in raw materials was primarily a result of the Company's finished goods suppliers purchasing and taking ownership of fabric.

5. Debt

As of August 1, 2015 and January 31, 2015, the Company had borrowing availability of \$125.0 million under its second amended and restated credit agreement.

6. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for interim periods is based on an estimate of the annual effective tax rate adjusted to reflect the impact of discrete items. Management judgment is required in projecting ordinary income to estimate the Company's annual effective tax rate.

The effective tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, was 39.3%, compared to 40.3% for the thirteen weeks ended August 2, 2014. The year-over year decrease is primarily due to the relative impact of discrete items occurring in the prior year but not the current year.

The effective tax rate for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, was 63.8%, compared to 39.5% for the twenty-six weeks ended August 2, 2014. The year-over year increase is primarily due to the impact of discrete items, including an increase in income tax reserves for uncertain federal and state tax positions related to research and development tax credits from prior years.

7. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company recognizes share-based compensation expense, for its awards of restricted stock and restricted stock units, in an amount equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock on the grant date of the respective award.

The Company reserved 6,076,001 shares of common stock for issuance or transfer under the 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan, which allows for grants of restricted stock units, as well as other equity awards.

Awards of Restricted Stock Units

During the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, the Company granted 36,001 time-based and performance-based restricted stock units with an aggregate fair value of \$0.5 million to certain employees under the 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan compared to a total of 60,511 time-based and performance-based restricted stock units with an aggregate fair value of \$1.4 million granted in the same period of the prior year.

During the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, the Company granted 598,361 time-based and performance-based restricted stock units with an aggregate fair value of \$9.5 million to certain employees and non-employee directors under the 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan compared to a total of 278,491 time-based and performance-based restricted stock units with an aggregate fair value of \$7.3 million granted in the same period of the prior year. The Company determined the fair value of the awards based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the grant date.

The majority of time-based restricted stock units vest and settle in shares of the Company's common stock, on a one-for-one basis, in equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date. Beginning in fiscal 2014, all restricted stock units issued to non-employee directors vest after a one-year period from the grant date. The

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Company is recognizing the expense relating to these units, net of estimated forfeitures, on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

Performance-based restricted stock units vest upon the completion of a three-year period of time (cliff vesting), subject to the employee's continuing employment throughout the three-year performance period and the Company's achievement of annual net income or earnings per share targets during the three-year performance period. The Company is recognizing the expense relating to these units, net of estimated forfeitures, based on the probable outcome of achievement of the financial targets, on a straight-line basis over three years.

The following table sets forth a summary of restricted stock unit activity for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 (units in thousands):

	Time-based Restricted Stock Units		Performance-based Restricted Stock Units	
	Number of Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value (per unit)	Number of Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value (per unit)
Nonvested units outstanding at January 31, 2015	248	\$ 26.34	217	\$ 26.26
Granted	432	15.92	167	15.84
Vested	(118)	15.75	(8)	16.07
Forfeited	(64)	19.07	(60)	24.88
Nonvested units outstanding at August 1, 2015	498	\$ 20.75	316	\$ 21.26

As of August 1, 2015, there was \$8.9 million of total unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to nonvested restricted stock units. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.1 years.

8. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is subject to various claims and contingencies arising in the normal course of business, including those relating to product liability, legal, employee benefit, environmental, and other matters. Management believes that it is not reasonably possible that any of these claims will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

9. Common Stock

On September 9, 2014, the Company's board of directors approved a share repurchase program (the "2014 Share Repurchase Program") authorizing up to \$40.0 million of repurchases of shares of the Company's common stock. The 2014 Share Repurchase Program expires in October 2016.

The Company purchased 1,574,380 shares at an average price of \$13.03 per share, excluding commissions, for an aggregate amount of \$20.5 million during the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015. As of August 1, 2015, there was \$6.5 million remaining available to repurchase shares of the Company's common stock under the 2014 Share Repurchase Program. Subsequent to quarter end, the Company purchased 623,633 shares at an average price of \$10.47 per share, excluding commissions, which completed the 2014 Share Repurchase Program.

As of August 1, 2015, the Company held as treasury shares 2,195,365 shares of its common stock at an average price of \$15.25 per share, excluding commissions, for an aggregate carrying amount of \$33.5 million. The Company's treasury shares may be issued under the 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan or for other corporate purposes.

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10. Discontinued Operations

On June 4, 2014, the Company entered into a five-year agreement with Mitsubishi Corporation Fashion Company and Look Inc. to import and distribute Vera Bradley products in Japan. As a result of moving to this wholesale business model, the Company exited its direct business in Japan during the third quarter of fiscal 2015 and the results of operations are reported as discontinued operations. Japan results were previously reported in the Direct segment, which has been restated to exclude the results of the discontinued operations for the periods presented. Following are the Japan results of operations (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
Net revenues	\$ —	\$ 1,144	\$ —	\$ 2,408
Cost of sales	—	529	—	1,023
Gross profit	—	615	—	1,385
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	—	1,100	—	2,367
Operating loss	—	(485)	—	(982)
Loss on disposal from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—
Loss before income taxes	—	(485)	—	(982)
Income tax benefit	—	(189)	—	(376)
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ (296)	\$ —	\$ (606)

11. Restructuring and Other Charges

In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company closed its manufacturing facility located in New Haven, Indiana.

The Company incurred restructuring and other charges during the first quarter of fiscal 2016 of approximately \$3.4 million (\$2.1 million after the associated tax benefit), related to the facility closing. These charges include severance and benefit costs of approximately \$1.7 million, lease termination costs of approximately \$0.7 million, inventory-related charges of approximately \$0.6 million, and other associated net costs, which include accelerated depreciation related to fixed assets, of approximately \$0.4 million. These charges are reflected in cost of sales in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. Management expects that the facility closure will reduce operating costs by approximately \$12.0 million annually beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016. All production from the facility will be absorbed by the Company's third party manufacturing suppliers.

A summary of charges and related liabilities, associated with the facility closure, are as follows (in thousands):

	Inventory-Related Charges	Lease Termination Costs	Severance and Benefits Costs	Other
Fiscal 2015 charges	\$ 2,989	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7
Cash payments	—	—	—	—
Non-cash charges	(2,989)	—	—	(7)
Liability as of January 31, 2015	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Fiscal 2016 charges	\$ 628	\$ 650	\$ 1,673	\$ 484
Cash payments	—	(650)	(1,675)	(198)
Non-cash charges	(628)	—	2	(256)
Liability as of August 1, 2015	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 30

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Other charges affecting comparability of the financial results for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014 totaled approximately \$3.1 million (\$2.1 million after the associated tax benefit) consisting of charges in the first quarter of fiscal 2016 of \$1.3 million in employee severance (reflected in selling, general, and administrative expenses), \$1.2 million due to a retail store early lease termination agreement (reflected in selling, general, and administrative expenses), and \$0.6 million related to an increase in income tax reserves for uncertain federal and state tax positions related to research and development tax credits (reflected in income tax expense).

12. Segment Reporting

The Company has two operating segments, which are also its reportable segments: Direct and Indirect. These operating segments are components of the Company for which separate financial information is available and for which operating results are evaluated on a regular basis by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing the performance of the segments.

The Direct segment includes the Company's full-line and factory outlet stores, the Company's website, verabradley.com, direct-to-consumer eBay sales, and the annual outlet sale. Revenues generated through this segment are driven through the sale of Company-branded products from Vera Bradley to end consumers. The Company exited its direct Japan operations in the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Direct segment results for the current and prior periods presented are reported on a continuing operations basis unless otherwise stated. Discontinued operations are detailed in Note 10 *Discontinued Operations* of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

The Indirect segment represents revenues generated through the distribution of Company-branded products to specialty retailers representing approximately 2,700 locations, substantially all of which are located in the United States, as well as key accounts, which include department stores, national accounts, third-party e-commerce sites, the Company's wholesale business in Japan, and third-party inventory liquidation.

Corporate costs represent the Company's administrative expenses, which include, but are not limited to: human resources, legal, finance, information technology, design, merchandising, and various other corporate-level-activity-related expenses. All intercompany-related activities are eliminated in consolidation and are excluded from the segment reporting.

Company management evaluates segment operating results based on several indicators. The primary or key performance indicators for each segment are net revenues and operating income. Net revenues and operating income information for the Company's reportable segments during the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, respectively, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
Segment net revenues:				
Direct	\$ 83,775	\$ 77,777	\$ 154,208	\$ 149,961
Indirect	36,949	41,183	67,620	81,196
Total	\$ 120,724	\$ 118,960	\$ 221,828	\$ 231,157
Segment operating income:				
Direct	\$ 16,557	\$ 17,122	\$ 24,584	\$ 30,880
Indirect	14,788	15,947	24,692	31,386
Total	\$ 31,345	\$ 33,069	\$ 49,276	\$ 62,266
Reconciliation:				
Segment operating income	\$ 31,345	\$ 33,069	\$ 49,276	\$ 62,266
Less:				
Unallocated corporate expenses	(21,859)	(19,823)	(44,761)	(37,733)
Operating income	\$ 9,486	\$ 13,246	\$ 4,515	\$ 24,533

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

The following discussion summarizes the significant factors affecting the consolidated operating results, financial condition, liquidity, and cash flows of the Company as of and for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015, and our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in Item 1 of this Quarterly Report.

Executive Summary

Below is a summary of our strategic progress and financial results for the second quarter of fiscal 2016 (all comparisons are to the second quarter of fiscal 2015):

Strategic Progress

- We continued progressing product innovation by launching two new fabrications, our Wildwood leather and Preppy Poly collections.
- We continued to increase the mix of higher-margin, made-for-outlet product in our factory outlet stores.
- We continued to build a more flexible, efficient, and cost-effective supply chain through vendor and country diversification.
- We opened six new full-line stores and three new factory outlet stores during the second quarter.
- We continued to make significant investments in marketing to modernize our brand and attract new customers.
- We enhanced our e-commerce search capabilities.

Financial Summary

- Net revenues increased 1.5% to \$120.7 million.
- Direct segment sales increased 7.7% to \$83.8 million. Comparable sales (including e-commerce) decreased 15.0%.
- Indirect segment sales decreased 10.3% to \$36.9 million.
- Gross profit was \$66.6 million (55.1% of net revenue).
- Operating income was \$9.5 million.
- Income from continuing operations was \$9.4 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share.
- Cash and cash equivalents were \$76.0 million at August 1, 2015.
- Capital expenditures for the twenty-six weeks totaled \$15.4 million.
- Repurchases of common stock for the thirteen weeks totaled \$13.3 million.

Discontinued Operations

In June 2014, we entered into a five-year agreement with Mitsubishi Corporation Fashion Company and Look Inc. to import and distribute Vera Bradley products in Japan. As a result of moving to this wholesale business model, we exited our direct business in Japan during the third quarter of fiscal 2015 and are accounting for it as a discontinued operation. Consolidated income statement and Direct segment results for the current and prior periods presented are reported on a continuing operations basis unless otherwise stated.

Restructuring and Other Charges Affecting Comparability of the Year-to-Date Periods ended August 1, 2015, and August 2, 2014

In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company closed its manufacturing facility located in New Haven, Indiana.

The Company incurred restructuring and other charges during the first quarter of fiscal 2016 of approximately \$3.4 million (\$2.1 million after the associated tax benefit), related to the facility closing. These charges include severance and benefit costs of approximately \$1.7 million, lease termination costs of approximately \$0.7 million, inventory-related charges of approximately \$0.6 million, and other associated net costs, which include accelerated depreciation related to fixed assets, of approximately \$0.4 million. These charges are reflected in cost of sales in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

Management expects that the facility closure will reduce operating costs by approximately \$12.0 million annually beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016. All production from the facility will be absorbed by the Company's third party manufacturing suppliers.

Other charges affecting comparability of the financial results for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014 totaled approximately \$3.1 million (\$2.1 million after the associated tax benefit) consisting of charges in the first quarter of fiscal 2016 of \$1.3 million in employee severance (reflected in selling, general, and administrative expenses), \$1.2 million due to a retail store early lease termination agreement (reflected in selling, general, and administrative expenses), and \$0.6 million related to an increase in income tax reserves for uncertain federal and state tax positions related to research and development tax credits (reflected in income tax expense).

See Note 11 to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, herein, for additional information.

How We Assess the Performance of Our Business

In assessing the performance of our business, we consider a variety of performance and financial measures.

Net Revenues

Net revenues reflect sales of our merchandise and revenue from distribution and shipping and handling fees, less returns and discounts. Revenues for the Direct segment reflect sales through our full-line and factory outlet stores, verabradley.com, direct-to-consumer eBay sales, and our annual outlet sale in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Revenues for the Indirect segment reflect sales to specialty retail partners, department stores, national accounts, third-party e-commerce sites, our wholesale business in Japan, and third-party inventory liquidation.

Comparable Sales

Comparable sales (including e-commerce) are calculated based upon our stores that have been open for at least 12 full fiscal months and net revenues from our e-commerce operations. Comparable store sales are calculated based solely upon our stores that have been open for at least 12 full fiscal months. Remodeled stores are included in comparable sales and comparable store sales unless the store was closed for a portion of the current or comparable prior period or the remodel resulted in a significant change in square footage. Some of our competitors and other retailers calculate comparable or "same store" sales differently than we do. As a result, data in this report regarding our comparable sales and comparable store sales may not be comparable to similar data made available by other companies. Non-comparable sales include sales from stores not included in comparable sales or comparable store sales.

Measuring the change in year-over-year comparable sales allows us to evaluate how our store base and e-commerce operations are performing. Various factors affect our comparable sales, including:

- Overall economic trends;
- Consumer preferences and fashion trends;
- Competition;
- The timing of our releases of new patterns and collections;
- Changes in our product mix;
- Pricing;
- The level of customer service that we provide in stores;
- Our ability to source and distribute products efficiently;
- The number of stores we open and close in any period; and
- The timing and success of promotional and advertising efforts.

Gross Profit

Gross profit is equal to our net revenues less our cost of sales. Cost of sales includes the direct cost of purchased and manufactured merchandise, distribution center costs, operations overhead, duty, and all inbound freight costs incurred. The components of our reported cost of sales may not be comparable to those of other retail and wholesale companies.

Gross profit can be impacted by changes in volume; fluctuations in sales price; operational efficiencies, such as leveraging of fixed costs; promotional activities, such as free shipping; commodity prices, such as for cotton; and labor costs.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses (SG&A)

SG&A expenses include selling; advertising, marketing, and product development; and administrative. Selling expenses include Direct business expenses, such as store expenses, employee compensation, and store occupancy and supply costs, as well as Indirect business expenses consisting primarily of employee compensation and other expenses associated with sales to Indirect retailers. Advertising, marketing, and product development expenses include employee compensation, media costs, creative production expenses, marketing agency fees, new product design costs, public relations expenses, and market research expenses. A portion of our advertising expenses may be reimbursed by Indirect retailers, and such amount is classified as other income. Administrative expenses include employee compensation for corporate functions, corporate headquarters occupancy costs, consulting and software expenses, and charitable donations.

Other Income

We support many of our Indirect retailers' marketing efforts by distributing certain catalogs and promotional mailers to current and prospective customers. Our Indirect retailers reimburse us for a portion of the cost to produce these materials. Reimbursement received is recorded as other income. The related cost to design, produce, and distribute the catalogs and mailers is recorded as SG&A expense. Other income also includes proceeds from the sales of tickets to our annual outlet sale.

Operating Income

Operating income is equal to gross profit less SG&A expenses plus other income. Operating income excludes interest income, interest expense, and income taxes.

Income from Continuing Operations

Income from continuing operations is equal to operating income less net interest expense and income taxes.

Loss from Discontinued Operations, Net of Taxes

Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes, is equal to the loss from the results of operations related to the direct Japan business, which was exited in the third quarter of fiscal 2015, adjusted for the associated tax benefit.

Net Income

Net income is equal to the sum of income from continuing operations and loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes.

Results of Operations

The following tables summarize key components of our consolidated results of operations for the periods indicated, both in dollars and as a percentage of our net revenues (\$ in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
Statement of Income Data:				
Net revenues	\$ 120,724	\$ 118,960	\$ 221,828	\$ 231,157
Cost of sales	54,170	55,516	103,580	107,958
Gross profit	66,554	63,444	118,248	123,199
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	57,351	50,663	114,963	100,708
Other income	283	465	1,230	2,042
Operating income	9,486	13,246	4,515	24,533
Interest expense, net	72	24	149	104
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	9,414	13,222	4,366	24,429
Income tax expense	3,699	5,328	2,787	9,658
Income from continuing operations	5,715	7,894	1,579	14,771
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	—	(296)	—	(606)
Net income	\$ 5,715	\$ 7,598	\$ 1,579	\$ 14,165
Percentage of Net Revenues:				
Net revenues	100.0%	100.0 %	100.0%	100.0 %
Cost of sales	44.9%	46.7 %	46.7%	46.7 %
Gross profit	55.1%	53.3 %	53.3%	53.3 %
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	47.5%	42.6 %	51.8%	43.6 %
Other income	0.2%	0.4 %	0.6%	0.9 %
Operating income	7.9%	11.1 %	2.0%	10.6 %
Interest expense, net	0.1%	— %	0.1%	— %
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	7.8%	11.1 %	2.0%	10.6 %
Income tax expense	3.1%	4.5 %	1.3%	4.2 %
Income from continuing operations	4.7%	6.6 %	0.7%	6.4 %
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	—%	(0.2)%	—%	(0.3)%
Net income	4.7%	6.4 %	0.7%	6.1 %

The following tables present net revenues and operating income by operating segment, both in dollars and as a percentage of our net revenues, and store data for the periods indicated (\$ in thousands, except as otherwise indicated):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
Net Revenues by Segment:				
Direct	\$ 83,775	\$ 77,777	\$ 154,208	\$ 149,961
Indirect	36,949	41,183	67,620	81,196
Total	<u>\$ 120,724</u>	<u>\$ 118,960</u>	<u>\$ 221,828</u>	<u>\$ 231,157</u>
Percentage of Net Revenues by Segment:				
Direct	69.4%	65.4%	69.5%	64.9%
Indirect	30.6%	34.6%	30.5%	35.1%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Operating Income by Segment:				
Direct	\$ 16,557	\$ 17,122	\$ 24,584	\$ 30,880
Indirect	14,788	15,947	24,692	31,386
Less: Corporate unallocated	(21,859)	(19,823)	(44,761)	(37,733)
Total	<u>\$ 9,486</u>	<u>\$ 13,246</u>	<u>\$ 4,515</u>	<u>\$ 24,533</u>
Operating Income as a Percentage of Net Revenues by Segment:				
Direct	19.8 %	22.0 %	15.9 %	20.6 %
Indirect	40.0 %	38.7 %	36.5 %	38.7 %
Store Data ⁽¹⁾:				
Total stores open at end of period	144	109	144	109
Comparable sales (including e-commerce) decrease ⁽²⁾	(15.0)%	(5.3)%	(15.8)%	(6.4)%
Total gross square footage at end of period (all stores)	325,956	233,836	325,956	233,836
Average net revenues per gross square foot ⁽³⁾	\$ 176	\$ 208	\$ 305	\$ 362

(1) Includes our full-line and factory outlet stores.

(2) Comparable sales (including e-commerce) are calculated based upon our stores that have been open for at least 12 full fiscal months and net revenues from our e-commerce operations. Increase or decrease is reported as a percentage of the comparable sales for the same period in the prior fiscal year. Remodeled stores are included in comparable sales unless the store was closed for a portion of the current or comparable prior period or the remodel resulted in a significant change in square footage.

(3) Dollars not in thousands. Average net revenues per gross square foot are calculated by dividing total net revenues for our stores that have been open at least 12 full fiscal months as of the end of the period by total gross square footage for those stores. Remodeled stores are included in average net revenues per gross square foot unless the store was closed for a portion of the period.

Thirteen Weeks Ended August 1, 2015, Compared to Thirteen Weeks Ended August 2, 2014

Net Revenues

For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, net revenues increased \$1.7 million, or 1.5%, to \$120.7 million, from \$119.0 million in the comparable prior-year period.

Direct. For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, net revenues in the Direct segment increased \$6.0 million, or 7.7%, to \$83.8 million, from \$77.8 million in the comparable prior-year period. This change resulted from a \$17.3 million increase in revenues at our non-comparable stores, which included 19 additional stores in the current year, partially offset by a comparable sales (including e-commerce) decrease of \$11.3 million, or 15.0%. The decrease in comparable sales (including e-commerce)

includes a 14.7% decrease in e-commerce sales and 15.2% decrease in comparable store sales. The declines in comparable store sales and comparable sales (including e-commerce) were primarily due to year-over-year declines in store and e-commerce traffic, partially as a result of reduced promotional activity.

Indirect. For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, net revenues in the Indirect segment decreased \$4.3 million, or 10.3%, to \$36.9 million, from \$41.2 million in the comparable prior-year period. The decrease was primarily due to lower average order size from the Company's specialty retail accounts and a year-over-year reduction in the total number of specialty retail accounts, partially offset by the timing of the Company's summer product launch (which resulted in approximately \$3.7 million of revenues recognized in the second quarter of this year as compared to the first quarter of last year).

Gross Profit

For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, gross profit increased \$3.2 million, or 4.9%, to \$66.6 million, from \$63.4 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of net revenues, gross profit increased to 55.1% for the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, from 53.3% in the comparable prior-year period. The increase in gross profit as a percentage of net revenues was primarily due to the increased sales of higher-margin made-for-outlet product in the Company's factory outlet stores, leverage of overhead costs, Fall 2014 cost reductions at the Company's since-closed domestic manufacturing facility, lower levels of liquidation sales, and reduced promotional activity.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses

For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, SG&A expenses increased \$6.7 million, or 13.2%, to \$57.4 million, from \$50.7 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of net revenues, SG&A expenses increased to 47.5% for the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, from 42.6% in the comparable prior-year period. The \$6.7 million increase was primarily due to strategic investments which included incremental marketing, new store expenses, and e-commerce investments. SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues increased primarily due to the strategic investments, fixed expenses being spread over lower comparable revenues, as well as deleveraging of store operating expenses as a result of lower comparable store sales.

Other Income

For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, other income decreased \$0.2 million, or 39.1%, to \$0.3 million, from \$0.5 million in the comparable prior-year period, primarily due to a decrease in reimbursement of co-op mailer expense from Indirect retailers.

Operating Income

For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, operating income decreased \$3.7 million, or 28.4%, to \$9.5 million in the current year, from \$13.2 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of net revenues, operating income was 7.9% and 11.1% for the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, respectively. The decrease in operating income was due to an increase in selling, general, and administrative expenses and decrease in other income, partially offset by an increase in gross profit, which are described above.

Direct. For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, operating income in the Direct segment decreased \$0.5 million, or 3.3%, to \$16.6 million from \$17.1 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of Direct segment net revenues, operating income in the Direct segment was 19.8% and 22.0% for the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, respectively. The decrease in operating income was primarily due to strategic investments including new store expenses and e-commerce investments, partially offset by an increase in gross profit as a percentage of net revenues, which is described above.

Indirect. For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, operating income in the Indirect segment decreased \$1.1 million, or 7.3%, to \$14.8 million from \$15.9 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of Indirect segment net revenues, operating income in the Indirect segment was 40.0% and 38.7% for the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, respectively. The decrease in operating income is primarily due to a decrease in net revenues, partially offset by an increase in gross profit as a percentage of net revenues, which are described above.

Corporate Unallocated. For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, unallocated expenses increased \$2.1 million, or 10.3%, to \$21.9 million from \$19.8 million in the comparable prior-year period, primarily due to incremental marketing investments.

Income Tax Expense

The effective tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, was 39.3%, compared to 40.3% for the thirteen weeks ended August 2, 2014. The year-over-year decrease is primarily due to the relative impact of discrete items occurring in the prior year but not the current year.

Income from Continuing Operations

For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, income from continuing operations decreased \$2.2 million, or 27.6%, to \$5.7 million from \$7.9 million in the comparable prior-year period.

Loss from Discontinued Operations, Net of Taxes

For the thirteen weeks ended August 2, 2014, loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes, was \$0.3 million reflecting the Company's exit from Japan operations during the third quarter of fiscal 2015.

Net Income

For the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, net income decreased \$1.9 million, or 24.8%, to \$5.7 million from \$7.6 million in the comparable prior-year period.

Twenty-Six Weeks Ended August 1, 2015, Compared to Twenty-Six Weeks Ended August 2, 2014

Net Revenues

For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, net revenues decreased \$9.4 million, or 4.0%, to \$221.8 million, from \$231.2 million in the comparable prior-year period.

Direct. For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, net revenues in the Direct segment increased \$4.2 million, or 2.8%, to \$154.2 million, from \$150.0 million in the comparable prior-year period. This change resulted from a \$26.7 million increase in revenues at our non-comparable stores, which included 19 additional stores in the current year, which was partially offset by a comparable sales (including e-commerce) decrease of \$21.7 million, or 15.8%. The decrease in comparable sales (including e-commerce) includes a 12.4% decrease in e-commerce sales, an 18.3% decrease in comparable store sales, as well as a decrease in total sales at our annual outlet sale compared to the prior year. The declines in comparable store sales and comparable sales (including e-commerce) were primarily due to year-over-year declines in store and e-commerce traffic, partially as a result of reduced promotional activity.

Indirect. For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, net revenues in the Indirect segment decreased \$13.6 million, or 16.7%, to \$67.6 million, from \$81.2 million in the comparable prior-year period, primarily due to lower average order size from the Company's specialty retail accounts. In addition, there was a year-over-year reduction in the total number of specialty retail accounts.

Gross Profit

For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, gross profit decreased \$5.0 million, or 4.0%, to \$118.2 million, from \$123.2 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of net revenues, gross profit was consistent at 53.3% for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and the comparable prior-year period. Gross profit included restructuring charges of \$3.4 million related to the closure of our manufacturing facility in the first quarter of fiscal 2016, as discussed in more detail in Note 11 to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements herein, offset by increased sales of higher-margin made-for-outlet product in the Company's factory outlet stores, leverage of overhead costs, Fall 2014 cost reductions at the Company's since-closed domestic manufacturing facility, lower levels of liquidation sales, and reduced promotional activity.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses

For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, SG&A expenses increased \$14.3 million, or 14.2%, to \$115.0 million, from \$100.7 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of net revenues, SG&A expenses increased to 51.8% for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, from 43.6% in the comparable prior-year period. The increase in SG&A expenses for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, included \$1.3 million in employee severance expense and \$1.2 million in expense related to a retail store early termination agreement that did not occur in the comparable period. The remaining increase was primarily due to strategic investments, which included incremental marketing, new store expenses, and e-commerce investments. SG&A expenses as a percentage of net revenues increased primarily due to the strategic investments, fixed expenses being spread over lower revenues and deleveraging of store operating expenses as a result of lower comparable store sales.

Other Income

For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, other income decreased \$0.8 million, or 39.8%, to \$1.2 million, from \$2.0 million in the comparable prior-year period, primarily due to a decrease in reimbursement of co-op mailer expense from Indirect retailers.

Operating Income

For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, operating income decreased \$20.0 million, or 81.6%, to \$4.5 million in the current year, from \$24.5 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of net revenues, operating income was 2.0% and 10.6% for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, respectively. Operating income for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, was negatively impacted by the \$5.9 million in restructuring and other charges described above under “Gross Profit” and “Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses.” The remaining decrease in operating income was due to an increase in selling, general, and administrative expenses and a decrease in other income and gross profit, which are described above.

Direct. For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, operating income in the Direct segment decreased \$6.3 million, or 20.4%, to \$24.6 million from \$30.9 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of Direct segment net revenues, operating income in the Direct segment was 15.9% and 20.6% for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, respectively. Operating income in the Direct segment was negatively impacted by \$3.5 million in aggregate restructuring and other charges related to the closure of our manufacturing facility in the first quarter of fiscal 2016 and a retail store early termination agreement. The remaining decrease was primarily due to strategic investments including new store expenses and e-commerce investments, partially offset by an increase in gross profit as a percentage of net revenues, which is described above.

Indirect. For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, operating income in the Indirect segment decreased \$6.7 million, or 21.3%, to \$24.7 million from \$31.4 million in the comparable prior-year period. As a percentage of Indirect segment net revenues, operating income in the Indirect segment was 36.5% and 38.7% for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, respectively. Operating income in the Indirect segment was negatively impacted by \$1.1 million in restructuring charges related to the closure of our manufacturing facility in the first quarter of fiscal 2016. The remaining decrease in operating income is primarily due to a decrease in net revenues, partially offset by an increase in gross profit as a percentage of net revenues, which are described above.

Corporate Unallocated. For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, unallocated expenses increased \$7.1 million, or 18.6%, to \$44.8 million from \$37.7 million in the comparable prior-year period. The increase in unallocated expenses included \$1.3 million in employee severance expense. The remaining increase was primarily due to incremental marketing investments.

Income Tax Expense

The effective tax rate for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, was 63.8%, compared to 39.5% for the twenty-six weeks ended August 2, 2014. The year-over-year increase is primarily due to the impact of discrete items, including an increase in income tax reserves for uncertain federal and state tax positions related to research and development tax credits from prior years.

Income from Continuing Operations

For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, income from continuing operations decreased \$13.2 million, or 89.3%, to \$1.6 million from \$14.8 million in the comparable prior-year period. Included in this decrease were restructuring and other charges of \$6.5 million (\$4.2 million after the associated tax benefit), as described in Note 11 to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Loss from Discontinued Operations, Net of Taxes

For the twenty-six weeks ended August 2, 2014, loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes was \$0.6 million reflecting the Japan operations which were exited during the third quarter of fiscal 2015.

Net Income

For the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, net income decreased \$12.6 million, or 88.9%, to \$1.6 million from \$14.2 million in the comparable prior-year period. Included in this decrease were restructuring and other charges of \$6.5 million (\$4.2 million after the associated tax benefit), as described in Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

General

Our primary source of liquidity is cash flow from operations. We also have access to additional liquidity, if needed, through borrowings under our \$125.0 million second amended and restated credit agreement. There were no borrowings under this agreement at August 1, 2015. Historically, our primary cash needs have been for merchandise inventories, payroll, store rent, capital expenditures associated with operational equipment, buildings, information technology, opening new stores, and debt repayments. The most significant components of our working capital are cash and cash equivalents, merchandise inventories, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and other current liabilities.

We believe that cash flows from operating activities and the availability of borrowings under our second amended and restated credit agreement or other financing arrangements will be sufficient to meet working capital requirements, anticipated capital expenditures, share repurchases, and debt payments for the foreseeable future.

Cash Flow Analysis

A summary of operating, investing, and financing activities is shown in the following table (in thousands):

	Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	August 1, 2015	August 2, 2014
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (998)	\$ 32,756
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,359)	(12,231)
Net cash used in financing activities	(19,894)	(642)

Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Operating Activities

Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities consists primarily of net income adjusted for non-cash items, including depreciation, amortization, deferred taxes, and stock-based compensation, the effect of changes in assets and liabilities, and tenant-improvement allowances received from landlords under our store leases.

Net cash used in operating activities for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, was \$1.0 million, compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$32.8 million for the twenty-six weeks ended August 2, 2014. This decrease was primarily due to a decrease in net income of \$12.6 million along with a change in inventory balances that resulted in a \$5.5 million use of cash for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015, as compared to \$24.9 million of cash provided for the twenty-six weeks ended August 2, 2014.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities

Investing activities consist primarily of capital expenditures for growth related to new store openings, buildings, operational equipment, and information technology investments.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$15.4 million and \$12.2 million for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, respectively. The increase in capital expenditures was due primarily to the opening of 19 new stores in the first and second quarter of the current year as compared to ten stores in the comparable prior year period, which was partially offset by reduced spending for the campus consolidation project.

Capital expenditures for fiscal 2016 are expected to be approximately \$31.0 million.

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$19.9 million for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2015 which was primarily related to purchases of shares of the Company's common stock made under the 2014 Share Repurchase Program. This compares to net cash used in financing activities of \$0.6 million for the twenty-six weeks ended August 2, 2014.

Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement

On July 15, 2015, Vera Bradley Designs, Inc. ("VBD"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among VBD, the lenders from time to time party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as syndication agent, and KeyBank National Association, as documentation agent (the "Credit Agreement"), which amended and restated our prior credit

agreement. The Credit Agreement provides for certain credit facilities to VBD in an aggregate principal amount not to initially exceed \$125.0 million, the proceeds of which will be used for general corporate purposes of VBD and its subsidiaries, including but not limited to Vera Bradley International, LLC and Vera Bradley Sales, LLC (collectively, the “Named Subsidiaries”).

Amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement bear interest, at VBD's option, at a per annum rate equal to either (A) the Alternate Base Rate (“ABR”) plus the Applicable Margin, where the ABR is the highest of (i) the prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%, and (iii) Adjusted LIBOR for a one-month interest period plus 1%, and the Applicable Margin is a percentage ranging from 0.00% to 0.70% depending upon the Company's leverage ratio or (B) Adjusted LIBOR plus the Applicable Margin, where Adjusted LIBOR means LIBOR, as adjusted for statutory reserve requirements for eurocurrency liabilities, and Applicable Margin is a percentage ranging from 1.00% to 1.70% depending upon the Company's leverage ratio. Any loans made, or letters of credit issued, pursuant to the Credit Agreement mature on July 15, 2020. As of August 1, 2015, the Company had borrowing availability of \$125.0 million under the agreement.

VBD's obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by the Company and the Named Subsidiaries. The obligations of VBD under the Credit Agreement are secured by first priority security interests in all of the respective assets of VBD, the Company, and the Named Subsidiaries and a pledge of the equity interests of VBD and the Named Subsidiaries.

The Credit Agreement contains various restrictive covenants, including restrictions on the Company's ability to dispose of assets, make acquisitions or investments, incur debt or liens, make distributions to stockholders or repurchase outstanding stock, enter into related party transactions and make capital expenditures, other than upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement. The Company is also required to comply with certain financial and non-financial covenants, including maintaining a maximum leverage ratio, a minimum ratio of EBITDAR to the sum of interest expense plus rentals (as defined in the Credit Agreement), and a limit on capital expenditures. Upon an event of default, which includes certain customary events such as, among other things, a failure to make required payments when due, a failure to comply with covenants, certain bankruptcy and insolvency events, a material adverse change (as defined in the Credit Agreement), defaults under other material indebtedness, and a change in control, the lenders may accelerate amounts outstanding, terminate the agreement and foreclose on all collateral. The Company was in compliance with these covenants as of August 1, 2015.

Off-Balance-Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance-sheet financing or unconsolidated special-purpose entities.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, as well as the related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. A summary of the Company's significant accounting policies is included in Note 2 to the Company's consolidated financial statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015.

Certain accounting policies and estimates of the Company are considered critical, as these policies and estimates are the most important to the depiction of the Company's consolidated financial statements and require significant, difficult, or complex judgments, often about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Such policies are summarized in the “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015. As of August 1, 2015, there was no significant change to any of the critical accounting policies and estimates described in the Annual Report.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-08, *Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*. This guidance states that the disposal of a component of an entity is to be reported in discontinued operations only if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. The pronouncement also requires additional disclosures regarding individually significant disposals of components that do not meet the criteria to be recognized as a discontinued operation as well as additional and expanded disclosures. The guidance is effective for all disposals (or classifications as held for sale) of components of an entity and all businesses or nonprofit activities that, on acquisition, are classified as held for sale that occur within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and interim periods within annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2015; it is applied prospectively. Early adoption is permitted, but only for disposals (or classifications as held for sale) that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued or available for issuance. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements upon adoption.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. 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 new standard also will result in enhanced disclosures about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The standard allows for either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective transition method. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14 to defer the effective date of ASU 2014-09 for all entities by one year to annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, which for the Company is fiscal 2019. Earlier application is permitted as of the original effective date, annual reporting periods beginning after December 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard, including the transition method, on its consolidated results of operations, financial position and cash flows.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-15, *Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern* which requires management to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and provide related footnote disclosures. The guidance is effective for annual or interim reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is permitted for financial statements that have not been previously issued. The standard allows for either a full retrospective or modified retrospective transition method. The Company does not expect this standard to have an impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements upon adoption.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, which modifies the presentation of debt issuance costs in financial statements. Under this new guidance, the Company will be required to present these costs in our condensed consolidated balance sheets as a direct deduction from the related debt liability. The requirements of the new standard will become effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years (including retrospective application), beginning after December 15, 2015; early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating this guidance and does not expect the application of this standard to have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements upon adoption.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-11, *Inventory*, which requires entities to measure inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2016. The Company is currently evaluating this guidance and does not expect the application of this standard to have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements upon adoption.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

As of August 1, 2015, there was no material change in the market risks described in “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

At the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company’s Disclosure Committee and management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of August 1, 2015.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or that is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

There has been no material change to our risk factors as previously set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On September 9, 2014, the Company's board of directors approved a share repurchase program (the "2014 Share Repurchase Program") authorizing up to \$40.0 million of repurchases of shares of the Company's common stock. The 2014 Share Repurchase Program expires in October 2016. During the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015, the Company repurchased 1,149,531 shares of the Company's common stock at an average price of \$11.60 per share, excluding commissions.

Details on the shares repurchased under the program during the thirteen weeks ended August 1, 2015 are as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Program
May 3, 2015 - May 30, 2015	145,500	\$ 13.82	145,500	\$ 17,853,799
May 31, 2015 - July 4, 2015	460,000	11.51	460,000	12,560,534
July 5, 2015 - August 1, 2015	544,031	11.09	544,031	6,527,471
	<u>1,149,531</u>	<u>\$ 11.60</u>	<u>1,149,531</u>	

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

a. Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
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31.1	CEO Section 302 Certification
31.2	CFO Section 302 Certification
32.1	Section 906 Certifications*
101	The following materials from the Vera Bradley, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 1, 2015 formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Consolidated Statements of Income for the Thirteen and Twenty-Six Weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Thirteen and Twenty-Six Weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014; (iii) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of August 1, 2015 and January 31, 2015; (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Twenty-Six Weeks ended August 1, 2015 and August 2, 2014, and (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. **

* Furnished, not filed.

** Pursuant to Rule 406T of SEC Regulation S-T, the Interactive Data Files included as Exhibit 101 hereto are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, are deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise are not subject to liability under these Sections.

SIGNATURE

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

Vera Bradley, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: September 9, 2015

/s/ Kevin J. Sierks

Kevin J. Sierks
Executive Vice President – Chief Financial Officer

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\$125,000,000

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of

July 15, 2015

among

VERA BRADLEY DESIGNS, INC.,
as Borrower

The Lenders Party Hereto,

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Administrative Agent

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Syndication Agent

and

KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Documentation Agent

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC,
as Sole Bookrunner and Sole Lead Arranger

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- Exhibit E-4 – U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate (For Non-U.S. Participants that are Partnerships for U.S. Federal; Income Tax Purposes)

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT dated as of July 15, 2015, among VERA BRADLEY DESIGNS, INC., the LENDERS party hereto and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Administrative Agent.

RECITALS:

A. The Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the financial institutions designated as existing lenders on Schedule 2.01 (the “Continuing Lenders”) and the financial institutions listed on Schedule I hereto (the “Exiting Lenders”) are party to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 4, 2010 (as amended up to but not including the date hereof, the “Existing Credit Agreement”).

B. The Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Continuing Lenders wish to amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth below to, among other things, extend the Revolving Maturity Date, reallocate the Commitments and make the other changes to the Existing Credit Agreement evidenced hereby.

C. The financial institutions identified on Schedule 2.01 which are not Continuing Lenders wish to become “Lenders” hereunder and accept and assume the obligations of “Lenders” hereunder with the Commitments specified on the Commitment Schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual agreements made herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree that the Existing Credit Agreement is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

SECTION 1.01. ***Defined Terms.*** As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“ABR”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.

“Acquired Entity or Business” means either (a) the assets constituting a business, division, facility, product line or line of business of any Person not already a Subsidiary or (b) 100% of the capital stock of any such Person, which Person shall, as a result of such acquisition or merger, become a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower (or shall be merged with and into the Borrower with the Borrower being the surviving Person or with a Subsidiary Guarantor with the Subsidiary Guarantor being the surviving Person or such other surviving Person becoming a Subsidiary Guarantor).

“Act” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.14.

“Adjusted LIBO Rate” means, with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing for any Interest Period (or, as applicable, for the purpose of determining the Alternate Base Rate for any day by reference to a one month Interest Period), an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/16 of 1%) equal to (a) the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (b) the Statutory Reserve Rate.

“Administrative Agent” means JPMorgan, in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder, and its successors and assigns in such capacity.

“Administrative Questionnaire” means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.

“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.

“Agreement” means this Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as it may be amended, restated, modified or supplemented from time to time.

“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 Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus ½ of 1% and (c) the Adjusted LIBO Rate for deposits in dollars for a one month Interest Period on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) plus 1%; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the Adjusted LIBO Rate for any day shall be based on the rate appearing on the Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page (or on any successor or substitute page of such page) at approximately 11:00 a.m. London time on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day). Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or the Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or the Adjusted LIBO Rate, respectively.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means all laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to the Borrower or its Subsidiaries from time to time concerning or relating to bribery or corruption (but not including any such law, rule or regulation in so far as it applies to matters unrelated to the Borrower, its Subsidiaries or their respective businesses).

“Applicable Percentage” means, with respect to any Lender, the percentage of the total Commitments represented by such Lender’s Commitment; provided that in the case of Section 2.20 when a Defaulting Lender shall exist, “Applicable Percentage” shall mean the percentage of the total Commitments (disregarding any Defaulting Lender’s Commitment) represented by such Lender’s Commitment. If the Commitments have terminated or expired, the Applicable Percentages shall be determined based upon the Commitments most recently in effect, giving effect to any assignments and to any Lender’s status as a Defaulting Lender at the time of determination.

“Applicable Rate” means, for any day, with respect to any Eurodollar Loan or ABR Loan or with respect to the Letter of Credit fees or the facility fees payable hereunder, the applicable

rate per annum set forth on Schedule 1.01(a) under the caption “Eurodollar Spread”, “ABR Spread”, “Letter of Credit Fee” or “Facility Fee”, as the case may be, based upon the Leverage Ratio.

“Approved Fund” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04.

“Asset Disposition” means any sale, transfer or other disposition of any asset of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions (other than (a) the sale of inventory in the ordinary course or the sale or other disposition of obsolete or worn out property in the ordinary course and (b) the sale of Permitted Investments in the ordinary course of business).

“Assignment and Assumption” means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 9.04), 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 Revolving Maturity Date and the date of termination of the Commitments.

“Bankruptcy Event” means, with respect to any Person, such Person becomes the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, 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, provided that a Bankruptcy Event shall not result solely by virtue of any ownership interest, or the acquisition of any ownership interest, in such Person by a Governmental Authority or instrumentality thereof, provided, further, that such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Person with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Person (or such Governmental Authority or instrumentality) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made by such Person.

“Board” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

“Borrower” means Vera Bradley Designs, Inc., an Indiana corporation.

“Borrowing” means (a) Revolving Loans of the same Type, made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of Eurodollar Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect or (b) a Swingline Loan.

“Borrowing Request” means a request by the Borrower for a Revolving Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.03.

“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 Eurodollar 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, without duplication, any expenditures for any purchase or other acquisition of any asset which would be classified as a fixed or capital asset on a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries prepared in accordance with GAAP excluding (a) the cost of assets acquired with Capital Lease Obligations, (b) expenditures of insurance proceeds to rebuild or replace any asset after a casualty loss and (c) leasehold improvement expenditures for which the Borrower or a Subsidiary is reimbursed promptly by the lessor.

“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, and the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Change in Control” means (a) 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 Vera Bradley, Inc., Barbara Baekgaard, Patricia Miller, Jill Nichols, Michael Ray and Kim Colby and their respective heirs and descendants and any trust established for the benefit of such Persons, of Equity Interests representing more than 40% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Borrower; or (b) occupation of a majority of the seats (other than vacant seats) on the board of directors of the Borrower by Persons who were neither (i) nominated by the board of directors of the Borrower nor (ii) appointed or approved by directors so nominated; or (c) the acquisition of direct or indirect Control of the Borrower by any Person or group other than Vera Bradley, Inc.

“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 the Issuing Bank (or, for purposes of Section 2.15(b), by any lending office of such Lender or by such Lender’s or the 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, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall be deemed to be a “Change in Law,” regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

“Charges” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.13.

“Class”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Revolving Loans or Swingline Loans.

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

“Collateral” means all property with respect to which any security interests have been granted (or purported to be granted) pursuant to any Security Document, including, without limitation, all “Collateral” referred to in the Security Agreement and all cash delivered as collateral pursuant to Section 2.06(j).

“Collateral Access Agreement” means any landlord waiver, bailee letter or other agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, between the Administrative Agent and any third party (including any bailee, consignee, customs broker, or other similar Person) in possession of any Collateral or any landlord of the Borrower for any real property where any Collateral is located, as such landlord waiver, bailee letter or other agreement may be amended, restated, or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Collateral Agent” means JPMorgan, in its capacity as collateral agent for the benefit of the Secured Creditors under the Security Documents, and its successors and assigns in such capacity.

“Commitment” means, with respect to each Lender, the commitment of such Lender to make Revolving Loans and to acquire participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans hereunder, expressed as an amount representing the maximum aggregate amount of such Lender’s Revolving Credit Exposure hereunder, as such commitment may be (a) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to Section 2.09 and (b) reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to assignments by or to such Lender pursuant to Section 9.04. The initial amount of each Lender’s Commitment is set forth on Schedule 2.01, or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed its Commitment, as applicable. The initial aggregate amount of the Lenders’ Commitments is \$125,000,000.

“Connection Income Taxes” means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

“Continuing Lenders” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Recitals hereto.

“Control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have meanings correlative thereto.

“Credit Documents” means this Agreement and, after the execution and delivery thereof pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, each promissory note, if any, delivered pursuant to Section 2.10(e), the Parent Guaranty, the Subsidiary Guaranty, each Security Document and each other document or instrument contemplated hereby and executed by the Borrower, Holdings, and/or any Subsidiary Guarantor in favor of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender, any amendment, restatement or supplement of any of the foregoing and any other document from time to time designated in writing as a “Credit Document” hereunder by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower.

“Credit Parties” means Holdings, the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor.

“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.

“Defaulting Lender” means any Lender that (a) has failed, within two Business Days of the date required to be funded or paid, to (i) fund any portion of its Loans, (ii) fund any portion of its participations in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans or (iii) pay over to any Credit Party any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder, unless, in the case of clause (i) above, such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender’s good faith determination that a condition precedent to funding (specifically identified and including the particular default, if any) has not been satisfied, (b) has notified the Borrower or any Credit Party in writing, or has made a public statement to the effect, that it does not intend or expect to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement (unless such writing or public statement indicates that such position is based on such Lender’s good faith determination that a condition precedent (specifically identified and including the particular default, if any) to funding a loan under this Agreement cannot be satisfied) or generally under other agreements in which it commits to extend credit, (c) has failed, within three Business Days after request by a Credit Party, acting in good faith, to provide a certification in writing from an authorized officer of such Lender that it will comply with its obligations (and is financially able to meet such obligations) to fund prospective Loans and participations in then outstanding Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans under this Agreement, provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon such Credit Party’s receipt of such certification in form and substance satisfactory to it and the Administrative Agent, or (d) has become the subject of a Bankruptcy Event.

“dollars” or “\$” refers to lawful money of the United States of America.

“Domestic Credit Parties” means Holdings, the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor that is a Domestic Subsidiary.

“Domestic Subsidiary” means each Subsidiary that is incorporated under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

“EBITDA” means, for any applicable computation period, Holdings’ and its subsidiaries’ Net Income on a consolidated basis from continuing operations, plus, to the extent included in the determination of Net Income, (a) income and franchise taxes paid or accrued during such period, (b) Total Interest Expense for such period, (c) amortization and depreciation deducted in determining Net Income for such period, (d) goodwill or other intangible asset impairments or charges required or permitted by FAS 142 for such period, (e) non-cash restructuring charges, (f) non-cash compensation expenses, and (g) cash restructuring charges in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 in any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters plus if such four fiscal quarter period includes the first quarter of Holdings’ 2016 fiscal year, the amount of the cash restructuring charges incurred in such quarter; provided, that for purposes of calculating EBITDA, if the sales revenue generated by any Person or business unit acquired, divested or liquidated, by the Borrower or any Subsidiary during the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters prior to such acquisition, divestiture or liquidation was \$5,000,000 or more, then the consolidated net income of such Person

or business unit acquired, or divested or liquidated (plus, to the extent deducted in determining such consolidated net income, Total Interest Expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization, goodwill or other intangible asset impairments or charges required or permitted by FAS 142 for such period, non-cash restructuring charges, non-cash compensation expenses, and cash restructuring charges in an aggregate amount not to exceed, together with cash restructuring charges added back to EBITDA pursuant to clause (g) above, \$10,000,000 in any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters plus if such four fiscal quarter period includes the first quarter of Holdings' 2016 fiscal year, the amount of the cash restructuring charges incurred in such quarter, in each case, of such Person or business unit) shall be included (or, in the case of a divestiture or liquidation, excluded) on a pro forma basis for such period (assuming the consummation of each such acquisition and the incurrence or assumption of any debt in connection therewith (or the consummation of such divestiture or liquidation) occurred on the first day of such period) in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“EBITDAR” means, for any applicable computation period, EBITDA for such period, plus, to the extent deducted in the determination of Net Income for such period, Rentals for such period.

“Effective Date” means the date on which the conditions specified in Section 4.01 are satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02).

“Environmental Laws” means all laws, rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders, decrees, judgments, injunctions, notices or binding agreements issued, promulgated or entered into by any Governmental Authority, relating in any way to the environment, preservation or reclamation of natural resources, the management, release or threatened release of any Hazardous Material or to health and safety matters.

“Environmental Liability” means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Borrower or any 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, and any warrants, options or other rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or acquire any such equity interest.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Borrower, 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.

“ERISA Event” means (a) any “reportable event”, as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the 30 day notice period is waived); (b) the existence with respect to any Plan of an “accumulated funding deficiency” (as defined in Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA), whether or not waived; (c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(d) of the Code or Section 303(d) of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan; (d) the incurrence by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (e) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Plan or Plans or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan; (f) the incurrence by the Borrower or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (g) the receipt by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent or in reorganization, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA.

“Eurodollar”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate.

“Event of Default” has the meaning assigned to such term in Article VII.

“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) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes; (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender becomes a party to this Agreement with respect to such interest in the Loan or Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under Section 2.19) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 2.17, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender’s assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office; (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient’s failure to comply with Section 2.17(e); and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

“Existing Credit Agreement” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Recitals hereto.

“Existing Letters of Credit” means the letters of credit issued and outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement and set forth on Schedule 1.01(b) hereto.

“Exiting Lenders” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Recitals hereto.

“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 and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

“Facility Guarantees” means, collectively, the Parent Guaranty and the Subsidiary Guaranty.

“Federal Funds Effective Rate” means, for any day, the weighted average (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day that is a Business Day, the average (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) of the quotations for such day for such transactions received by the Administrative Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it.

“Financial Officer” means the chief executive officer, director of finance, vice president of finance, chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or controller of the Borrower.

“First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.10(a).

“Foreign Lender” means any Lender that is not a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“Foreign Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that is incorporated or organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States of America, 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.

“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. The amount of any Guarantee made by any guarantor shall be deemed to be the lower of (a) an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the primary obligation in respect of which such Guarantee is made and (b) the maximum amount for which such guarantor may be liable pursuant to the terms of the instrument embodying such Guarantee, unless (in the case of a primary obligation that is not Indebtedness) such primary obligation and the maximum amount for which such guarantor may be liable are not stated or determinable, in which case the amount of such Guarantee shall be such guarantor's maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the Borrower in good faith.

"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 and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"Holdings" means Vera Bradley, Inc., an Indiana corporation.

"Impacted Interest Period" has the meaning assigned to it in the definition of "LIBO Rate."

"Indebtedness" of any Person means, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money or with respect to deposits or advances of any kind, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (c) all obligations of such Person upon which interest charges are customarily paid, (d) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property acquired by such Person, (e) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (excluding current accounts payable incurred in the ordinary course of business), (f) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby has been assumed, (g) all Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of others, (h) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person, (i) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person as an account party in respect of letters of credit and letters of guaranty, (j) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers' acceptances and (k) all Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership

interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

“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 Credit Party under any Credit 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).

“Information Memorandum” means the Confidential Information Memorandum dated July 2015 relating to the Borrower and the Transactions.

“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.

“Interest Election Request” means a request by the Borrower to convert or continue a Revolving Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.08.

“Interest Payment Date” means (a) with respect to any ABR Loan (other than a Swingline Loan), the last day of each March, June, September and December, (b) with respect to any Eurodollar 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 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 Swingline Loan, the day that such Loan is required to be repaid.

“Interest Period” means with respect to any Eurodollar Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one, two, three or six months thereafter, as the 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 and (ii) any Interest Period pertaining to a Eurodollar 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. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and, in the case of a Revolving Borrowing, thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

“Issuing Bank” means JPMorgan, in its capacity as the issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, and its successors in such capacity as provided in Section 2.06(i). The Issuing Bank may, in its discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by Affiliates of the Issuing Bank, in which case the term “Issuing Bank” shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate.

“JPMorgan” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, a national banking association, and its successors.

“LC Disbursement” means a payment made by the Issuing Bank pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

“LC Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of (a) the aggregate undrawn amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit at such time plus (b) the aggregate amount of all LC Disbursements that have not yet been reimbursed by or on behalf of the Borrower at such time. The LC Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total LC Exposure at such time.

“Lenders” means the Persons listed on Schedule 2.01 and any other Person that shall have become a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption or pursuant to Section 2.09(d), other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term “Lenders” includes the Swingline Lender.

“Letter of Credit” means any letter of credit issued pursuant to this Agreement.

“Leverage Ratio” means at any time, the ratio of Total Debt at such time to EBITDA for the most recently completed four fiscal quarters of Holdings, computed on a consolidated basis for Holdings and its subsidiaries.

“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 deposits in Dollars for a period equal in length to such Interest Period as displayed on page LIBOR01 of the Reuters screen (or, in the event such rate does not appear on such Reuters page, on any successor or substitute Reuters page 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 first day 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 (an “Impacted Interest Period”) then the LIBO Rate shall be the Interpolated Rate; provided that if any Interpolated Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

“LIBO Screen Rate” has the meaning assigned to it in the definition of “LIBO Rate.”

“Lien” means, with respect to any asset, (a) any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, charge or security interest in, on or of such asset, (b) the interest of a vendor or a lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or title retention agreement (or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) relating to such asset and (c) in the case of securities, any purchase option, call or similar right of a third party with respect to such securities.

“Loans” means the loans made by the Lenders to the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, operations or condition, financial or otherwise, of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Borrower to perform any of its obligations under the Credit Documents or (c) the rights of or benefits available to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or the Lenders under the Credit Documents.

“Material Indebtedness” means Indebtedness (other than the Loans and Letters of Credit), or obligations in respect of one or more Swap Agreements, of any one or more of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$10,000,000. For purposes of determining Material Indebtedness, the “principal amount” of the obligations of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in respect of any Swap Agreement at any time shall be the maximum aggregate amount (giving effect to any netting agreements) that the Borrower or such Subsidiary would be required to pay if such Swap Agreement were terminated at such time.

“Material Subsidiary” means a Subsidiary held directly by the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor that is a Domestic Subsidiary, which Subsidiary (a) as of the date hereof, has assets having a book value (i) in excess of \$1,000,000 in the case of any Domestic Subsidiary or (ii) in excess of \$5,000,000 in the case of any First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary, or which generated (i) in excess of \$1,000,000 in the case of any Domestic Subsidiary or (ii) in excess of \$5,000,000 in the case of any First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary of net income over the four fiscal quarter period most recently ended prior to the date hereof, or (b) thereafter, has or acquires assets having a book value (i) in excess of \$1,000,000 in the case of any Domestic Subsidiary or (ii) in excess of \$5,000,000 in the case of any First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary or which generated in excess of (i) \$1,000,000 in the case of any Domestic Subsidiary or (ii) in excess of \$5,000,000 in the case of any First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary of net income over the four fiscal quarter period most recently ended prior to the time of computation.

“Maximum Rate” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.13.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc.

“Multiemployer Plan” means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

“Net Income” means, for any computation period, with respect to Holdings on a consolidated basis with its subsidiaries (other than any subsidiary which is restricted from declaring

or paying dividends or otherwise advancing funds to its parent whether by contract or otherwise), cumulative net income earned during such period (determined before the deduction of minority interests) as determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Off-Balance Sheet Liability” of a Person means (a) any repurchase obligation or liability of such Person with respect to accounts or notes receivable sold by such Person, (b) any liability under any Sale and Leaseback Transaction other than Capital Lease Obligations, (c) any liability under any so-called “synthetic lease” arrangement or transaction entered into by such Person, or (d) any obligation arising with respect to any other transaction which is the functional equivalent of or takes the place of borrowing but which does not constitute a liability on the balance sheets of such Person.

“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to any Recipient, 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 Credit Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Credit Document).

“Other Taxes” means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Credit Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.19).

“Parent” means, with respect to any Lender, any Person as to which such Lender is, directly or indirectly, a subsidiary.

“Parent Guaranty” means that certain Amended and Restated Parent Guaranty dated as of the date hereof by Holdings in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Creditors, as from time to time amended, restated or supplemented.

“Participant” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04.

“Participant Register” has the meaning specified in Section 9.04(c).

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

“Permitted Acquisition” means the acquisition by the Borrower or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary thereof of an Acquired Entity or Business (including by way of merger of such Acquired Entity or Business with and into the Borrower (so long as the Borrower is the surviving corporation) or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary thereof (so long as the Wholly-Owned Subsidiary is the surviving corporation or the surviving corporation becomes a Subsidiary Guarantor)); provided that, in each case, (a) the consideration paid or to be paid by the Borrower or such Wholly-Owned Subsidiary

consists solely of cash (including proceeds of Revolving Loans or Swingline Loans), the issuance of common stock of the Borrower to the extent no Default or Event of Default exists pursuant to clause (m) of Article VII or would result therefrom and the assumption/acquisition of any Indebtedness (calculated at face value) which is permitted to remain outstanding in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.01; (b) in the case of the acquisition of 100% of the capital stock of any Person (including by way of merger), such Person shall own no capital stock of any other Person (excluding de minimis amounts) unless either (i) such Person owns 100% of the capital stock of such other Person or (ii) such Person and its Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries own at least 80% of the consolidated assets of such other Person and its Subsidiaries; (c) the Acquired Entity or Business acquired pursuant to the respective Permitted Acquisition is in a business permitted by Section 6.03(c); (d) in the case of a stock acquisition, such acquisition shall have been approved by the board of directors of the Acquired Entity or Business; and (e) all applicable requirements of Sections 6.03 and 6.04(f) applicable to Permitted Acquisitions are satisfied.

“Permitted Encumbrances” means:

(a) Liens imposed by law for Taxes that are not yet due or are being contested in compliance with Section 5.04;

(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 or are being contested in compliance with Section 5.04;

(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 (k) of Article VII; and

(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 Borrower or any Subsidiary;

provided that the term “Permitted Encumbrances” shall not include any Lien securing Indebtedness.

“Permitted Investments” means:

(a) direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America (or by any agency thereof to the extent

such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America), in each case maturing within one year from the date of acquisition thereof;

(b) investments in commercial paper maturing within 270 days from the date of acquisition thereof and having, at such date of acquisition, the highest credit rating obtainable from S&P or from Moody's;

(c) investments in certificates of deposit, banker's acceptances and time deposits maturing within 180 days from the date of acquisition thereof issued or guaranteed by or placed with, and money market deposit accounts issued or offered by, any domestic office of any commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof which has a combined capital and surplus and undivided profits of not less than \$500,000,000;

(d) fully collateralized repurchase agreements with a term of not more than 30 days for securities described in clause (a) above and entered into with a financial institution satisfying the criteria described in clause (c) above; and

(e) money market funds that (i) comply with the criteria set forth in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, (ii) are rated AAA by S&P and Aaa by Moody's and (iii) have portfolio assets of at least \$5,000,000,000.

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

"Plan" means any employee pension benefit plan (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 Borrower 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.

"Pledge Agreement" means that certain Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement dated as of the date hereof made by the Borrower, Holdings and each Subsidiary Guarantor in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Creditors, as from time to time amended, restated or supplemented (by joinder or otherwise), together with any other pledge agreement entered into by Holdings, the Borrower or a Subsidiary in favor of the Collateral Agent.

"Prime Rate" means the rate of interest per annum publicly announced from time to time by JPMorgan as its prime rate in effect at its office located at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York; each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced as being effective.

"Recipient" means (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) any Lender and (c) any Issuing Bank, as applicable.

"Register" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04.

“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.

“Rentals” of a Person means, with respect to any period, the aggregate of amount of rental expense for such period, determined in accordance with GAAP and deducted in computing Net Income of such Person.

“Required Lenders” means, at any time, Lenders having Revolving Credit Exposures, unused Commitments and LC Exposure, representing more than 51% of the sum of the total Revolving Credit Exposures, unused Commitments and LC Exposure at such time; provided that if there are three or fewer Lenders then Required Lenders shall mean at least two Lenders.

“Restricted Payment” means (a) any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any Equity Interests in the Borrower or any Subsidiary or (b) 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 such Equity Interests in the Borrower or any Subsidiary or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any such Equity Interests in the Borrower or any Subsidiary.

“Revolving Borrowing” means a Borrowing comprised of Revolving Loans.

“Revolving Credit Exposure” means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Lender’s Revolving Loans, its LC Exposure and Swingline Exposure at such time.

“Revolving Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.01.

“Revolving Maturity Date” means July 15, 2020.

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s.

“Sale and Leaseback Transaction” means any sale or other transfer of property by any Person with the intent to lease such property as lessee.

“Sanctioned Country” means, at any time, a country, region or territory which is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions (at the time of this Agreement, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).

“Sanctioned Person” means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of State, or by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or any European Union member state, (b) any Person operating, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country or (c) any Person owned or controlled by any such Person or Persons described in the foregoing clauses (a) or (b).

“Sanctions” means all economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by (a) the U.S. government, including those administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the U.S. Department of State or (b) the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European Union member state or Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom.

“Secured Creditors” has the meaning ascribed to such term by the Security Agreement.

“Secured Obligations” has the meaning ascribed to such term by the Security Agreement.

“Security Agreement” means that certain Amended and Restated Security Agreement dated as of the date hereof made by the Borrower, Holdings and each Subsidiary Guarantor in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Creditors, as from time to time amended, restated or supplemented (by joinder or otherwise).

“Security Documents” means, collectively, the Security Agreement, the Pledge Agreement and each other document or instrument (as any such document or instrument may be amended, restated or supplemented (by joinder or otherwise)), pursuant to which security is granted to the Collateral Agent for the ratable benefit of the Secured Creditors.

“Specified Party” means the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank, the Swingline Lender or any other Lender.

“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 percentages (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 of the Board). Such reserve percentages shall include those imposed pursuant to such Regulation D. Eurodollar 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 such 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.

“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. For the avoidance of doubt the Borrower is a “subsidiary” of Holdings.

“Subsidiary” means any subsidiary of the Borrower.

“Subsidiary Guarantor” means each Subsidiary of the Borrower which is a party to the Subsidiary Guaranty.

“Subsidiary Guaranty” means, collectively, the Amended and Restated Subsidiary Guaranty dated as of the date hereof made by each Subsidiary Guarantor party thereto in favor of the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Secured Creditors, as from time to time amended, restated or supplemented (by joinder or otherwise), together with each other guaranty, joinder or guaranty supplement delivered pursuant to Section 5.10. The Subsidiary Guarantors initially party to the Subsidiary Guaranty are so designated on Schedule 3.12 hereto.

“Substantial Portion” means, with respect to the property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, property which (a) represents more than 5% of the consolidated net book value of assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as would be shown in the consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the beginning of the twelve month period ending with the last day of the month preceding the month in which such determination is made, or (b) is responsible for more than 5% of the consolidated net sales or of the consolidated net income of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as reflected in the financial statements referred to in clause (a) above for such twelve month period.

“Swap Agreement” means any agreement with respect to any swap, forward, future or derivative transaction or option or similar agreement involving, or settled by reference to, one or more rates, currencies, commodities, equity or debt instruments or securities, or economic, financial or pricing indices or measures of economic, financial or pricing risk or value or any similar transaction or any combination of these transactions; provided that no phantom stock or similar plan providing for payments only on account of services provided by current or former directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Borrower or the Subsidiaries shall be a Swap Agreement.

“Swingline Exposure” means, at any time, the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans outstanding at such time. The Swingline Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be (a) in the case of Lenders other than the Swingline Lender, its Applicable Percentage of the total Swingline Exposure at such time and (b) in the case of the Swingline Lender, the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans outstanding at such time (less the amount of participations funded by the other Lenders in such Swingline Loans).

“Swingline Lender” means JPMorgan, in its capacity as lender of Swingline Loans hereunder, and its successors and assigns in such capacity.

“Swingline Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.05.

“Taxes” means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“Total Debt” means (a) all Indebtedness of Holdings and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, calculated in accordance with GAAP plus, without duplication (b) the face amount of all outstanding letters of credit in respect of which Holdings or any of its subsidiaries has any actual or contingent reimbursement obligation and (c) the principal amount of all Guarantees of Indebtedness by Holdings and its subsidiaries.

“Total Interest Expense” means, for any period, total cash interest expense deducted in the computation of Net Income for such period (including that attributable to Capital Lease Obligations) of Holdings and its subsidiaries for such period with respect to all outstanding Indebtedness of Holdings and its subsidiaries (including all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit and bankers’ acceptance financing and net costs of rate hedging in respect of interest rates to the extent such net costs are allocable to such period in accordance with GAAP).

“Transactions” means the execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of the Credit Documents, 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 the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the Alternate Base Rate.

“UCC” means the Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the relevant jurisdiction.

“Unfinanced Capital Expenditures” means Capital Expenditures which are not financed with proceeds of non-revolving term loans.

“U.S. Borrower” means any Borrower that is a U.S. Person.

“U.S. Person” means any Person that is a “United States Person” as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.17(e).

“Wholly-Owned Subsidiary” of a Person means (a) any subsidiary all of the outstanding voting securities of which shall at the time be owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person, or by such Person and one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person, or (b) any partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture or similar business organization 100% of the ownership interests having ordinary voting power of which shall at the time be so owned or controlled (other than in

the case of Foreign Subsidiaries, director's qualifying shares and/or other nominal amounts of shares required to be held by Persons other than the Borrower and its Subsidiaries under applicable law).

"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.

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.** 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.

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, if the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent that the Borrower 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 Borrower 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.

ARTICLE II

The Credits

SECTION 2.01. **Commitments.** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender agrees to make Revolving Loans to the Borrower from time to time during the Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount that will not result in (a) such Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure exceeding such Lender's Commitment or (b) the sum of the total Revolving Credit Exposures exceeding the total Commitments. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may borrow, prepay and reborrow Revolving Loans.

SECTION 2.02. **Loans and Borrowings.**

(a) Each Revolving Loan shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Revolving Loans made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments. 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 2.14, each Revolving Borrowing shall be comprised entirely of ABR Loans or Eurodollar Loans as the Borrower may request in accordance herewith. Each Swingline Loan shall be an ABR Loan. Each Lender at its option may make any Eurodollar Loan by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender to make such Loan; provided that any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(c) At the commencement of each Interest Period for any Eurodollar Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$2,500,000. At the time that each ABR Borrowing is made, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$500,000; provided that an ABR Revolving Borrowing may be in an aggregate amount that is equal to the entire unused balance of the total Commitments or that is required to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.06(e). Each Swingline Loan shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$50,000 and not less than \$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 six Eurodollar Revolving Borrowings outstanding.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Borrower shall not 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 Revolving Maturity Date.

SECTION 2.03. **Requests for Revolving Borrowings.** To request a Revolving Borrowing (other than a Swingline Loan), the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such request by telephone (a) in the case of a Eurodollar Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, three Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing or (b) 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; provided that any such notice of an ABR Revolving Borrowing to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.06(e) may be given not later than 10:00 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 the form of Exhibit B or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent and signed by the Borrower. Each such telephonic and written Borrowing Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

(i) the aggregate amount of the requested Borrowing;

(ii) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;

(iii) whether such Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing or a Eurodollar Borrowing;

(iv) in the case of a Eurodollar Borrowing, the initial Interest Period to be applicable thereto, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period"; and

(v) the location and number of the Borrower's account to which funds are to be disbursed, which shall comply with the requirements of Section 2.07.

If no election as to the Type of Revolving Borrowing is specified, then the requested Revolving Borrowing shall be an ABR Borrowing. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested Eurodollar Revolving Borrowing, then the 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 applicable 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. *[Intentionally Omitted]*

SECTION 2.05. *Swingline Loans.*

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Swingline Lender may, in its sole discretion, make Swingline Loans to the Borrower from time to time during the Availability Period, in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding that will not result in (i) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Swingline Loans exceeding \$15,000,000, (ii) such Swingline Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure exceeding its Commitment or (iii) the sum of the total Revolving Credit Exposures exceeding the total Commitments; provided that the Swingline Lender shall not be required to make a Swingline Loan to refinance an outstanding Swingline Loan. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may borrow, prepay and reborrow Swingline Loans.

(a) To request a Swingline Loan, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such request by telephone (confirmed by telecopy), not later than 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the day of a proposed Swingline Loan. Each such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the requested date (which shall be a Business Day) and amount of the requested

Swingline Loan. The Administrative Agent will promptly advise the Swingline Lender of any such notice received from the Borrower. The Swingline Lender shall make each Swingline Loan available to the Borrower by means of a credit to the general deposit account of the Borrower with the Swingline Lender (or, in the case of a Swingline Loan made to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(e), by remittance to the Issuing Bank) by 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on the requested date of such Swingline Loan.

(b) The Swingline Lender may by written notice given to the Administrative Agent not later than 10:00 a.m., 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 Swingline Loans outstanding. Such notice shall specify the aggregate amount of Swingline Loans in which Lenders will participate. Promptly upon receipt of such notice, the Administrative Agent will give notice thereof to each Lender, specifying in such notice such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swingline Loan or Loans. Each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees, upon receipt of notice as provided above, to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Swingline Lender, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swingline Loan or Loans. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations in Swingline Loans pursuant to this paragraph is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including 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. 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 2.07 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.07 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the payment obligations of the Lenders), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the Swingline Lender the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower of any participations in any Swingline Loan acquired pursuant to this paragraph, and thereafter payments in respect of such Swingline Loan shall be made to the Administrative Agent and not to the Swingline Lender. Any amounts received by the Swingline Lender from the Borrower (or other party on behalf of the Borrower) in respect of a Swingline Loan after receipt by the Swingline Lender of the proceeds of a sale of participations therein shall be promptly remitted to the Administrative Agent; any such amounts received by the Administrative Agent shall be promptly remitted by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders that shall have made their payments pursuant to this paragraph and to the Swingline Lender, as their interests may appear; provided that any such payment so remitted shall be repaid to the Swingline Lender or to the Administrative Agent, as applicable, if and to the extent such payment is required to be refunded to the Borrower for any reason. The purchase of participations in a Swingline Loan pursuant to this paragraph shall not relieve the Borrower of any default in the payment thereof.

SECTION 2.06. **Letters of Credit.** (a) General. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may request the issuance of Letters of Credit for its own account, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Bank, at any time and from time to time during the Availability Period. 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 Borrower to, or entered into by the Borrower with, the Issuing Bank relating to any Letter of Credit, the terms and conditions of this Agreement

shall control. Upon the effectiveness of this Agreement, each Existing Letter of Credit shall, without any further action by any party, be deemed to have been issued as a Letter of Credit hereunder on the date of such effectiveness and shall for all purposes hereof be treated as a Letter of Credit under this Agreement.

(b) Notice of Issuance, Amendment, Renewal, Extension; Certain Conditions. To request the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or the amendment, renewal or extension of an outstanding Letter of Credit), the Borrower shall hand deliver or telecopy (or transmit by electronic communication, if arrangements for doing so have been approved by the Issuing Bank) to the Issuing Bank and the Administrative Agent (reasonably in advance of the requested date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension) a notice requesting the issuance of a Letter of Credit, or identifying the Letter of Credit to be amended, renewed or extended, and specifying the date of issuance, amendment, renewal 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 amount of such Letter of Credit, the name and address of the beneficiary thereof and such other information as shall be necessary to prepare, amend, renew or extend such Letter of Credit. If requested by the Issuing Bank, the Borrower also shall submit a letter of credit application on the Issuing Bank's standard form in connection with any request for a Letter of Credit. A Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended, renewed or extended only if (and upon issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of each Letter of Credit the Borrower shall be deemed to represent and warrant that), after giving effect to such issuance, amendment, renewal or extension (i) the LC Exposure shall not exceed \$10,000,000, (ii) no Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure shall exceed its Commitment and (iii) the sum of the total Revolving Credit Exposures shall not exceed the total Commitments. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Issuing Bank shall have no obligation hereunder to issue, and shall not issue, any Letter of Credit the proceeds of which would be made available to any Person (i) to fund any activity or business of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any country or territory that, in either case, at the time of such issuance, is the subject of any applicable Sanctions or (ii) in any manner that would result in a violation of any applicable Sanctions by any party to this Agreement.

(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 renewal or extension thereof, one year after such renewal or extension) and (ii) the date that is five Business Days prior to the Revolving Maturity Date.

(d) Participations. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment to a Letter of Credit increasing the amount thereof) and without any further action on the part of the Issuing Bank or the Lenders, the Issuing Bank hereby grants to each Lender, and each Lender hereby acquires from the Issuing Bank, a participation in such Letter of Credit equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Issuing Bank, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of each LC Disbursement made by the Issuing Bank and not reimbursed by the Borrower on the date due as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section, or of any reimbursement payment required to be refunded to the Borrower for any reason. Each Lender

acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations pursuant to this paragraph in respect of Letters of Credit is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including any amendment, renewal or extension of any 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.

(e) Reimbursement. If the Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit, the Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement by paying to the Administrative Agent an amount equal to such LC Disbursement not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the date that such LC Disbursement is made, if the Borrower shall have received notice of such LC Disbursement prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on such date, or, if such notice has not been received by the Borrower prior to such time on such date, then not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time on the Business Day immediately following the day that the Borrower receives such notice; provided that the Borrower may, subject to the conditions to borrowing set forth herein, request in accordance with Sections 2.03 or 2.05 that such payment be financed with an ABR Revolving Borrowing or a Swingline Loan in an equivalent amount and, to the extent so financed, the Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting ABR Revolving Borrowing or Swingline Loan. If the Borrower fails to make such payment when due, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the applicable LC Disbursement, the payment then due from the Borrower in respect thereof and such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof. Promptly following receipt of such notice, each Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent its Applicable Percentage of the payment then due from the Borrower, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.07 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.07 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the payment obligations of the Lenders), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the Issuing Bank the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. Promptly following receipt by the Administrative Agent of any payment from the Borrower pursuant to this paragraph, the Administrative Agent shall distribute such payment to the Issuing Bank or, to the extent that Lenders have made payments pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse the Issuing Bank, then to such Lenders and the Issuing Bank as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Lender pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse the Issuing Bank for any LC Disbursement (other than the funding of ABR Revolving Loans or a Swingline Loan as contemplated above) shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such LC Disbursement.

(f) Obligations Absolute. The 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 this Agreement, or any term or provision therein, (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 the 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 Borrower's obligations hereunder. Neither the Administrative Agent, the Lenders nor the 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 the Issuing Bank; provided that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse the Issuing Bank from liability to the Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to consequential damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by the Borrower that are caused by the 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. The parties hereto expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Issuing Bank (as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction), the 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, the 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.

(g) Disbursement Procedures. The Issuing Bank shall, promptly following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit. The Issuing Bank shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower by telephone (confirmed by telecopy) of such demand for payment and whether the 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 the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse the Issuing Bank and the Lenders with respect to any such LC Disbursement.

(h) Interim Interest. If the Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement, then, unless the Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement in full on the date such LC Disbursement is made, the unpaid amount thereof shall bear interest, for each day from and including the date such LC Disbursement is made to but excluding the date that the Borrower reimburses such LC Disbursement, at the rate per annum then applicable to ABR Revolving Loans; provided that, if the Borrower fails to reimburse such LC Disbursement when due pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section, then Section 2.13(c) shall apply. Interest accrued pursuant to this paragraph shall be for the account of the 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 the Issuing Bank shall be for the account of such Lender to the extent of such payment.

(i) Replacement of the Issuing Bank. The Issuing Bank may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the replaced Issuing

Bank and the successor Issuing Bank. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of the Issuing Bank. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for the account of the replaced Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 2.12(b). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (i) the successor Issuing Bank shall have all the rights and obligations of the 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 an 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.

(j) Cash Collateralization. If any Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, on the Business Day that the Borrower receives notice from the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders (or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated, Lenders with LC Exposure representing a majority of the total LC Exposure) demanding the deposit of cash collateral pursuant to this paragraph, the Borrower shall deposit in an account with the Administrative Agent, in the name of the Administrative Agent and for the benefit of the Lenders, an amount in cash equal to the LC Exposure as of such date plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon; 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 Borrower described in clause (h) or (i) of Article VII. Such deposit shall be held by the Administrative Agent as collateral for the payment and performance of the obligations of the 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 only be in Permitted Investments (or as otherwise agreed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent) and shall be made at the option and sole discretion of the Administrative Agent and at the Borrower's risk and expense, such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in such account. Moneys in such account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to reimburse the Issuing Bank for LC Disbursements 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 the Borrower for the LC Exposure at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated (but subject to the consent of Lenders with LC Exposure representing a majority of the total LC Exposure), be applied to satisfy other obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement. If the Borrower is required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default, such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to the Borrower within three Business Days after all Events of Default have been cured or waived or upon the satisfaction of all obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

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 12:00 noon, 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 Swingline Loans shall be made as provided in Section 2.05. The Administrative Agent will make such Loans available to the Borrower by promptly crediting the amounts so received, in like funds, to an account of the Borrower maintained with the Administrative Agent in Chicago, Illinois and designated by the Borrower in the applicable Borrowing Request; provided that ABR Loans made to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(e) shall be remitted by the Administrative Agent to the Issuing Bank.

(a) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a 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 and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of 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 Borrower, the interest rate applicable to ABR Loans. If such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing.

SECTION 2.08. ***Interest Elections.*** (a) Each Revolving Borrowing initially shall be of the Type specified in the applicable Borrowing Request and, in the case of a Eurodollar Revolving Borrowing, shall have an initial Interest Period as specified in such Borrowing Request. Thereafter, the Borrower may elect to convert such Borrowing to a different Type or to continue such Borrowing and, in the case of a Eurodollar Borrowing, may elect Interest Periods therefor, all as provided in this Section. The 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 Swingline Borrowings, which may not be converted or continued.

(b) To make an election pursuant to this Section, the 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 the Borrower were requesting a Revolving 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 Borrower.

(c) Each telephonic and 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 Eurodollar Borrowing; and
- (iv) if the resulting Borrowing is a Eurodollar 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 Borrowing but does not specify an Interest Period, then the 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 applicable Lender of the details thereof and of such Lender's portion of each resulting Borrowing.

(e) If the Borrower fails to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a Eurodollar Revolving 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 an ABR Borrowing. Notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Administrative Agent, at the request of the Required Lenders, so notifies the Borrower, then, so long as an Event of Default is continuing (i) no outstanding Revolving Borrowing may be converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Borrowing and (ii) unless repaid, each Eurodollar Revolving Borrowing shall be converted to an ABR Borrowing at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

SECTION 2.09. ***Termination, Reduction and Increase of Commitments.*** (a) Unless previously terminated, the Commitments shall terminate on the Revolving Maturity Date.

(b) The Borrower may at any time terminate, or from time to time reduce, the Commitments; provided that (i) each reduction of the Commitments shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$2,500,000, and (ii) the Borrower shall not terminate or reduce the Commitments if, after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Revolving Loans in accordance with Section 2.11, the sum of the Revolving Credit Exposures would exceed the total Commitments.

(c) The Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of any election to terminate or reduce the Commitments 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 Borrower pursuant to this Section shall be irrevocable; provided that a notice of termination of the Commitments delivered by the Borrower may state that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower (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 shall be permanent. Each reduction of the Commitments shall be made ratably among the Lenders in accordance with their respective Commitments.

(d) The Borrower may, at its option, on up to four occasions following the Effective Date, seek to increase the aggregate Commitments by up to an aggregate amount of \$75,000,000 (resulting in a maximum aggregate Commitment of \$200,000,000) upon at least three (3) Business Days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, which notice shall be in the form of Exhibit C or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent and signed by the Borrower and shall be delivered at a time when no Default has occurred and is continuing. The Borrower may, after giving such notice, offer the increase (which may be declined by any Lender in its sole discretion) in the aggregate Commitment on either a ratable basis to the Lenders or on a non pro-rata basis to one or more Lenders and/or to other Lenders or entities reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent. No increase in the aggregate Commitment shall become effective until the existing or new Lenders extending such incremental Commitment amount and the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent a document in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent pursuant to which any such existing Lender states the amount of its Commitment increase, any such new Lender states its Commitment amount and agrees to assume and accept the obligations and rights of a Lender hereunder and the Borrower accepts such incremental Commitments. Upon the effectiveness of any increase in the total Commitments pursuant hereto, (i) each Lender (new or existing) shall be deemed to have accepted an assignment from the existing Lenders, and the existing Lenders shall be deemed to have made an assignment to each new or existing Lender accepting a new or increased Commitment, of an interest in each then outstanding Revolving Loan (in each case, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Assignment and Assumption) and (ii) the Swingline Exposure and LC Exposure of the existing and new Lenders shall be automatically adjusted such that, after giving effect to such assignments and adjustments, all Revolving Credit Exposure hereunder is held ratably by the Lenders in proportion to their respective Commitments. Assignments pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be made in exchange for, and substantially contemporaneously with the payment to the assigning Lenders of, the principal amount assigned plus accrued and unpaid interest and facility and Letter of Credit fees. Payments received by assigning Lenders pursuant to this Section in respect of the principal amount of any Eurodollar Loan shall, for purposes of Section 2.16, be deemed prepayments of such Loan. Any increase of the total Commitments pursuant to this Section shall be subject to receipt by the Administrative Agent from the Borrower of such supplemental opinions, resolutions, certificates and other documents as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request.

SECTION 2.10. ***Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Debt.*** (a) The Borrower hereby unconditionally promises to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent for the account of each applicable Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Loan on the Revolving

Maturity Date and (ii) to the Swingline Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Swingline Loan on the earlier of the Revolving Maturity Date and the first date after such Swingline Loan is made that is the 15th or last day of a calendar month and is at least two Business Days after such Swingline Loan is made; provided that on each date that a Revolving Borrowing is made, the Borrower shall repay all Swingline Loans then outstanding.

(b) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the 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 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 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 Borrower shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender a promissory note payable to such Lender (or, if requested by such Lender, 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 9.04) be represented by one or more promissory notes in such form payable to the payee named therein (or, if such promissory note is a registered note, to such payee and its registered assigns).

(f) If at any time the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of the Lenders exceeds the aggregate Commitments of the Lenders, the Borrower shall immediately prepay the Revolving Loans in the amount of such excess. To the extent that, after the prepayment of all Revolving Loans an excess of the Revolving Credit Exposure over the aggregate Commitments still exists, the Borrower shall promptly cash collateralize the Letters of Credit in the manner described in Section 2.06(j) in an amount sufficient to eliminate such excess.

SECTION 2.11. ***Prepayment of Loans.*** (a) The Borrower shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay any Borrowing in whole or in part, subject to Section 2.16 and prior notice in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Section.

(b) The Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent (and, in the case of prepayment of a Swingline Loan, the Swingline Lender) by telephone (confirmed by telecopy) of

any prepayment hereunder (i) in the case of prepayment of a Eurodollar Revolving Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, three Business Days before the date of prepayment, (ii) in the case of prepayment of an ABR Revolving Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m., New York City time, one Business Day before the date of prepayment or (iii) in the case of prepayment of a Swingline Loan, not later than 12:00 noon, 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; provided that, if a notice of prepayment is given in connection with a conditional notice of termination of the Commitments as contemplated by Section 2.09(c), then such notice of prepayment may be revoked if such notice of termination is revoked in accordance with Section 2.09(c). Promptly following receipt of any such notice relating to a Borrowing, the Administrative Agent shall advise the applicable 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 Type as provided in Section 2.02. Each prepayment of a Borrowing 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 2.13.

SECTION 2.12. **Fees.** (a) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a facility fee, which shall accrue at the Applicable Rate on the daily amount of the Commitment of such Lender (whether used or unused) during the period from and including the date hereof to but excluding the date on which such Commitment terminates; provided that, if such Lender continues to have any Revolving Credit Exposure after its Commitment terminates, then such facility fee shall continue to accrue on the daily amount of such Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure from and including the date on which its Commitment terminates to but excluding the date on which such Lender ceases to have any Revolving Credit Exposure. Accrued facility fees shall be payable in arrears on the last day of March, June, September and December of each year and on the date on which the Commitments terminate, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date hereof; provided that, any facility fees accruing after the date on which the Commitments terminate shall be payable on demand. All facility 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).

(b) The Borrower agrees to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a participation fee with respect to its participations in Letters of Credit, which shall accrue at the same Applicable Rate used to determine the interest rate applicable to Eurodollar Revolving Loans on the average daily amount of such Lender's LC Exposure (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) during the period from and including the Effective Date to but excluding the later of the date on which such Lender's Commitment terminates and the date on which such Lender ceases to have any LC Exposure, and (ii) to the Issuing Bank a fronting fee, which shall accrue at the rate or rates per annum separately agreed upon between the Borrower and the Issuing Bank on the average daily amount of the LC Exposure (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) 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, as well as the Issuing Bank's standard fees with respect to the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or processing of drawings thereunder. Participation fees 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 to the Issuing Bank pursuant to this paragraph shall be payable within 10 days after demand. All participation fees 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).

(c) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for its own account, fees payable in the amounts and at the times separately agreed upon between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

(d) All fees payable hereunder shall be paid on the dates due, in immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent (or to the Issuing Bank, in the case of fees payable to it) for distribution, in the case of facility fees and participation fees, to the Lenders. Fees paid shall not be refundable under any circumstances.

SECTION 2.13. **Interest.** (a) The Loans comprising each ABR Borrowing (including each Swingline Loan) shall bear interest at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate.

(b) The Loans comprising each Eurodollar Borrowing shall bear interest at the Adjusted LIBO Rate for the Interest Period in effect for such Borrowing plus the Applicable Rate.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any principal of or interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable by the 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.

(d) Accrued interest on each Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Loan and, in the case of Revolving Loans, upon termination of the Commitments; provided that (i) interest accrued pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section shall be payable on demand, (ii) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan (other than a prepayment of an ABR 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 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.

(e) All interest hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate 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 Adjusted LIBO Rate shall be determined by the Administrative Agent, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

SECTION 2.14. *Alternate Rate of Interest.* If prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Eurodollar Borrowing:

(a) 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 for such Interest Period; or

(b) the Administrative Agent is advised by the Required Lenders that the Adjusted LIBO 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 Borrower and the Lenders by telephone or telecopy as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist, (i) any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Revolving Borrowing to, or continuation of any Revolving Borrowing as, a Eurodollar Borrowing shall be ineffective and (ii) if any Borrowing Request requests a Eurodollar Revolving 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.

SECTION 2.15. *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 Adjusted LIBO Rate) or the Issuing Bank; or

(ii) impose on any Lender or the Issuing Bank or the London interbank market any other condition affecting this Agreement or Eurodollar Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein; or

(iii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in clauses (b) through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender of making or maintaining any Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan) or to increase the cost to such Lender or the Issuing Bank of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender or the Issuing

Bank hereunder (whether of principal, interest or otherwise), then the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) If any Lender or the 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 the Issuing Bank's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the Issuing Bank, to a level below that which such Lender or the Issuing Bank or such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's holding company with respect to capital adequacy), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the Issuing Bank or such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) A certificate of a Lender or the Issuing Bank setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the 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 Borrower, showing such Lender's calculation of such amount in reasonable detail, and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

(d) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the Issuing Bank to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the Issuing Bank's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the Issuing Bank pursuant to this Section for any increased costs or reductions incurred more than 270 days prior to the date that such Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or the 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 270-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 payment of any principal of any Eurodollar 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 Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, (c) the failure to borrow, convert, continue or prepay any Eurodollar Loan on the date specified in any notice delivered pursuant hereto (regardless of whether such notice may be revoked under Section 2.11(b) and is revoked in accordance therewith) or (d) the assignment of any Eurodollar Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.19, then, in any such event, the Borrower shall compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and

expense attributable to such event. In the case of a Eurodollar Loan, such loss, cost or expense to any Lender shall be deemed to include an amount 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 Adjusted 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 dollar deposits of a comparable amount and period from other banks in the eurodollar market. 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 Borrower and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

SECTION 2.17. **Taxes.** (a) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party under any Credit Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable law. If any applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable withholding agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment, then the applicable withholding agent shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the applicable Credit Party shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

(b) The Credit Parties shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(c) The Credit Parties shall jointly and severally indemnify each Recipient, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) As soon as practicable after any payment of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes by any Credit Party to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section 2.17, such Credit Party shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued

by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(e) (i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Credit Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 2.17(e)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender. (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Borrower,

(A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(ii) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Credit Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Credit Document, IRS Form W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

(iii) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(iv) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit E-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the

meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a “controlled foreign corporation” described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a “U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate”) and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN-E; or

(v) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit E-2 or Exhibit E-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit E-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(A) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(B) if a payment made to a Lender under any Credit Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender’s obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), “FATCA” shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

(C) Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(D) [Intentionally Omitted]

(E) If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to

this Section 2.17 (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this Section 2.17), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this paragraph (g) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (g), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (g) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts giving rise to such refund had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

(F) Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that any Credit Party has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Credit Parties to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 9.04(c) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Credit Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Credit Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this paragraph (h).

(G) The Borrower shall also indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for any amount which a Lender for any reason fails to pay indefeasibly to the Administrative Agent as required by clause (h) above; provided, that such Lender shall indemnify the Borrower to the extent of any payment the Borrower makes to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this sentence.

(H) For purposes of determining withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA, from and after the date hereof, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent shall treat (and the Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent to treat) the Credit

Agreement as not qualifying as a “grandfathered obligation” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.1471-2(b)(2)(i).

(I) 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 any Credit Document.

(J) For purposes of this Section 2.17, the term “Lender” includes any Issuing Bank and the term “applicable law” includes FATCA.

SECTION 2.18. ***Payments Generally; Pro Rata Treatment; Sharing of Set-offs.*** (a) The 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 2.15, 2.16 or 2.17, or otherwise) prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the date when due, in immediately available funds, without set off 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 at its offices at 10 S. Dearborn Street, Floor 07, Chicago, Illinois 60603, except payments to be made directly to the Issuing Bank or Swingline Lender as expressly provided herein and 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. 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. All payments hereunder shall be made in 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 hereunder, such funds shall be applied (i) first, towards payment of interest and fees then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of interest and fees then due to such parties, and (ii) second, towards payment of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due to such parties.

(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 Revolving Loans or participations in LC Disbursements or its Swingline Loans resulting in such Lender receiving payment of a greater proportion of the aggregate amount of its Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans and accrued interest thereon than the proportion received by any other Lender, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans of other Lenders to the extent necessary so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and

accrued interest on their respective Revolving Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swingline Loans; 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 the 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 to any assignee or participant, other than to the Borrower or any Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply). The Borrower consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against the Borrower rights of set-off and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Borrower in the amount of such participation.

(d) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or the Issuing Bank hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or the Issuing 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 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 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 shall fail to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to Section 2.05(c), 2.06(d) or (e), 2.07(b), 2.18(d) or 9.03(c), then the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion and notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, (i) apply any amounts thereafter received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender and for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender or the Issuing Bank to satisfy such Lender's obligations under such Sections until all such unsatisfied obligations are fully paid, and/or (ii) hold any such amounts in a segregated account as cash collateral for, and application to, any future funding obligations of such Lender under such Sections, in the case of each of clause (i) and (ii) above, in any order as determined by the Administrative Agent in its discretion.

SECTION 2.19. *Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.* (a) If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15, or if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.17, 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 judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.15 or 2.17, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or

expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(b) If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15, or if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.17, or if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 9.04), all its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); provided that (i) the Borrower shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (and if a Commitment is being assigned, the Issuing Bank), which consent 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 Swingline Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder, from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts) and (iii) in the case of any such 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. 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 Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

SECTION 2.20. ***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) fees shall cease to accrue on the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.12(a);

(b) the Commitments, LC Exposure and Revolving Credit Exposure of such Defaulting Lender shall not be included in determining whether the Required Lenders have taken or may take any action hereunder (including any consent to any amendment or waiver pursuant to Section 9.02), provided that this clause (b) shall not apply to the vote of a Defaulting Lender in the case of an amendment, waiver or other modification requiring the consent of such Lender or each Lender affected thereby (except (i) such Defaulting Lender's Commitment may not be increased or extended without its consent and (ii) the principal amount of, or interest or fees payable on, Loans or LC Disbursements may not be reduced or excused or the scheduled date of payment may not be postponed as to such Defaulting Lender without such Defaulting Lender's consent);

(c) if any Swingline Exposure or LC Exposure exists at the time a Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender then:

(i) all or any part of such Swingline Exposure and LC Exposure shall be reallocated among the non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective

Applicable Percentages but only to the extent the sum of all non-Defaulting Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures plus such Defaulting Lender's Swingline Exposure and LC Exposure does not exceed the total of all non-Defaulting Lenders' Commitments;

(ii) if the reallocation described in clause (i) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall within one Business Day following notice by the Administrative Agent (x) first, prepay such Swingline Exposure and (y) second, cash collateralize for the benefit of the Issuing Bank only the Borrower's obligations corresponding to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (i) above) in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.06(j) for so long as such LC Exposure is outstanding;

(iii) if the Borrower cash collateralizes any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure pursuant to clause (ii) above, the Borrower shall not be required to pay any fees to such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.12(b) with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure during the period such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is cash collateralized;

(iv) if the LC Exposure of the non-Defaulting Lenders is reallocated pursuant to clause (i) above, then the fees payable to the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.12(b) shall be adjusted in accordance with such non-Defaulting Lenders' Applicable Percentages; or

(v) if all or any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is neither cash collateralized nor reallocated pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above, then, without prejudice to any rights or remedies of the Issuing Bank or any other Lender hereunder, all facility fees that otherwise would have been payable to such Defaulting Lender (solely with respect to the portion of such Defaulting Lender's Commitment that was utilized by such LC Exposure) and letter of credit fees payable under Section 2.12(b) with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure shall be payable to the Issuing Bank until such LC Exposure is cash collateralized and/or reallocated; and

(d) so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender, the Swingline Lender shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loan and the Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue, amend or increase any Letter of Credit, unless it is satisfied that the related exposure and the Defaulting Lender's then outstanding LC Exposure will be 100% covered by the Commitments of the non-Defaulting Lenders and/or cash collateral will be provided by the Borrower in accordance with Section 2.20(c), and participating interests in any such newly issued or increased Letter of Credit or newly made Swingline Loan shall be allocated among non-Defaulting Lenders in a manner consistent with Section 2.20(c)(i) (and such Defaulting Lender shall not participate therein).

If (i) a Bankruptcy Event with respect to a Parent of any Lender shall occur following the date hereof and for so long as such event shall continue or (ii) the Swingline Lender or the Issuing Bank has a good faith belief that any Lender has defaulted in fulfilling its obligations under one or more other agreements in which such Lender commits to extend credit, the Swingline Lender shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loan and the Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue, amend or increase any Letter of Credit, unless the Swingline Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the

case may be, shall have entered into arrangements with the Borrower or such Lender, satisfactory to the Swingline Lender or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, to defease any risk to it in respect of such Lender hereunder.

In the event that the Administrative Agent, the Borrower, the Swingline Lender and the Issuing Bank each agrees that a Defaulting Lender has adequately remedied all matters that caused such Lender to be a Defaulting Lender, then the Swingline Exposure and LC Exposure of the Lenders shall be readjusted to reflect the inclusion of such Lender's Commitment and on such date such Lender shall purchase at par such of the Loans of the other Lenders (other than Swingline Loans) as the Administrative Agent shall determine may be necessary in order for such Lender to hold such Loans in accordance with its Applicable Percentage.

ARTICLE III

Representations and Warranties

The Borrower represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders that:

SECTION 3.01. **Organization; Powers.** Each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (if applicable) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted and, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, is qualified to do business in, and is in good standing (if applicable) in, every jurisdiction where such qualification is required.

SECTION 3.02. **Authorization; Enforceability.** Each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries has full right, power and authority to enter into the Credit Documents to which it is a party, to make the borrowings hereunder (if applicable to it), to execute and deliver the Credit Documents to which it is a party as provided herein and to perform all of its duties and obligations under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents. All necessary and appropriate action has been taken on the part of each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries to authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Credit Documents to which it is a party. This Agreement and the other Credit Documents have been duly executed and delivered by the each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries party thereto and constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

SECTION 3.03. **Governmental Approvals; No Conflicts.** The execution, delivery and performance of the Credit Documents and any other documents or instruments to be executed and delivered by each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries in connection with the Transactions, and the borrowings by the Borrower hereunder, do not and will not (a) require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (b) violate

any applicable law or regulation or the charter, by-laws or other organizational documents of the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries or any order of any Governmental Authority, (c) violate or result in a default under any indenture, agreement or other instrument binding upon any Credit Party or their assets, or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by any Credit Party or any of their Subsidiaries, and (d) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of any Credit Party or any of their Subsidiaries except Liens created under the Credit Documents.

SECTION 3.04. ***Financial Condition; No Material Adverse Change.*** (a) The Borrower has heretofore furnished to the Lenders the consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and associated statements of income, stockholders equity and cash flows (i) as of and for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2014 and January 31, 2015, reported on by Ernst & Young LLP, independent public accountants, and (ii) as of and for the fiscal quarter and the portion of the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, certified by its Chief Financial Officer. Such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations and cash flows of Holdings and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of such dates and for such periods in accordance with GAAP, subject to year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes in the case of the statements referred to in clause (ii) above.

(a) Since January 31, 2015, there has been no material adverse change in the business, assets, operations or condition, financial or otherwise, of Holdings and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties hereto acknowledge and agree that any adverse effects arising out of the Borrower's restructuring activities in the first quarter of Holding's 2016 fiscal year do not constitute such a material adverse change.

SECTION 3.05. ***Properties.*** (a) Each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries has good title to, or valid leasehold interests in, all its real and personal property material to its business, except for minor defects in title that do not interfere with its ability to conduct its business as currently conducted or to utilize such properties for their intended purposes.

(a) Each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries owns, or is licensed to use, all trademarks, tradenames, copyrights, patents and other intellectual property material to its business, and the use thereof by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries does not infringe upon the rights of any other Person, except for any such infringements that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.06. ***Litigation and Environmental Matters.*** (a) There are no actions, suits or proceedings by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority pending against or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened against or affecting the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (i) as to which there is a reasonable possibility of an adverse determination and that, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) that involve this Agreement or the Transactions.

(a) Except with respect to any matters that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, neither the Borrower nor any of its 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.

SECTION 3.07. **Compliance with Laws and Agreements.** Each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries is in compliance with all laws, regulations and orders of any Governmental Authority applicable to it or its property and all indentures, agreements and other instruments binding upon it or its property, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 3.08. **Investment Company Status.** No Credit Party nor any of their Subsidiaries is an “investment company” as defined in, or subject to regulation under, the Investment Company Act of 1940.

SECTION 3.09. **Taxes.** Each of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries has timely filed or caused to be filed all Tax returns and reports required to have been filed and has paid or caused to be paid all Taxes required to have been paid by it, except (a) Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which such Credit Party or such Subsidiary, as applicable, has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (b) to the extent that the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.10. **ERISA.** No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that, when taken together with all other such ERISA Events for which liability is reasonably expected to occur, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The present value of all accumulated benefit obligations under each Plan (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87) did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed by more than \$5,000,000 the fair market value of the assets of such Plan, and the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations of all underfunded Plans (based on the assumptions used for purposes of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87) did not, as of the date of the most recent financial statements reflecting such amounts, exceed by more than \$5,000,000 the fair market value of the assets of all such underfunded Plans.

SECTION 3.11. **Disclosure.** The Borrower has disclosed to the Lenders all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is subject, and all other matters known to it, that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Information Memorandum nor any of the other reports, financial statements, certificates or other information furnished by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or delivered hereunder (as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that, with respect to projected financial information, the Borrower represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time.

SECTION 3.12. **Subsidiaries.** As of the Effective Date, the Borrower has no Subsidiaries other than those Subsidiaries listed on Schedule 3.12. Schedule 3.12 correctly sets forth, as of the Effective Date, (i) the percentage ownership (direct or indirect) of the Borrower in the Equity Interests of its Subsidiaries and also identifies the direct owner thereof, and (ii) the jurisdiction of organization of each such Subsidiary. Schedule 3.12 correctly identifies those Foreign Subsidiaries which are limited recourse Guarantors as of the Effective Date.

SECTION 3.13. **Security Documents.** The Security Documents create a valid security interest in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Creditors in the Collateral. Such security interest shall constitute a valid, perfected, first-priority (subject only to Liens permitted by Section 6.02) security interest in the Collateral upon perfection by filing a UCC-1 financing statement in the appropriate jurisdictions or by possession or control of such Collateral by the Administrative Agent or delivery of such Collateral to the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 3.14. **Regulation U.** Margin stock (as defined in Regulation U of the Board) constitutes less than 25% of the value of those assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries which are subject to any limitation on sale, pledge, or other restriction hereunder. The making of any Loan or issuance of any Letters of Credit hereunder, or the use of the proceeds thereof, will not violate or be inconsistent with the provisions of Regulation T, Regulation U or Regulation X of the Board.

SECTION 3.15. **Labor Relations.** No Credit Party nor any of their Subsidiaries is engaged in any unfair labor practice that could reasonable be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There is (a) no significant unfair labor practice complaint pending against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, threatened against any of them before the National Labor Relations Board or any similar Governmental Authority in any jurisdiction, and no significant grievance or significant arbitration proceeding arising out of or under any collective bargaining agreement is so pending against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, threatened against any of them, (b) no significant strike, labor dispute, slowdown or stoppage is pending against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or, to the best knowledge of the Borrower, threatened against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and (c) to the best knowledge of the Borrower, no question concerning union representation exists with respect to the employees of the Borrower or any of its subsidiaries, except (with respect to any matter specified in clause (a), (b) or (c) above, either individually or in the aggregate) such as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.16. **Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions.** Holdings and the Borrower have implemented and maintain in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by Holdings, the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, and the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective officers and employees and to the knowledge of the Borrower its directors and agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions in all material respects. None of (a) the Borrower, Holdings, any Subsidiary or any of their respective directors, officers or employees, or (b) to the knowledge of the Borrower, any agent of the Borrower, Holdings or any Subsidiary that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit

facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person pursuant to applicable Sanctions. No Borrowing or Letter of Credit, use of proceeds or other Transaction will violate any Anti-Corruption Law or applicable Sanctions.

ARTICLE IV

Conditions

SECTION 4.01. ***Effectiveness and Initial Advance.*** This Agreement shall not become effective and the Lenders shall not be required to make the initial extensions of credit hereunder unless (i) the Borrower has satisfied the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02, (ii) the Borrower has furnished to the Administrative Agent (or its counsel) each of the following documents and (iii) each of the following events shall have occurred, as applicable (such date being the “Effective Date”):

(a) The Administrative Agent shall have received from each Credit Party either (i) a counterpart of each Credit Document to which it is a party signed on behalf of such Credit Party or (ii) written evidence satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which may include telecopy transmission of a signed signature page of this Agreement) that such party has signed a counterpart of each Credit Document to which it is a party.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall have received favorable written opinions (addressed to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and dated the Effective Date) of Ice Miller LLP, counsel for the Credit Parties and certain of their Subsidiaries, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, and covering such other matters relating to such Credit Parties, this Agreement, the other Credit Documents or the Transactions as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request. The Credit Parties hereby request such counsel to deliver such opinions.

(c) 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 (if applicable) of the Credit Parties, the authorization of the Transactions and any other legal matters relating to the Credit Parties, this Agreement, the other Credit Documents or the Transactions, all in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and its counsel.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate, dated the Effective Date and signed by the President, a Vice President or a Financial Officer of the Borrower, confirming compliance with the conditions set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of Section 4.02.

(e) The Administrative Agent shall have received all fees and other amounts due and payable on or prior to the Effective Date, including, to the extent invoiced, reimbursement or payment of all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses required to be reimbursed or paid by the Borrower hereunder.

(f) The Administrative Agent shall have received copies of searches of financing statements filed under the UCC, together with tax lien and judgment searches with respect to the assets of Holdings and its subsidiaries in such jurisdictions as the Administrative Agent may request.

(g) The Administrative Agent shall have received such duly completed UCC-1 financing statements as the Administrative Agent shall have requested to perfect its security interest in the Collateral and such other evidence of the completion (or the making of arrangements satisfactory to the Administrative Agent) of all other actions, recordings and filings of or with respect to the Security Documents and the Collateral that the Administrative Agent may deem necessary or desirable in order to perfect the Liens created thereby.

(h) The Administrative Agent shall have received all stock (or unit) certificates evidencing all certificated Equity Interests to be pledged pursuant to the Security Documents, accompanied by stock (or unit) powers executed in blank, and all notes to be pledged pursuant to the Pledge Agreement (including notes evidencing indebtedness required to be so evidenced pursuant to Section 6.01), accompanied by note powers executed in blank.

(i) [Intentionally Omitted]

(j) The Administrative Agent shall have received (a) the audited consolidated balance sheet and statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows of Holdings and its subsidiaries as of and for the fiscal years ended February 2, 2014 and January 31, 2015 and (b) satisfactory unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of Holdings and its subsidiaries for the quarterly period ended May 2, 2015.

(k) The Administrative Agent shall have received financial projections (including, the balance sheets and statements of income and cash flows) of Holdings and its subsidiaries for the five fiscal years following the Effective Date, together with such information as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request to confirm the tax, legal, and business assumptions made therein, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(l) The Administrative Agent shall have received copies of all Governmental Authority and third party approvals necessary or, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, advisable in connection with the Transactions and all other documents reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent.

(m) The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence that all principal, interest, fees and other amounts owing under the Existing Credit Agreement shall have been (or shall substantially contemporaneously be) repaid in full (it being understood that such amounts may be repaid out of the proceeds of Loans hereunder).

(n) The Administrative Agent shall have received insurance certificates or binders for all insurance as the Administrative Agent shall request naming the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Lenders, as loss payee for any casualty policies and additional insured for any liability policies, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(o) The Administrative Agent shall have received a Collateral Access Agreement with respect to each material parcel of real property located in the United States and leased by Holdings, the Borrower or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors as the Administrative Agent shall request (or the Borrower shall have undertaken such efforts to obtain same as shall be satisfactory to the Administrative Agent); provided that the Borrower shall not be required to deliver Collateral Access Agreements with respect to the Borrower's inventory located at retail locations or any locations outside the United States.

(p) The Administrative Agent shall have received a Collateral Access Agreement with respect to Collateral held by third parties as the Administrative Agent shall request (or the Borrower shall have undertaken such efforts to obtain same as shall be satisfactory to the Administrative Agent); provided that the Borrower shall not be required to deliver Collateral Access Agreements with respect to the Borrower's inventory located at retail locations or any locations outside the United States.

(q) The Administrative Agent shall have received a consent hereto from each Exiting Lender in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the Effective Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Bank to issue Letters of Credit hereunder shall not become effective unless each of the foregoing conditions is satisfied (or waived pursuant to Section 9.02) at or prior to 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on July 15, 2015 (and, in the event such conditions are not so satisfied or waived, the Commitments shall terminate at such time).

SECTION 4.02. ***Each Credit Event.*** The obligation of each Lender to make a Loan on the occasion of any Borrowing, and of the Issuing Bank to issue, amend, renew or extend any Letter of Credit, is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) The representations and warranties of the Credit Parties set forth in this Agreement and the other Credit Documents shall be true and correct on and as of the date of such Borrowing or the date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable (except to the extent that such representation or warranty expressly refers to an earlier date, in which case it shall be true and correct as of such earlier date).

(b) At the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Borrowing or the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

Each Borrowing and each issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower on the date thereof as to the matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section.

ARTICLE V

Affirmative Covenants

Until the Commitments have expired or been terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees payable hereunder shall have been paid in full and all Letters of Credit shall have expired or terminated and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, the Borrower covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

SECTION 5.01. ***Financial Statements; Ratings Change and Other Information.*** The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Lender:

(c) within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of Holdings, its audited consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all reported on by Ernst & Young LLP or other independent public accountants of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of Holdings and its consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied;

(d) within 45 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of Holdings, its consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous fiscal year, all certified by one of its Financial Officers as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of Holdings and its consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes;

(e) concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under clause (a) or (b) above, a compliance certificate in the form of Exhibit D and signed by a Financial Officer of the Borrower (i) certifying as to whether a Default has occurred and, if a Default has occurred, specifying the details thereof and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, (ii) setting forth reasonably detailed calculations demonstrating compliance with Sections 6.09, 6.10 and 6.13 and (iii) stating whether any change in GAAP or in the application thereof has occurred since the date of the audited financial statements

referred to in Section 3.04 and, if any such change has occurred, specifying the effect of such change on the financial statements accompanying such certificate;

(f) concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under clause (a) above, a budget (including, the balance sheet and statement of income and cash flow) of Holdings and its subsidiaries for the then-current fiscal year in which such budget is delivered;

(g) promptly after the same become publicly available, copies of all periodic and other reports, proxy statements and other materials filed by Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any or all of the functions of said Commission, or with any national securities exchange; and

(h) promptly following any request therefor, such other information regarding the operations, business affairs and financial condition of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of this Agreement, as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may reasonably request.

SECTION 5.02. **Notices of Material Events.** The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Lender prompt written notice of the following:

(a) the occurrence of any Default;

(b) the filing or commencement of any action, suit or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority against or affecting the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof that, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(c) the occurrence of any ERISA Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5,000,000; and

(d) any other development that results in, or could reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect.

Each notice delivered under this Section shall be accompanied by a statement of a Financial Officer or other executive officer of the Borrower setting forth the details of the event or development requiring such notice and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto.

SECTION 5.03. **Existence; Conduct of Business.** The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its legal existence and the rights, licenses, permits, privileges and franchises material to the conduct of its business; provided that the foregoing shall not prohibit any merger, consolidation, liquidation or dissolution permitted under Section 6.03.

SECTION 5.04. **Payment of Obligations.** The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, pay its obligations, including Tax liabilities, that, if not paid, could result in a Material Adverse Effect before the same shall become delinquent or in default, except where (a) the validity or amount thereof is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (b) the Borrower or such Subsidiary has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP and (c) the failure to make payment pending such contest could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.05. **Maintenance of Properties; Insurance.** The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (a) keep and maintain all property material to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and (b) maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance in such amounts and against such risks as are customarily maintained by companies engaged in the same or similar businesses operating in the same or similar locations.

SECTION 5.06. **Books and Records; Inspection Rights.** The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, keep proper books of record and account in which entries are made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities in accordance with GAAP. The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, permit any representatives designated by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect its properties, to examine and make extracts from its books and records (and, at the request of the Required Lenders, to perform audits of such books and records and other data relating to any Collateral which shall not be more than once per calendar year; to discuss its affairs, finances and condition with its officers and independent accountants and, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to perform appraisals on the Collateral and other tangible assets of the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries, in each case, at such reasonable times and as often as reasonably requested. All such visits, inspections or audits by the Administrative Agent or any Lender shall be at the Borrower's expense.

SECTION 5.07. **Compliance with Laws.** The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, comply with all laws, rules, regulations and orders of any Governmental Authority applicable to it or its property, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower will maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

SECTION 5.08. **Use of Proceeds.** The proceeds of the Loans will be used only for general corporate purposes of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business, including Permitted Acquisitions and Restricted Payments permitted hereunder. No part of the proceeds of any Loan will be used, whether directly or indirectly, for any purpose that entails a violation of any of the Regulations of the Board, including Regulations T, U and X. The Borrower will not request any Borrowing or Letter of Credit, and the Borrower shall not use, and shall ensure that its Subsidiaries and its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall not use, the proceeds of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit (a) in furtherance of an offer, payment,

promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (b) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, to the extent such activities, businesses or transaction would be prohibited by Sanctions if conducted by a corporation incorporated (i) in the United States or (ii) in a European Union member state; provided, however, that subclause (ii) shall apply only to the extent that Borrower or any Affiliate is subject to the jurisdiction of a European Union member state, or (c) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

SECTION 5.09. ***Further Assurances; etc.*** (a) The Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, at the expense of the Borrower, make, execute, endorse, acknowledge, file and/or deliver to the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, from time to time such schedules, confirmatory assignments, conveyances, financing statements, transfer endorsements, powers of attorney, certificates, reports, and other assurances or instruments (including, without limitation, Collateral Access Agreements) and take such further steps relating to the Collateral covered by any of the Security Documents as the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, may reasonably require to assure the creation, continuation and priority of perfected security interests in the Collateral and as are generally consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the Security Documents. Furthermore, the Borrower will, and will cause its Subsidiaries to, deliver to the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, such opinions of counsel and other related documents as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, to assure compliance with this Section 5.09.

(b) The Borrower agrees that each action required by clause (a) of this Section 5.09 shall be completed as soon as reasonably practical, but in no event later than thirty (30) days (or such greater number of days as the Administrative Agent may agree) after such action is requested to be taken by the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders.

SECTION 5.10. ***Additional Subsidiary Guarantors and Collateral.***

(a) Effective upon (i) any Domestic Subsidiary which is not a Material Subsidiary on the date hereof (either because it is not a Subsidiary on the date hereof or because it does not on the date hereof meet the other criteria of a Material Subsidiary) becoming a Material Subsidiary (including, pursuant to a Permitted Acquisition), the Borrower shall within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may agree) (A) cause such Domestic Subsidiary to (x) execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Creditors a joinder to the Subsidiary Guaranty and (y) grant to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Creditors a first priority security interest in all personal property owned by such Domestic Subsidiary pursuant to a joinder to the Security Agreement and (B) pledge to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Creditors 100% of the total Equity Interests of such Domestic Subsidiary pursuant to an addendum to the Pledge Agreement, or (ii) any Foreign Subsidiary (A) the Equity Interests of which are held directly by the Borrower or a Domestic Subsidiary and (B) which is not, as of the date hereof, a Material Subsidiary (either because it is not a Subsidiary on the date hereof or because it does not on the date hereof meet the criteria for a

Material Subsidiary) becoming a Material Subsidiary (a “First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary”), the Borrower shall pledge or cause to be pledged to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Creditors a first priority security interest in the Equity Interests of such Foreign Subsidiary of 65% of the total voting Equity Interests of such First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary and 100% of the non-voting Equity Interests in such First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary pursuant to the Pledge Agreement (or a joinder to the Pledge Agreement or, if the Administrative Agent shall request, pursuant to a foreign law pledge agreement) and other documentation (including related certificates, opinions and financing statements) reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (such pledge to occur and related documentation to be delivered within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may agree) after such Foreign Subsidiary becoming a Material Subsidiary). The Borrower shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent at any time any such Foreign Subsidiary becomes a First Tier Material Foreign Subsidiary.

(b) If, following a change in the relevant sections of the Code or the regulations, rules, rulings, notices or other official pronouncements issued or promulgated thereunder, the Borrower does not within 30 days after a request from the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders deliver evidence, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which evidence may be in the form of an opinion of counsel), with respect to any Foreign Subsidiary of the Borrower which has not already had all of its stock pledged pursuant to the Pledge Agreement that (i) a pledge of 65% or more of the total Equity Interests of such Foreign Subsidiary entitled to vote and (ii) the entering into by such Foreign Subsidiary of a guaranty in substantially the form of the Subsidiary Guaranty, in any such case could reasonably be expected to cause (A) any undistributed earnings of such Foreign Subsidiary or its parent as determined for Federal income tax purposes to be treated as a deemed dividend to such Foreign Subsidiary’s direct or indirect United States parent for Federal income tax purposes or (B) other Federal income tax consequences to the Credit Parties having an adverse financial consequence to any Credit Party in any material respect, then in the case of a failure to deliver the evidence described in clause (i) above, that portion of such Foreign Subsidiary’s outstanding capital stock not theretofore pledged pursuant to the Pledge Agreement shall be promptly pledged to the Collateral Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Creditors pursuant to the Pledge Agreement (or another pledge or security agreement in substantially similar form, if needed), and in the case of a failure to deliver the evidence described in clause (ii) above such Foreign Subsidiary shall promptly execute and deliver a joinder to the Subsidiary Guaranty (or another guaranty in substantially similar form, if needed), guaranteeing the obligations of the Borrower under the Credit Documents and under any Swap Agreement entered into with a Lender, in each case to the extent that the entering into the Pledge Agreement or Subsidiary Guaranty is permitted by the laws of the respective foreign jurisdiction and with all documents delivered pursuant to this Section 5.10 to be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE VI

Negative Covenants

Until the Commitments have expired or terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees payable hereunder have been paid in full and all Letters of Credit have

expired or terminated and all LC Disbursements have been reimbursed, the Borrower covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

SECTION 6.01. **Indebtedness.** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except:

(e) Indebtedness under any Credit Document;

(f) Indebtedness existing on the date hereof and set forth in Schedule 6.01 and extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof;

(g) Indebtedness of the Borrower to any Subsidiary and of any Subsidiary Guarantor to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary Guarantor;

(h) Guarantees by the Borrower of Indebtedness of any Subsidiary Guarantor and by any Subsidiary of Indebtedness of the Borrower or any other Subsidiary Guarantor;

(i) Indebtedness between or among Subsidiaries which are not Subsidiary Guarantors;

(j) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary incurred to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement 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 any such Indebtedness that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof; provided that (i) such Indebtedness is incurred prior to or within 90 days after such acquisition or the completion of such construction or improvement and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this clause (f) shall not exceed \$25,000,000 less the amount of Indebtedness outstanding pursuant to Section 6.01(b) to the extent relating to Indebtedness of the type described in this clause (f) at any time outstanding;

(k) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary as an account party in respect of trade letters of credit;

(l) other unsecured Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor; provided, however, that (i) such Indebtedness shall have a final maturity after the Revolving Maturity Date and no scheduled amortization prior to the Revolving Maturity Date and (ii) immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness and any substantially contemporaneous repayment of other Indebtedness, the Leverage Ratio shall be less than 2.00 to 1.00; and

(m) other Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000,000 at any time outstanding.

SECTION 6.02. **Liens.** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien on any property or asset 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:

(a) Permitted Encumbrances;

(b) any Lien on any property or asset of the Borrower or any Subsidiary existing on the date hereof and set forth in Schedule 6.02; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or asset of the Borrower or any Subsidiary and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the date hereof and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof;

(c) any Lien existing on any property or asset prior to the acquisition thereof by the Borrower or any Subsidiary or existing on any property or asset of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary after the date hereof prior to the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary; provided that (i) such Lien is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such acquisition or such Person becoming a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (ii) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or assets of the Borrower or any Subsidiary and (iii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the date of such acquisition or the date such Person becomes a Subsidiary, as the case may be and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof;

(d) Liens on fixed or capital assets acquired, constructed or improved by the Borrower or any Subsidiary; provided that (i) such security interests secure Indebtedness permitted by clause (f) of Section 6.01, (ii) such security interests and the Indebtedness secured thereby are incurred prior to or within 90 days after such acquisition or the completion of such construction or improvement, (iii) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed 100% of 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 Borrower or any Subsidiary;

(e) Liens securing Indebtedness in respect of Capital Lease Obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 at any time outstanding;

(f) Liens created pursuant to the Security Documents;

(g) consensual Liens of landlords on property of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries present on leased locations of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, which Liens are subordinated to the Liens arising pursuant to the Security Documents on terms and pursuant to documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which documentation the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent are hereby authorized to enter into by the Lenders); and

(h) other Liens upon property not constituting Collateral securing Indebtedness or other obligations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 at any time outstanding.

SECTION 6.03. ***Fundamental Changes; Asset Sales.*** (b) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, merge into or consolidate with any other Person, or permit any other Person to merge into or consolidate with it, or liquidate or dissolve, except that, if at the time thereof and immediately after giving effect thereto no Default shall have occurred and be continuing (i) any Subsidiary may merge into the Borrower in a transaction in which the Borrower is the surviving corporation, (ii) any Person may merge into any Subsidiary in a transaction in which the surviving entity is a Subsidiary (and, if either such Subsidiary is a Guarantor, then the surviving entity shall also be a Guarantor) and (iii) any Subsidiary may liquidate or dissolve if the Borrower determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of the Borrower and is not materially disadvantageous to the Lenders; provided that any such merger involving a Person that is not a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary immediately prior to such merger shall not be permitted unless also permitted by Section 6.04.

(c) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, make any Asset Disposition except for (i) Asset Dispositions among the Credit Parties, (ii) Asset Dispositions by Foreign Subsidiaries that are not Subsidiary Guarantors to the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor, (iii) Asset Dispositions expressly permitted by Sections 6.04, 6.06 or 6.07 and (iv) other Asset Dispositions of property that, together with all other property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries previously leased, sold or disposed of in Asset Dispositions made pursuant to Section 6.03(b)(iv) during the twelve-month period ending with the month in which any such lease, sale or other disposition occurs, do not constitute a Substantial Portion of the property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; provided that any Collateral that is subject to an Asset Disposition permitted by this Section 6.03(b) shall be released from the Liens of the Security Documents as set forth in the penultimate paragraph in Article VIII.

(d) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, engage to any material extent in any business other than businesses of the type conducted by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on the date of execution of this Agreement and businesses reasonably related thereto.

SECTION 6.04. ***Investments, Loans, Advances, Guarantees and Acquisitions.*** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, purchase, hold or acquire (including pursuant to any merger with any Person that was not a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary prior to such merger) any Equity Interests, evidences of indebtedness or other securities (including any option, warrant or other right to acquire any of the foregoing) of, make or permit to exist any loans or advances to, Guarantee any obligations of, or make or permit to exist any investment or any other interest in, any other Person, or purchase or otherwise acquire (in one transaction or a series of transactions) any assets of any other Person constituting a business unit, except:

(a) Permitted Investments;

(b) investments by the Borrower existing on the date hereof in the capital stock of its Subsidiaries;

(c) loans, advances or investments made among the Domestic Credit Parties;

(d) Guarantees constituting Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01;

(e) loans and advances made to employees and shareholders of the Borrower in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500,000 at any time outstanding;

(f) subject to the provisions of this Section 6.04(f) and the requirements contained in the definition of Permitted Acquisition, the Borrower and its Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries may from time to time effect Permitted Acquisitions, so long as: (i) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of the consummation of the proposed Permitted Acquisition or immediately after giving effect thereto; (ii) with respect to any Permitted Acquisition not permitted by Section 6.04(h), the consideration to be paid by the Borrower and its Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries for such Permitted Acquisition, when aggregated with the consideration paid for all other Permitted Acquisitions not permitted by Section 6.04(h) and consummated since the Effective Date, is less than \$20,000,000; (iii) the Borrower shall have given to the Administrative Agent written notice of such proposed Permitted Acquisition on the earlier of (x) the date on which the Permitted Acquisition is publicly announced and (y) ten (10) Business Days prior to consummation of such Permitted Acquisition (or such shorter period of time as may be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent), which notice shall be executed by its chief financial officer or treasurer and (A) shall describe in reasonable detail the principal terms and conditions of such Permitted Acquisition and (B) include computations in reasonable detail reflecting that after giving effect to such proposed Permitted Acquisition and any Indebtedness to be incurred in connection therewith, the Borrower is in compliance with Sections 6.09 and 6.10 hereof; and (iv) at the time of any such Permitted Acquisition involving the creation or acquisition of a Subsidiary, or the acquisition of capital stock or other Equity Interest of any Person, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall have complied with Section 5.10 and the Security Documents;

(g) investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in Foreign Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount (calculated by reference to the initial amounts thereof without giving effect to subsequent appreciation or depreciation of the value of the investment or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) not to exceed \$50,000,000 at any time outstanding;

(h) investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries so long as, immediately after giving effect to any such investment and the incurrence of any related Indebtedness, the Leverage Ratio shall be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and, in the case of investments for aggregate consideration in excess of \$10,000,000, the Borrower shall have given at least ten (10) Business Days' notice thereof to the Administrative Agent (or such shorter period of time as may be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent) accompanied by computations in reasonable details reflecting compliance with such Leverage Ratio requirement; and

(i) other investments in an aggregate amount (calculated by reference to the initial amounts thereof without giving effect to subsequent appreciation or depreciation of the value

of the investment or dividends or distributions in respect thereof) not to exceed \$20,000,000 at any time outstanding.

SECTION 6.05. **Swap Agreements.** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, enter into any Swap Agreement, except (a) Swap Agreements entered into to hedge or mitigate risks to which the Borrower or any Subsidiary has actual exposure (other than those in respect of Equity Interests of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries) and (b) Swap Agreements entered into in order to effectively cap, collar or exchange interest rates (from fixed to floating rates, from one floating rate to another floating rate or otherwise) with respect to any interest-bearing liability or investment of the Borrower or any Subsidiary.

SECTION 6.06. **Restricted Payments.** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, declare, pay or make, or agree to declare, pay or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, except that (a) the Borrower may declare and pay dividends with respect to its Equity Interests payable solely in additional shares of its common stock, (b) Subsidiaries may declare and pay dividends ratably with respect to their Equity Interests, (c) so long as no Default exists either immediately before or immediately after giving effect thereto and to any related incurrence of Indebtedness, at any time prior to February 8, 2017, the Borrower may pay dividends to Holdings which are used by Holdings to repurchase its Equity Interests for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 pursuant to repurchase plans approved by Holdings board of directors on or about September 8, 2014, which amount shall be reduced by the amount of any repurchases made pursuant to such plans which have occurred on or prior to the Effective Date and (d)) so long as no Default exists either immediately before or immediately after giving effect thereto and to any related incurrence of Indebtedness, the Borrower may make other Restricted Payments aggregating not more than \$60,000,000 subsequent to the Effective Date and on or prior to the Revolving Maturity Date.

SECTION 6.07. **Transactions with Affiliates.** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its 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) in the ordinary course of business at prices and on terms and conditions not less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary than could be obtained on an arm's-length basis from unrelated third parties, (b) transactions between or among the Credit Parties not involving any other Affiliate and (c) any Restricted Payment permitted by Section 6.06.

SECTION 6.08. **Restrictive Agreements.** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, enter into, incur or permit to exist any agreement or other arrangement that prohibits, restricts or imposes any condition upon (a) the ability of the Borrower or any Subsidiary to create, incur or permit to exist any Lien upon any of its property or assets, or (b) the ability of any Subsidiary to pay dividends or other distributions with respect to any shares of its capital stock or to make or repay loans or advances to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary or to Guarantee Indebtedness of the Borrower or any other Subsidiary; provided that (i) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions imposed by law or by this Agreement, (ii) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions existing on the date hereof identified on Schedule 6.08 (but shall apply to any extension or renewal of, or any amendment or modification

expanding the scope of, any such restriction or condition), (iii) the foregoing shall not apply to customary restrictions and conditions contained in agreements relating to the sale of a Subsidiary pending such sale, provided that such restrictions and conditions apply only to the Subsidiary that is to be sold and such sale is permitted hereunder, (iv) clause (a) of the foregoing 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 and (v) clause (a) of the foregoing shall not apply to customary provisions in leases restricting the assignment thereof.

SECTION 6.09. **Minimum EBITDAR.** The Borrower will not permit the ratio of (a) EBITDAR to (b) the sum of Total Interest Expense plus Rentals to be less than 2.50 to 1.00 at all times.

SECTION 6.10. **Maximum Leverage Ratio.** The Borrower will cause the Leverage Ratio to be less than 3.50 to 1.00 at all times.

SECTION 6.11. **Subordinated Indebtedness; Other Indebtedness and Payments.** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, make any amendment or modification to the indenture, note or other agreement evidencing or governing any subordinated Indebtedness or directly or indirectly voluntarily prepay, defease or in substance defease, purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire, any subordinated Indebtedness except as expressly permitted by the terms of the applicable subordination agreement. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly voluntarily prepay, defease or in substance defease, purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire, any single Indebtedness that constitutes a Material Indebtedness or collective Indebtedness that constitutes Material Indebtedness or any subordinated Indebtedness prior to the date when due (other than its obligations hereunder) while a Default has occurred and is continuing or in violation of any relevant term of subordination.

SECTION 6.12. **Use of Proceeds.** The Borrower will not request any Borrowing or Letter of Credit, and the Borrower shall not use, and shall ensure that its Subsidiaries and its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall not use, the proceeds of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit directly or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, indirectly (a) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (b) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, or (c) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

SECTION 6.13. **Capital Expenditures.** The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, make any Capital Expenditure if, giving effect thereto, the aggregate amount of Capital Expenditures of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries would exceed (i) in the case of the fiscal year ending January 30, 2016, \$40,000,000 or (ii) in the case of any subsequent fiscal year, the sum of (a) \$15,000,000 plus (b) an amount equal to 50% of EBITDA (which shall be calculated for purposes of this Section 6.13 by excluding the add-backs set forth in clauses (e) and (f) of the definition thereof) for the preceding fiscal year.

ARTICLE VII

Events of Default

If any of the following events ("Events of Default") shall occur:

(i) the Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or any reimbursement obligation in respect of any LC Disbursement or any cash collateral amount due pursuant to Section 2.06(j) when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at the due date thereof or at a date fixed for prepayment thereof or otherwise;

(j) the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount (other than an amount referred to in clause (a) of this Article) payable under this Agreement, when and as the same shall become due and payable, and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of five days;

(k) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Credit Document or any amendment or modification hereof or waiver hereunder or thereunder, or in any report, certificate, financial statement or other document furnished pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement or any other Credit Document or any amendment or modification hereof or waiver hereunder or thereunder, shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made or deemed made;

(l) the Borrower shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Section 5.02, 5.03 (with respect to the Borrower's existence), 5.08 or 9.17 or in Article VI;

(m) the Borrower shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in this Agreement (other than those specified in clause (a), (b) or (d) of this Article), and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days after notice thereof from the Administrative Agent to the Borrower (which notice will be given at the request of any Lender);

(n) the Borrower or any Subsidiary shall fail to make any payment (whether of principal or interest and regardless of amount) in respect of any Material Indebtedness, when and as the same shall become due and payable;

(o) any event or condition occurs that results in any Material Indebtedness becoming due prior to its scheduled maturity or that enables or permits (with or without the giving of notice, the lapse of time or both) the holder or holders of any Material Indebtedness or any trustee or agent on its or their behalf to cause any Material Indebtedness to become due, or to require the prepayment, repurchase, redemption or defeasance thereof, prior to its scheduled maturity; provided that this clause (g) shall not apply to secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness;

(p) an involuntary proceeding shall be commenced or an involuntary petition shall be filed seeking (i) liquidation, reorganization or other relief in respect of any Credit Party or any Subsidiary or its debts, or of a substantial part of its assets, under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect or (ii) the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for any Credit Party or any Subsidiary or for a substantial part of its assets, and, in any such case, such proceeding or petition shall continue undismissed for 60 days or an order or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered;

(q) any Credit Party or any Subsidiary shall (i) voluntarily commence any proceeding or file any petition seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect, (ii) consent to the institution of, or fail to contest in a timely and appropriate manner, any proceeding or petition described in clause (h) of this Article, (iii) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for any Credit Party or any Subsidiary or for a substantial part of its assets, (iv) file an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, (v) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or (vi) take any action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing;

(r) any Credit Party or any Subsidiary shall become unable, admit in writing its inability or fail generally to pay its debts as they become due;

(s) one or more judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$10,000,000 shall be rendered against any Credit Party, any Subsidiary or any combination thereof and the same shall remain undischarged for a period of 30 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 any Credit Party or any Subsidiary to enforce any such judgment;

(t) an ERISA Event shall have occurred that, in the opinion of the Required Lenders, when taken together with all other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount exceeding (i) \$10,000,000 in any year or (ii) \$10,000,000 for all periods;

(u) a Change in Control shall occur;

(v) except as otherwise provided in Sections 6.03(a) and 6.03(b), the Facility Guarantees or any provisions thereof shall cease to be in full force or effect as to Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor, or Holdings, the Borrower, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Person acting for or on behalf of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor shall deny or disaffirm Holdings', the Borrower's or such Subsidiary Guarantor's obligations under the Facility Guarantees or any default shall occur thereunder;

(w) any Security Document shall cease to be in full force and effect, or shall cease to give the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, for the benefit of the Secured Creditors the Liens, rights, powers and privileges purported to be created thereby, or any Credit Party shall default in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or agreement on its part to be performed or observed pursuant to any such Security Document and such default shall continue beyond the period of grace, if any, specifically applicable thereto pursuant to the terms of such Security Document;

(x) Holdings shall engage in any activities other than those associated with acting as a holding company for the Borrower (it being understood that such permitted activities shall in no event include the incurrence of Indebtedness or the making or holding of any Equity Interests or other investments in any other Person); or

(y) Holdings shall take or fail to take any action which would constitute a breach of Article V or VI hereof if such provisions were applicable to Holdings mutatis mutandis (and, in the case of breaches of the kind described in Section VII(e), such circumstance shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days after notice thereof from the Administrative Agent to the Borrower (which notice will be given at the request of any Lender));

then, and in every such event (other than an event with respect to the Borrower described in clause (h) or (i) of this Article), and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such event, the Administrative Agent may, and at the request of the Required Lenders shall, by notice to the Borrower, take either or both 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 Borrower 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 Borrower; and in case of any event with respect to the Borrower described in clause (h) or (i) of this Article, the 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 Borrower 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 Borrower.

ARTICLE VIII

The Administrative Agent

Each of the Lenders and the Issuing Bank hereby irrevocably appoints the Administrative Agent as its agent and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto.

The bank serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent, and such bank and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to and generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if it were not the Administrative Agent hereunder.

The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (a) the Administrative Agent shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing, (b) the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise in writing as directed by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary under the circumstances as provided in Section 9.02), and (c) except as expressly set forth herein, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries that is communicated to or obtained by the bank serving as Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it 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 9.02) or in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice thereof is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower or a Lender, and the Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or in connection herewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement or any other agreement, instrument or document, or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or sent by the proper Person. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to be made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

The Administrative Agent may perform any and all its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all 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 the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Administrative Agent.

Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Administrative Agent as provided in this paragraph, the Administrative Agent may resign at any time by notifying the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrower, 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 Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Bank, appoint a successor Administrative 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 Administrative Agent hereunder by a successor, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent, and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder. The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder, the provisions of this Article and Section 9.03 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Administrative Agent, its sub agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while it was acting as Administrative Agent.

Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender 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 Administrative Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

Each of the Lenders and the Issuing Bank hereby irrevocably appoints the Collateral Agent as its agent and authorizes the Collateral Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Collateral Agent by the terms hereof or of the other Credit Documents, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. All provisions of this Article VIII relating to the Administrative Agent (and all indemnities of the Administrative Agent by the Borrower pursuant hereto) shall be equally applicable to the Collateral Agent mutatis mutandis.

Without limiting the foregoing, if any Collateral is, or all of the Equity Interests of any Subsidiary are, sold in a transaction permitted hereunder (other than to the Borrower or to a Subsidiary thereof), (a) such Collateral shall be sold free and clear of the Liens created by the Security Documents and (b) in the case of the sale of all of the Equity Interests of a Subsidiary Guarantor, such Subsidiary Guarantor and its subsidiaries shall be released from the Subsidiary

Guaranty and the Security Documents to which it is a party and, in each case, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be authorized and required (at the Borrower's expense) to take any actions deemed appropriate (or as reasonably requested by the Borrower) in order to effect the foregoing.

No Lender identified in this Agreement as a "Syndication Agent" or a "Documentation Agent" shall have any right, power, obligation, liability, responsibility or duty under this Agreement other than those applicable to all Lenders as such. Without limiting the foregoing, none of such Lenders shall have or be deemed to have a fiduciary relationship with any Lender. Each Lender hereby makes the same acknowledgments with respect to such Lenders as it makes with respect to the Administrative Agent in the preceding paragraph.

ARTICLE IX

Miscellaneous

SECTION 9.01. **Notices.** (a) Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and subject to paragraph (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopy, as follows:

(i) if to the Borrower, to it at 12420 Stonebridge Road, Roanoke, Indiana 46783 Attention of Kevin Sierks, Chief Financial Officer (Telephone No. (260) 207-5321; Telecopy No. (260) 484-2278) with a copy to 12420 Stonebridge Road, Roanoke, Indiana 46783 Attention of Stacy Knapper, SVP, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary (Telephone No. (260) 207-5362; Telecopy No. (260) 969-0660);

(ii) if to the Administrative Agent or Swingline Lender, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Middle Market Loan and Agency Services Group, 10 S. Dearborn Street, Floor 07, Chicago, Illinois 60603, Attention of Debra Williams (Telephone No. (312) 732-2590; Telecopy No. (312) 385-7098);

(iii) if to the Issuing Bank, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., LC Agency Group, 10 S. Dearborn Street, Floor 07, Chicago, Illinois 60603, Attention of Cassandra Groves (Telephone No. (312) 732-2006; Telecopy No. (312) 732-2729); and

(iv) if to any other Lender, to it at its address (or telecopy number) set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire.

(j) 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. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to

it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

(k) Any party hereto may change its address or telecopy number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. All notices and other communications given to any party hereto in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given on the date of receipt.

SECTION 9.02. **Waivers; Amendments.** (a) No failure or delay by the Administrative Agent, the 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, the 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 the 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 the Issuing Bank may have had notice or knowledge of such Default at the time.

(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 Borrower and the Required Lenders or by the Borrower 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 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 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 2.18(b) or (c) in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby, without the written consent of each Lender, (v) change any of the provisions of this Section or the definition of "Required Lenders" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders 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 (vi) release all or substantially all of the Collateral or, except in connection with a transaction permitted by Section 6.03, release any Subsidiary Guarantor from its obligations under the Subsidiary Guaranty, without the written consent of each Lender; provided, further, that no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon the execution and delivery of all documentation required by Section 2.09(d) to be delivered in connection with an increase to the aggregate Commitment, the Administrative Agent, the Borrower and the new or existing Lenders whose Commitments have been affected may and shall enter into an amendment hereof (which shall be binding on all parties hereto and the new Lenders) solely for the purpose of reflecting any new Lenders and their new Commitments and any increase in the Commitment of any existing Lender.

SECTION 9.03. **Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.** (a) The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent, in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation and administration of this Agreement or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Issuing Bank in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights in connection with this Agreement, including its rights under this Section, or in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

(b) The Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank 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 and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee, incurred by or asserted against any Indemnitee arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or the consummation of the Transactions or any other transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the Issuing Bank to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property owned or operated by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of an Indemnitee.

(c) To the extent that the Borrower fails to pay any amount required to be paid by it to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be, such Lender's Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought by reference to the aggregate Commitments (or, if such Commitments have terminated, aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure)) of such unpaid amount; provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender in its capacity as such.

(d) To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Borrower shall not assert, and hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof.

(e) All amounts due under this Section shall be payable promptly after written demand therefor.

SECTION 9.04. ***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 the Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), except that (i) the Borrower 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 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 the 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 Administrative Agent, the 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 assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitments and the Loans at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) of:

(A) the Borrower, provided that no consent of the Borrower 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;

(B) the Administrative Agent, provided that no consent of the Administrative Agent shall be required for an assignment of any Commitment to an assignee that is a Lender with a Commitment immediately prior to giving effect to such assignment; and

(C) the Issuing Bank.

(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 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 \$5,000,000 unless each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent otherwise consent, provided that no such consent of the Borrower 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, provided that this clause shall not be construed to prohibit the assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations in respect of one Class of Commitments or Loans;

(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; and

(D) the assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire in which the assignee designates one or more Credit Contacts to whom all syndicate-level information (which may contain material non-public information about the Borrower and its affiliates, the Credit Parties and their related parties or their respective securities) will be made available and who may receive such information in accordance with the assignee's compliance procedures and applicable laws, including Federal and state securities laws.

For the purposes of this Section 9.04(b), the term "Approved Fund" has the following meaning:

"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) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

(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 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03). Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this Section 9.04 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.

(iv) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, 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 Commitments of, and principal amount of (and stated interest on) 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, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank 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 Borrower, the 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; provided that if either the assigning Lender or the assignee shall have failed to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to Section 2.05(c), 2.06(d) or (e), 2.07(b), 2.18(d) or 9.03(c), the Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information therein in the Register unless and until such payment shall have been made in full, together with all accrued interest thereon. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this paragraph.

(c) (d) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender, 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 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 Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the 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 this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of

the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver described in the first proviso to Section 9.02(b) that affects such Participant. Subject to paragraph (c)(ii) of this Section, the Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Section 2.17(e) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 2.17(e) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 2.19 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 2.19 with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 9.08 as though it were a Lender, provided such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.18(c) as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Credit Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Credit Document) to any Person 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.

(ii) A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.15 or 2.17 than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation or unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Borrower's prior written consent. A Participant shall not be entitled to the benefits of Section 2.17 unless the Borrower is notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the benefit of the Borrower, to comply with Section 2.17(e) as though it were a Lender.

(e) 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 without limitation any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank, 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 9.05. **Survival.** All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Borrower herein and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement 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, the 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 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 9.03 and Article VIII 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.

SECTION 9.06. **Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness.** 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 and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to the Administrative Agent 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. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by telecopy or other electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

SECTION 9.07. **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 9.08. **Right of Setoff.** If an 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 the Borrower against any of and all the obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement held by such Lender, irrespective of whether or not such Lender shall have made any demand under this Agreement and although such obligations may be unmaturing. 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 9.09. **Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Consent to Service of Process.** (a) This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the law of the State of New York.

(b) The 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 action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or for recognition or enforcement of any judgment, and each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that all claims in respect of any such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York State or, to the extent permitted by law, in such Federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement against the Borrower or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(c) The 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 or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement 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 action or proceeding in any such court.

(d) Each party to this Agreement irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 9.01. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party to this Agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

SECTION 9.10. **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 LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (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 9.11. **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 9.12. **Confidentiality.** Each of the Administrative Agent, the 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 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; provided, however, that in the case of disclosure pursuant to this clause (c) the disclosing party shall, to the extent practicable and permitted by applicable law, regulation or judicial process, give the Borrower written notice of the information required to be disclosed so that the Borrower may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy, with the reasonably requested assistance of the disclosing party (but at the expense of the Borrower); (d) to any other party to this Agreement, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or any suit, action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or the enforcement of rights hereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement or (ii) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its advisors) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to the Borrower and its obligations, (g) with the consent of the Borrower or (h) 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 the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Borrower. For the purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Borrower relating to the Borrower or its business, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower; and other than information pertaining to this Agreement routinely provided by arrangers to data service providers, including league table providers, that serve the lending industry; provided that, in the case of information (other than financial statements and related certificates delivered pursuant to Sections 5.01 and 5.02) received from the Borrower after the date hereof, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

EACH LENDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION 9.12 FURNISHED TO IT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT MAY INCLUDE MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BORROWER AND ITS RELATED PARTIES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SECURITIES, AND CONFIRMS THAT IT HAS DEVELOPED COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES REGARDING THE USE OF MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THAT IT WILL HANDLE SUCH MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC

INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE PROCEDURES AND APPLICABLE LAW, INCLUDING FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

ALL INFORMATION, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS, FURNISHED BY THE BORROWER OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT PURSUANT TO, OR IN THE COURSE OF ADMINISTERING, THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE SYNDICATE-LEVEL INFORMATION, WHICH MAY CONTAIN MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE BORROWER, ITS AFFILIATES, THE CREDIT PARTIES, THEIR RELATED PARTIES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SECURITIES. ACCORDINGLY, EACH LENDER REPRESENTS TO THE BORROWER AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT THAT IT HAS IDENTIFIED IN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE A CREDIT CONTACT WHO MAY RECEIVE INFORMATION THAT MAY CONTAIN MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND APPLICABLE LAW.

SECTION 9.13. ***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 9.14. ***USA PATRIOT Act.*** Each Lender that is subject to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the “Act”) hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the Act, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Act.

SECTION 9.15. ***Application of Proceeds.*** After the exercise of remedies provided for in Article VII (or after the Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable), any proceeds of Collateral or from payment pursuant to the Subsidiary Guaranty received by the Administrative Agent in respect of the Secured Obligations pursuant to the Credit Documents shall be applied, in each case ratably within the applicable priority level, first, to pay any fees, indemnities, or expense reimbursements then due to the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Bank from the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor, second, to pay any fees, indemnities or expense reimbursements (other than in respect of Swap Agreements or Banking Service Obligations (as defined in the Security Agreement)) then due to the Lenders from the Borrower or any Subsidiary Guarantor, third, to pay interest then due and payable on the Loans, fourth, to pay principal on the

Loans and unreimbursed LC Disbursements and any due and owing obligations with respect to Swap Agreements or Banking Services Obligations (as defined in the Security Agreement), fifth, to the payment of any other Secured Obligation, and sixth, the balance, if any, after all of the obligations under all Credit Documents have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Borrower or as otherwise required by law.

SECTION 9.16. *Amendment and Restatement.*

(a) On the Effective Date, the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended, restated and superseded in its entirety by this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (i) this Agreement, any Notes delivered pursuant to Section 2.10(e) and the other Credit Documents executed and delivered in connection herewith do not constitute a novation, payment and reborrowing, or termination of the “Secured Obligations” (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) under the Existing Credit Agreement as in immediately effect prior to the Effective Date and (ii) such “Secured Obligations” are in all respects continuing with only the terms thereof being modified as provided in this Agreement and the Security Documents.

(b) Notwithstanding the modifications effected by this Agreement of the representations, warranties and covenants of the Borrower contained in the Existing Credit Agreement, the Borrower acknowledges and agrees that any causes of action or other rights created in favor of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, any Lender or their respective successors arising out of the representations and warranties of the Borrower made (including representations and warranties or deemed made in connection with the making of Loans or other extensions of credit thereunder) in connection with the Existing Credit Agreement shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement; provided, however, that it is understood and agreed that the Borrower’s monetary obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement in respect of the loans and letters of credit thereunder are evidenced by this Agreement as provided in Article II hereof.

(c) All indemnification obligations of the Borrower pursuant to the Existing Credit Agreement (including any arising from a breach of the representations thereunder) shall survive the amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement pursuant to this Agreement.

(d) The Continuing Lenders, constituting the “Required Lenders” under the Existing Credit Agreement, hereby waive (i) the requirement pursuant to Section 2.09(c) of the Existing Credit Agreement that the Borrower deliver prior notice of its election to terminate the “Commitments” under the Existing Credit Agreement and (ii) the requirement pursuant to Section 2.11(b) of the Existing Credit Agreement that the Borrower deliver prior notice of its election to prepay all outstanding “Loans” under the Existing Credit Agreement.

[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.

VERA BRADLEY DESIGNS, INC.

By /s/ Sheryl Miller
Name: Sheryl Miller
Title: Vice President, Corporate Controller

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, individually and as
Administrative Agent, Issuing Bank and Swingline Lender

By /s/ Morgan K. Boudler
Name: Morgan K. Boudler
Title: Authorized Officer

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KeyBank National Association, as a Lender

By /s/ Marianne T. Meil
Name: Marianne T. Meil
Title: Senior Vice President

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PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By /s/ Corinna Ladd
Name: Corinna Ladd
Title: Senior Vice President

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WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By /s/ Ashley Hughes
Name: Ashley Hughes
Title: Assistant Vice President

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Robert Wallstrom, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Vera Bradley, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 9, 2015

/s/ Robert Wallstrom

Robert Wallstrom

Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Kevin J. Sierks, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Vera Bradley, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 9, 2015

/s/ Kevin J. Sierks

Kevin J. Sierks

Executive Vice President - Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Robert Wallstrom, the Chief Executive Officer of Vera Bradley, Inc., certify that (i) the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended August 1, 2015 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Vera Bradley, Inc. as of the dates and for the periods set forth therein.

/s/ Robert Wallstrom

Robert Wallstrom

Chief Executive Officer

September 9, 2015

Date

I, Kevin J. Sierks, the Executive Vice President – Chief Financial Officer of Vera Bradley, Inc., certify that (i) the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended August 1, 2015 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Vera Bradley, Inc. as of the dates and for the periods set forth therein.

/s/ Kevin J. Sierks

Kevin J. Sierks

Executive Vice President - Chief Financial Officer

September 9, 2015

Date