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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 28, 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 1-10948

Office Depot, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Office DEPOT.

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

6600 North Military Trail; Boca Raton, Florida

(Address of principal executive offices)

59-2661354

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

33496

(Zip Code)

(561) 438-4800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, as of the latest practicable date: At March 28, 2015, there were 546,282,587 outstanding shares of Office Depot, Inc. Common Stock, \$0.01 par value.

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OFFICE DEPOT, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In millions, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	13 Weeks Ended	
	March 28, 2015	March 29, 2014
Sales	\$ 3,877	\$ 4,354
Cost of goods sold and occupancy costs	2,940	3,339
Gross profit	937	1,015
Selling, general and administrative expenses	801	943
Asset impairments	5	50
Merger, restructuring, and other operating expenses, net	43	101
Operating income (loss)	88	(79)
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	6	6
Interest expense	(25)	(25)
Other income, net	1	1
Income (loss) before income taxes	70	(97)
Income tax expense	25	11
Net income (loss)	45	(108)
Less: Results attributable to the noncontrolling interests	—	1
Net income (loss) attributable to Office Depot, Inc.	\$ 45	\$ (109)
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.08	\$ (0.21)

This report should be read in conjunction with the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements herein and the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the Office Depot, Inc. Form 10-K filed February 24, 2015 (the "2014 Form 10-K").

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

	13 Weeks Ended	
	March 28, 2015	March 29, 2014
Net income (loss)	\$ 45	\$ (108)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax where applicable:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(54)	2
Other	—	(1)
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, where applicable	(54)	1
Comprehensive income (loss)	(9)	(107)
Comprehensive income attributable to the noncontrolling interests	—	1
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Office Depot, Inc.	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$ (108)</u>

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OFFICE DEPOT, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In millions, except share and per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	March 28, 2015	December 27, 2014
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 927	\$ 1,071
Receivables, net	1,201	1,264
Inventories	1,554	1,638
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	327	245
Total current assets	4,009	4,218
Property and equipment, net	887	963
Goodwill	397	391
Other intangible assets, net	67	72
Timber notes receivable	921	926
Deferred income taxes	27	32
Other assets	240	242
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,548</u>	<u>\$ 6,844</u>
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 1,251	\$ 1,340
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,319	1,517
Income taxes payable	17	4
Short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt	52	32
Total current liabilities	2,639	2,893
Deferred income taxes and other long-term liabilities	607	621
Pension and postretirement obligations, net	188	196
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	658	674
Non-recourse debt	834	839
Total liabilities	4,926	5,223
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock—authorized 800,000,000 shares of \$.01 par value; issued shares – 552,197,855 in March 2015 and 551,097,537 in December 2014	6	6
Additional paid-in capital	2,566	2,556
Accumulated other comprehensive income	53	107
Accumulated deficit	(945)	(990)
Treasury stock, at cost – 5,915,268 shares in 2015 and 2014	(58)	(58)
Total equity	1,622	1,621
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 6,548</u>	<u>\$ 6,844</u>

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OFFICE DEPOT, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

	13 Weeks Ended	
	March 28, 2015	March 29, 2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 45	\$ (108)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	74	77
Charges for losses on inventories and receivables	16	20
Asset impairments	5	50
Changes in working capital and other	(186)	(113)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(46)</u>	<u>(74)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(27)	(39)
Acquisition, net of cash acquired	(10)	—
Proceeds from sale of available for sale securities	—	22
Restricted cash	(68)	—
Proceeds from assets sold and other	35	9
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(70)</u>	<u>(8)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net proceeds on employee share-based transactions	1	(3)
Net payments on long and short-term borrowings	(9)	5
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(8)</u>	<u>2</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(20)	—
Impact of cash and cash equivalent in consolidated joint-venture held for sale	—	(5)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(144)	(85)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,071	955
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 927</u>	<u>\$ 870</u>

This report should be read in conjunction with the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements herein and the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in the 2014 Form 10-K.

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation: Office Depot, Inc., including consolidated subsidiaries (“Office Depot” or the “Company”), is a global supplier of office products and services. The Company currently operates under the Office Depot® and OfficeMax® banners and utilizes proprietary company and product brand names. The Company’s common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbol ODP. As of March 28, 2015, the Company sold to customers throughout North America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific through three reportable segments (or “Divisions”): North American Retail Division, North American Business Solutions Division and International Division. Refer to Note 12 for further Division information.

The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as of March 28, 2015 and for the 13-week periods ended March 28, 2015 (also referred to as “the first quarter of 2015”) and March 29, 2014 (also referred to as “the first quarter of 2014”) are unaudited. However, in management’s opinion, these financial statements reflect all adjustments of a normal recurring nature necessary to provide a fair presentation of the Company’s financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented.

The Company has prepared the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Some information and note disclosures, which would normally be included in comprehensive annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, have been condensed or omitted pursuant to those SEC rules and regulations. For a better understanding of the Company and its Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, we recommend reading these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in conjunction with the audited financial statements which are included in the 2014 Form 10-K. These interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results that should be expected for the full year.

Cash Management: The cash management process generally utilizes zero balance accounts which provide for the settlement of the related disbursement and cash concentration accounts on a daily basis. Trade accounts payable and Accrued expenses and other current liabilities as of March 28, 2015 and December 27, 2014 included \$78 million and \$91 million, respectively, of amounts not yet presented for payment drawn in excess of disbursement account book balances, after considering offset provisions.

At March 28, 2015, cash and cash equivalents held outside the United States amounted to \$267 million.

At March 28, 2015, Prepaid expenses and other current assets included \$68 million of cash held in escrow in advance of settlement of the legal accrual which is anticipated to occur during the second quarter of 2015.

Receivables under Factoring Agreement: The Company sells selected accounts receivables on a non-recourse basis to an unrelated financial institution under a factoring agreement in France. The Company accounts for this transaction as a sale of receivables, removes receivables sold from its financial statements, and records cash proceeds when received by the Company as cash provided by operating activities in the Statement of Cash Flows. The financial institution makes available 80% of the face value of the receivables to the Company and retains the remaining 20% as a guarantee until the receipt of the proceeds associated with the factored invoices.

In the first quarter 2015, the Company withdrew \$94 million from amounts available under the factoring arrangement. Receivables sold for which the Company did not obtain cash directly from the financial institution are included in Receivables and amount to \$8 million and \$6 million as of March 28, 2015 and December 27, 2014, respectively. Retention guarantee amounts of \$10 million and \$11 million are included in Prepaid expenses and other current assets as of March 28, 2015 and December 27, 2014, respectively.

New Accounting Standards: In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued an accounting standards update that will supersede most current revenue recognition guidance and modify the accounting for certain costs associated with revenue generation. The core principle of this guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance provides a number of steps to apply to achieve that principle. The standard is effective for the Company’s first quarter of 2017. Early adoption is not permitted. Implementation may be either through retrospective application to each period from the first quarter of 2015 or with a cumulative effect adjustment upon adoption in 2017. Additional disclosures will also be required under the new standard. In April 2015, the FASB issued a proposal that, if approved, would extend the required implementation date one year to the first quarter of 2018 but also would permit companies to adopt the standard at the original effective date of 2017. The Company is assessing what impacts this new standard will have on its Consolidated Financial Statements.

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In April 2015, the FASB issued a new standard that will require debt issuance costs to be presented as a reduction of the related liability rather than as an asset. The standard is effective for the Company's first quarter of 2016 and will require prior periods to be adjusted. Early adoption is allowed. The standard is expected to have a limited impact on the Company's balance sheet. As of March 28, 2015, deferred costs of \$4 million relate to the Senior Secured Notes and will be reclassified in 2016 to reduce the carrying value of the debt and \$7 million relate to the Amended Credit Facility (as defined in Note 5), which has no outstanding borrowings.

In April 2015, the FASB issued a new standard that will allow companies a choice between measuring pension plan assets and liabilities based on the calendar year end date or, for companies with alternative year end dates (e.g., 52-53 week fiscal year), measurement closest to the calendar end date. The choice must be applied to all of a company's pension plans. It is effective for the Company in the first quarter of 2016; early adoption is allowed. The Company is evaluating this measurement option.

NOTE 2. ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITIONS

Staples Acquisition

On February 4, 2015, Staples, Inc. ("Staples") and the Company announced that the companies have entered into a definitive merger agreement (the "Staples Merger Agreement"), under which Staples will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Office Depot and the Company will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Staples (the "Staples Acquisition"). The Company will survive the Staples Acquisition as a wholly owned subsidiary of Staples. Under the terms of the Staples Merger Agreement, Office Depot shareholders will receive, for each Office Depot share held by such shareholders, \$7.25 in cash and 0.2188 of a share in Staples common stock at closing. Each employee share-based award outstanding at the date of the Staples Merger Agreement will vest upon the effective date of the Staples Acquisition. The Staples Merger Agreement includes representations, warranties and conditions, including breakup fees payable or receivable under certain conditions if the transaction fails to close. Certain existing debt agreements will require modification prior to closing. The transaction has been approved by both companies' Board of Directors and the completion of the Staples Acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions including, among others, the approval of Office Depot shareholders and various regulatory approvals. Refer to the Company's Form 8-K filed February 4, 2015 for additional information on the transaction. Also, refer to Note 3 for amounts accrued during the first quarter of 2015 related to the Staples Acquisition.

Other

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company acquired an interior furniture business for \$10 million, subject to a working capital adjustment that is expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2015. The business supports the contract channel of the North American Business Solutions Division. Preliminary estimates of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are included in the balance sheet as of March 28, 2015 and include certain amortizing intangible assets and tax-deductible goodwill, which are subject to change as integration is completed. Supplemental pro forma financial information is not provided based on materiality considerations.

Consolidated joint venture sold

In August 2014, the Company completed the sale of its 51% capital stock interest in Grupo OfficeMax S. de R.L. de C.V., the former OfficeMax business in Mexico, to its joint venture partner. The amounts included in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for this business are as follows:

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter 2014
Sales	\$ 68
Income before income taxes	3
Income attributable to Office Depot, before income taxes	2

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Other assets held for sale

Certain facilities identified for closure through integration and other activities have been accounted for as assets held for sale. As of March 28, 2015 and December 27, 2014, these assets amount to \$34 million and \$31 million, respectively, and are presented in Prepaid expenses and other current assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Refer to Note 3 for further information on Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net.

NOTE 3. MERGER, RESTRUCTURING, AND OTHER ACCRUALS

In recent years, the Company has taken actions to adapt to changing and competitive conditions. These actions include closing facilities, consolidating functional activities, eliminating redundant positions, disposing of businesses and assets, and taking actions to improve process efficiencies. In 2013, the OfficeMax, Incorporated merger (the “Merger”) was completed and integration activities similar to the actions described above began and are expected to continue through 2016. The Company assumed certain restructuring liabilities previously recorded by OfficeMax, Incorporated (“OfficeMax”).

Merger, restructuring, and other operating expenses, net

The Company presents Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net on a separate line in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations to identify these activities apart from the expenses incurred to sell to and service its customers. These expenses are not included in the determination of Division operating income. The table below and narrative that follows summarize the major components of Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net.

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Merger related expenses		
Severance, retention, and relocation	\$ 5	\$ 71
Transaction and integration	24	21
Other related expenses (gain)	(14)	4
Total Merger related expenses	15	96
International restructuring and certain other expenses	13	5
Staples Acquisition expenses	15	—
Total Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net	\$ 43	\$101

Severance, retention, and relocation reflect expenses incurred for the integration of staff functions. Since the second quarter of 2014, the Real Estate Strategy has been sufficiently developed to provide a basis for estimating termination benefits for certain retail and supply chain closures that are expected to extend through 2016. Such benefits are being accrued through the anticipated employee full eligibility date. Because the specific identity of retail locations to be closed is subject to change as implementation of the Real Estate Strategy progresses, estimates are used for the store closure severance accrual. The calculation considers factors such as the expected timing of store closures, terms of existing severance plans, expected employee turnover and attrition. As the integration evolves and additional decisions about the identity and timing of closures are made, more current information will be available and assumptions used in estimating the termination benefits accrual may change.

Transaction and integration expenses include integration-related professional fees, incremental temporary contract labor, salary and benefits for employees dedicated to the Merger activity, travel costs, non-capitalizable software integration costs, and other direct costs to combine the companies. Such costs are being recognized as incurred.

Other related expenses (gain) primarily relate to facility closure accruals, gains and losses on asset dispositions, and accelerated depreciation. Facility closure expenses include amounts incurred by the Company to close retail stores in the United States as part of the Real Estate Strategy. The Company expects to close approximately 135 retail stores in 2015 and at least 100 stores in 2016. The specific sites to close over this period may be influenced by real estate and other market conditions and, therefore, a reasonable estimate of future facility closure accruals cannot be made at this time. During the first quarter of 2015, the Company sold a warehouse facility that was classified as an asset held for sale at December 27, 2014. The gain of \$19 million is included in Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net, as the disposition was part of the supply chain integration associated with the Merger.

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International restructuring and certain other expenses in 2015 include charges related to the European restructuring plan approved in 2014 to realign the organization from a geographic-focus to a business channel-focus (the European restructuring plan). Both the 2015 and 2014 periods include charges related to international organizational changes and facility closures which were started prior to the European restructuring plan. The costs recognized in the first quarter of 2015 include \$5 million associated with lease obligations, \$5 million of severance and employee benefits, and \$3 million of professional fees and other restructuring costs. The European restructuring plan has been approved by all countries' works councils, with the largest component approved subsequent to March 28, 2015. Approximately \$54 million of severance (at current exchange rates) is expected to be accrued over the remainder of 2015. Expenses for facility closures and restructuring activity will be recognized as the related accounting criteria are met.

Staples Acquisition expenses for the first quarter of 2015 includes retention accruals and costs associated with regulatory filings. The retention amounts will be paid regardless of whether the transaction is approved and will continue to be accrued through the anticipated closing date which is expected to be before the end of 2015.

Asset impairments are not included in the table above. Refer to Note 10 for further information.

Merger and restructuring accruals

Of the total \$43 million Merger, restructuring and other expenses recognized in the first quarter 2015 Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations, \$22 million relates to Merger and restructuring balance sheet accruals and are included as Charges incurred in the table below. The remaining \$21 million is excluded from the table below because these items are expensed as incurred, non-cash, or otherwise not associated with Merger and restructuring balance sheet accounts.

<i>(In millions)</i>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Charges Incurred</u>	<u>Cash Payments</u>	<u>Currency, Lease Accretion and Other Adjustments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2015					
Termination benefits					
Merger-related accruals	\$ 31	\$ 7	\$ (11)	\$ (1)	\$ 26
European restructuring plan	26	1	(1)	(4)	22
Other restructuring accruals	8	3	(5)	—	6
	<u>65</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>54</u>
Lease and contract obligations, accruals for facilities closures and other costs					
Merger-related accruals	71	—	(14)	—	57
European restructuring plan	—	1	(1)	1	1
Other restructuring accruals	35	3	(4)	1	35
Acquired entity accruals	36	1	(3)	—	34
Staples Acquisition related accruals	—	6	—	—	6
	<u>142</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>(22)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>133</u>
Total	<u>\$ 207</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>\$ (39)</u>	<u>\$ (3)</u>	<u>\$ 187</u>

The \$21 million not included in the balance sheet accrual table is comprised of \$24 million Merger transaction and integration expenses, \$8 million Staples Acquisition transaction and integration expenses, \$2 million European restructuring transaction and integration expenses, \$6 million primarily related to fixed assets and rent expenses, partially offset by the \$19 million gain on the disposition of the warehouse facility associated with the supply chain integration.

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(Unaudited) – (Continued)

NOTE 4. INVESTMENTS

Boise Cascade Holdings, LLC and Boise Cascade Company Common Stock

The Company had an investment of approximately 20% of the voting equity securities of Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C. (“Boise Cascade Holdings”), a building products company that originated in connection with the OfficeMax sale of its paper, forest products and timberland assets in 2004. In 2013, Boise Cascade Holdings owned common stock of Boise Cascade Company (“Boise Cascade”), a publicly traded entity, which gave the Company the indirect ownership interest of approximately 4% of the shares of Boise Cascade. During the first quarter of 2014, Boise Cascade Holdings distributed to its shareholders all of the Boise Cascade common stock it held. The Company received 1.6 million shares in this distribution. Through March 29, 2014, the Company disposed of 785 thousand shares in open market transactions for total cash proceeds of \$22 million. The remaining shares were fully disposed of in open market transactions through June 28, 2014.

NOTE 5. DEBT

Amended Credit Facility

Based on the March borrowing base certificate, at March 28, 2015, the Company had approximately \$1.1 billion of available credit under the asset-based, multi-currency revolving credit facility (the “Amended Credit Facility”) provided by the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement entered into in May 2011, as amended effective February 2012, March 2013, and November 2013. As of March 28, 2015, letters of credit outstanding under the Amended Credit Facility totaled \$91 million. There were no borrowings under the Amended Credit Facility in the first quarter of 2015.

The Company was in compliance with all applicable financial covenants at March 28, 2015.

NOTE 6. INCOME TAXES

For the first quarter of 2015, the Company’s effective tax rate was primarily impacted by valuation allowances, which limited the recognition of deferred tax benefits for pretax losses in certain tax jurisdictions while income tax expense was recognized in tax jurisdictions with pretax earnings. The effective tax rate was also impacted by nondeductible foreign interest and other nondeductible expenses. Due to the Company’s valuation allowances, interim income tax reporting is likely to result in significant variability of the effective tax rate throughout the course of the year. Changes in pretax income projections and the mix of income across jurisdictions could also impact the effective tax rate each quarter.

The Company has significant deferred tax assets in the U.S. and in certain foreign jurisdictions against which valuation allowances have been established to reduce such deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. During the first quarter of 2015, the Company recognized income tax expense of \$3 million associated with the establishment of valuation allowances in certain foreign jurisdictions because the realizability of the related deferred tax assets was no longer more likely than not. As of the first quarter of 2015, valuation allowances remain in the U.S. and certain foreign jurisdictions where the Company believes it is necessary to see further positive evidence, such as sustained achievement of cumulative profits, before these valuation allowances can be released. The Company will continue to assess the realizability of its deferred tax assets.

The Company files a U.S. federal income tax return and other income tax returns in various states and foreign jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal and state and local income tax examinations for years before 2013 and 2009, respectively. The acquired OfficeMax U.S. consolidated group is no longer subject to U.S. federal and state and local income tax examinations for years before 2010 and 2006, respectively. The U.S. federal income tax returns for 2013 and 2014 are currently under review. Generally, the Company is subject to routine examination for years 2008 and forward in its international tax jurisdictions.

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company increased by \$4 million its estimate of unrecognized tax benefits that would affect the effective tax rate because the related tax positions are not expected to be offset by valuation allowances. The Company did not change its total balance of unrecognized tax benefits, which was \$23 million as of the first quarter of 2015. It is reasonably possible that certain tax positions will be resolved within the next 12 months, which would decrease the Company’s unrecognized tax benefits by \$4 million but would not affect the effective tax rate due to an offsetting change in valuation allowance. Additionally, the Company anticipates that it is reasonably possible that new issues will be raised or resolved by tax authorities that may require changes to the balance of unrecognized tax benefits; however, an estimate of such changes cannot be reasonably made.

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NOTE 7. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

The following table reflects the changes in stockholders' equity.

<i>(In millions)</i>	
Stockholders' equity at December 27, 2014	\$1,621
Net income	45
Other comprehensive income	(54)
Share transactions under employee-related plans	1
Amortization of long-term incentive stock grants	9
Stockholders' equity at March 28, 2015	<u>\$1,622</u>

Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) activity, net of tax, where applicable, is provided in the following table:

<i>(In millions)</i>	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Change in Deferred Pension	Total
Balance at December 27, 2014	\$ 186	\$ (79)	\$107
Other comprehensive loss activity before reclassifications	(53)	—	(53)
Reclassifications from Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to net income	(1)	—	(1)
Net other comprehensive loss	(54)	—	(54)
Balance at March 28, 2015	<u>\$ 132</u>	<u>\$ (79)</u>	<u>\$ 53</u>

As a result of valuation allowances in the U.S. and several international taxing jurisdictions, items other than deferred pension amounts generally have little or no tax impact. The component balances are net of immaterial tax impacts, where applicable.

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(Unaudited) – (Continued)

NOTE 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table represents the calculation of net earnings (loss) per common share (“EPS”):

<i>(In millions, except per share amounts)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Basic Earnings (Loss) Per Share		
Numerator:		
Net income (loss) attributable to Office Depot, Inc.	\$ 45	\$ (109)
Denominator:		
Weighted-average shares outstanding	544	530
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$0.08	\$(0.21)
Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share		
Numerator:		
Net income (loss) attributable to Office Depot, Inc.	\$ 45	\$ (109)
Denominator:		
Weighted-average shares outstanding	544	530
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Stock options and restricted stock	9	—
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding	553	530
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$0.08	\$(0.21)

Potentially dilutive stock options and restricted stock of 9 million shares were excluded from the first quarter 2014 diluted loss per share calculation, because of the net loss in the period.

Awards of options and nonvested shares representing approximately 2 million additional shares of common stock were outstanding for the first quarter 2015 and 12 million for the first quarter 2014, but were not included in the computation of diluted weighted-average shares outstanding because their effect would have been antidilutive. For the periods presented, no tax benefits have been assumed in the weighted average share calculation in jurisdictions with valuation allowances.

NOTE 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans – North America

The components of net periodic pension benefit for the Company’s North American pension and other postretirement plans are as follows:

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter 2015		First Quarter 2014	
	Pension Benefits	Other Benefits	Pension Benefits	Other Benefits
Service cost	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ —
Interest cost	11	—	13	—
Expected return on plan assets	(14)	—	(15)	—
Net periodic pension benefit	<u>\$ (2)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

In the first quarter 2015, \$4 million of cash contributions were made to the North American pension and other postretirement plans. The Company expects to make additional cash contributions of \$6 million to the North American pension and other postretirement plans in 2015.

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Pension Plan – Europe

The components of net periodic pension benefit for the Company's European pension plan are as follows:

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Service cost	\$—	\$—
Interest cost	2	3
Expected return on plan assets	(3)	(4)
Net periodic pension benefit	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>

The Company's European pension plan is in a net asset position. There are no funding requirements while this plan has an asset surplus.

Net periodic pension benefits for the North American and European pension and other postretirement benefit plans are recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

NOTE 10. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

As a global supplier of office products and services the Company is exposed to risks associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates, fuel and other commodity prices and interest rates. Depending on the exposure, settlement timeframe and other factors, the Company may enter into derivative transactions to mitigate those risks. Financial instruments authorized under the Company's established risk management policy include spot trades, swaps, options, caps, collars, forwards and futures. Use of derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes is expressly prohibited by the Company's policies. The Company may designate and account for such qualifying arrangements as hedges. As of March 28, 2015, the foreign exchange and fuel contracts extend through January 2016.

The fair values of the Company's foreign currency contracts and fuel contracts are the amounts receivable or payable to terminate the agreements at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates, exchange rates and commodity prices. The values are based on market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data. At March 28, 2015 and December 27, 2014, Accrued expenses and other liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets include \$5 million and \$6 million, respectively, related to derivative fuel contracts payable.

Financial Instruments

The Company measures fair value 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. In developing its fair value estimates, the Company uses the following hierarchy:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data. Generally, these fair value measures are model-based valuation techniques such as discounted cash flows or option pricing models using the Company's own estimates and assumptions or those expected to be used by market participants.

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities approximate their carrying values because of their short-term nature.

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The following table presents information about financial instruments at the balance sheet dates indicated.

<i>(In millions)</i>	March 28, 2015		December 27, 2014	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Financial assets				
Timber notes receivables	\$ 921	\$ 938	\$ 926	\$ 930
Financial liabilities				
Recourse debt				
9.75% senior secured notes, due 2019	250	280	250	280
7.35% debentures, due 2016	18	19	18	18
Revenue bonds, due in varying amounts periodically through 2029	186	186	186	185
American & Foreign Power Company, Inc. 5% debentures, due 2030	14	12	14	13
Non-recourse debt	834	851	839	845

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

- **Timber notes receivable:** Fair value is determined as the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the current interest rate for loans of similar terms with comparable credit risk (Level 2 measure).
- **Recourse debt:** Recourse debt for which there were no transactions on the measurement date was valued based on quoted market prices near the measurement date when available or by discounting the future cash flows of each instrument using rates based on the most recently observable trade or using rates currently offered to the Company for similar debt instruments of comparable maturities (Level 2 measure).
- **Non-recourse debt:** Fair value is estimated by discounting the future cash flows of the instrument at rates currently available to the Company for similar instruments of comparable maturities (Level 2 measure).

Fair Value Estimates Used in Impairment Analyses

North American Retail Division

As a result of declining sales in recent periods, the Company conducts a detailed quarterly store impairment analysis. The analysis uses input from retail store operations and the Company's accounting and finance personnel that organizationally report to the Chief Financial Officer. These projections are based on management's estimates of store-level sales, gross margins, direct expenses, projected store closures, exercise of future lease renewal options, and favorable lease values, where applicable. The resulting cash flows, by their nature, include judgments about how current initiatives will impact future performance. If the anticipated cash flows of a store cannot support the carrying value of its assets, the retail store operating assets, as well as the related favorable lease intangible assets, are impaired and written down to their estimated fair value using a discounted cash flow approach (a Level 3 measure).

The Company recognized store asset impairment charges of \$5 million and \$9 million, in the first quarter 2015 and 2014, respectively. The first quarter 2015 charge includes approximately \$1 million impairment of favorable lease intangible asset values following the identification of closing locations where future intangible asset recovery was considered unlikely. The first quarter of 2014 impairment charge includes \$1 million from a decision in March 2014 to close the Canadian stores acquired as part of the Merger.

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The first quarter 2015 analysis incorporated the assessment of which stores are anticipated to be closed through 2016, as well as projected cash flows through the base lease period for stores identified for ongoing operations. The projections assumed declining sales consistent with recent performance. Gross margin assumptions have been held constant at current actual levels and operating costs have been assumed to be consistent with recent actual results and planned activities. For the first quarter 2015 impairment analysis, identified locations were reduced to estimated fair value of \$2 million based on their projected cash flows, discounted at 13% or estimated salvage value of \$1 million, as appropriate. The Company continues to capitalize additions to previously-impaired operating stores and tests for subsequent impairment. A 100 basis point decrease in next year sales combined with a 50 basis point decrease in next year gross margin would have increased the impairment by approximately \$1 million. Further, a 100 basis point decrease in sales for all future periods would increase the impairment by approximately \$1 million.

The Company will continue to evaluate initiatives to improve performance and lower operating costs. To the extent that forward-looking sales and operating assumptions are not achieved and are subsequently reduced, or in certain circumstances, even if store performance is as anticipated, additional impairment charges may result. However, at the end of the first quarter of 2015, the impairment analysis reflects the Company's best estimate of future performance.

Other assets

In the first quarter of 2014, the Company also recognized asset impairment charges of \$28 million related to the abandonment of a software implementation project in Europe, and \$13 million for the write off of capitalized software following certain information technology platform decisions related to the Merger. These charges are included in the Asset impairments line in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

NOTE 11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Matters

The Company is involved in litigation arising in the normal course of business. While, from time to time, claims are asserted that make demands for a large sum of money (including, from time to time, actions which are asserted to be maintainable as class action suits), the Company does not believe that contingent liabilities related to these matters (including the matters discussed below), either individually or in the aggregate, will materially affect the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On February 4, 2015, Staples and Office Depot entered into the Staples Merger Agreement under which the companies would combine in a stock and cash transaction. On February 9, 2015, a putative class action lawsuit was filed by purported Office Depot shareholders in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware ("Court") challenging the transaction and alleging that the defendant companies and individual members of Office Depot's Board of Directors violated applicable laws by breaching their fiduciary duties and/or aiding and abetting such breaches. The plaintiffs in David Raul, v. Office Depot, Inc. et al. seek, among other things, injunctive relief and rescission, as well as fees and costs. Subsequently, eight other lawsuits were filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware making similar allegations, namely Beth Koeneke v. Office Depot, Inc. et al., Jamison Miller v. Office Depot, Inc. et al., Eric R. Gilbert v. Office Depot, Inc. et al., The Feivel and Helene Gottlieb Defined Benefit Pension Plan v. Office Depot, et al., Charles Miller v. Office Depot, Inc. et al., David Max v. Office Depot, Inc. et al., Patrick Connors v. Office Depot, Inc. and Steve Renous v. Staples Inc. et al. The Court subsequently consolidated all of the Delaware cases and named Jamison Miller and Steve Renous as co-plaintiffs and ordered the plaintiffs to file an amended consolidated complaint. Additionally, in February 2015, two lawsuits were filed in Palm Beach County Circuit Court, namely Keny Petit-Frere v. Office Depot, Inc., et al. and John Sweatman v. Office Depot, Inc., et al. alleging the same allegations. The lawsuits generally sought injunctive relief enjoining the consummation of the transaction, rescission of the transaction in the event it is consummated, damages, fees, costs, and other remedies. Office Depot filed a motion to dismiss the Florida lawsuits for improper venue.

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In addition, in the ordinary course of business, sales to and transactions with government customers may be subject to lawsuits, investigations, audits and review by governmental authorities and regulatory agencies, with which the Company cooperates. Many of these lawsuits, investigations, audits and reviews are resolved without material impact to the Company. While claims in these matters may at times assert large demands, the Company does not believe that contingent liabilities related to these matters, either individually or in the aggregate, will materially affect its financial position, results of operations or cash flows. In addition to the foregoing in 2009, *State of California et al., ex rel David Sherwin v. Office Depot, Inc.* (the “Sherwin lawsuit”) was filed in Superior Court for the State of California, Los Angeles County, and unsealed on October 16, 2012. The lawsuit asserted claims, including claims under the California False Claims Act, based on allegations regarding certain pricing practices under now expired agreements that were in place between 2001 and January 1, 2011, pursuant to which governmental agencies purchased office supplies from the Company. The plaintiffs sought monetary damages and other relief, including trebling of damages and statutory penalties. On June 25, 2014, the Company participated in a non-binding, voluntary mediation in which the Company negotiated a potential settlement to resolve the matter. During the second quarter of 2014, the Company recorded an \$80 million incremental increase to the legal accrual which included the potential settlement, as well as attorneys’ fees and other related legal matters. On December 19, 2014, Office Depot and the plaintiffs executed a Settlement Agreement to resolve the Sherwin lawsuit. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Company agreed to pay the Plaintiffs \$68 million to settle the matter (the “Settlement Amount”), as well as \$9 million in legal fees, costs, and expenses. In exchange for, and in consideration of, the Company’s agreement to pay the Settlement Amount, the plaintiffs agreed to dismiss their action against the Company with prejudice. In February 2015, the court entered orders approving the settlement and dismissing the case with prejudice. The Settlement Amount was subsequently placed in escrow pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. The Company expects that the funds will be released from escrow and disbursed in accordance with the terms of the court’s orders during the second quarter of 2015.

In addition to the foregoing, *Heitzenrater v. OfficeMax North America, Inc., et al.* was filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York in September 2012 as a putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York Labor Law. The complaint alleges that OfficeMax misclassified its assistant store managers (“ASMs”) as exempt employees. The Company believes that adequate provisions have been made for probable losses and such amounts are not material. However, in light of the early stage of the case and the inherent uncertainty of litigation, the Company is unable to estimate a reasonably possible range of loss in the matter. OfficeMax intends to vigorously defend itself in this lawsuit. Further, *Kyle Rivet v. Office Depot, Inc., formerly known as Constance Gibbons v. Office Depot, Inc.*, a putative class action that was instituted in May 2012, is pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The complaint alleges that Office Depot’s use of the fluctuating workweek (FWW) method of pay was unlawful because Office Depot failed to pay a fixed weekly salary and failed to provide its ASMs with a clear and mutual understanding notification that they would receive a fixed weekly salary for all hours worked. The plaintiffs in both complaints seek unpaid overtime, punitive damages, and attorneys’ fees.” The Company believes in this case that adequate provisions have been made for probable losses and such amounts are not material. However, in light of the early stage of the case and the inherent uncertainty of litigation, the Company is unable to estimate a reasonably possible range of loss in these matters. Office Depot intends to vigorously defend itself in these lawsuits.

OfficeMax is named a defendant in a number of lawsuits, claims, and proceedings arising out of the operation of certain paper and forest products assets prior to those assets being sold in 2004, for which OfficeMax agreed to retain responsibility. Also, as part of that sale, OfficeMax agreed to retain responsibility for all pending or threatened proceedings and future proceedings alleging asbestos-related injuries arising out of the operation of the paper and forest products assets prior to the closing of the sale. Additionally, as of March 28, 2015, the Company’s estimate of the range of reasonably possible losses for environmental liabilities with respect to certain sites where hazardous substances or other contaminants are or may be located was approximately \$10 million to \$25 million. The Company regularly monitors its estimated exposure to these liabilities. As additional information becomes known, these estimates may change. The Company has made provision for losses with respect to the pending proceedings, however, the Company does not believe any of these OfficeMax retained proceedings are material to the Company’s business.

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NOTE 12. DIVISION INFORMATION

The Company has three reportable segments: North American Retail Division, North American Business Solutions Division, and International Division. The North American Retail Division includes retail stores in the United States, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, which offer office supplies, technology products and solutions, business machines and related supplies, facilities products, and office furniture. Most stores also have a copy and print center offering printing, reproduction, mailing and shipping. The North American Business Solutions Division sells office supply products and services in Canada and the United States, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. North American Business Solutions Division customers are served through dedicated sales forces, through catalogs, telesales, and electronically through its Internet sites. The International Division sells office products and services through direct mail catalogs, contract sales forces, Internet sites, and retail stores in Europe and Asia/Pacific.

The former OfficeMax business in Mexico is presented as Other. The integration of this business into the International Division was suspended in the second quarter of 2014 due to its sale, and it was managed and reported independently of the Company's other international businesses, through the date of the sale.

The office supply products and services offered across all operating segments are similar. Division operating income is determined based on the measure of performance reported internally to manage the business and for resource allocation. This measure charges to the respective Divisions those expenses considered directly or closely related to their operations and allocates support costs. Certain operating expenses and credits are not allocated to the Divisions including Asset impairments and Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net, as well as expenses and credits retained at the Corporate level, including certain management costs and legacy pension and environmental matters. Other companies may charge more or less of these items to their segments and results may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other entities.

The following is a summary of Sales and Division operating income by each of the Divisions, reconciled to consolidated totals.

<i>(In millions)</i>	Sales	
	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
North American Retail Division	\$ 1,653	\$ 1,811
North American Business Solutions Division	1,477	1,540
International Division	747	935
Other	—	68
Total	\$ 3,877	\$ 4,354

<i>(In millions)</i>	Division Operating Income	
	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
North American Retail Division	\$ 86	\$ 37
North American Business Solutions Division	58	40
International Division	14	16
Total	\$ 158	\$ 93

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A reconciliation of the measure of Division operating income to Consolidated income (loss) before income taxes is as follows:

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Total Division operating income	\$158	\$ 93
Add/(subtract):		
Other operating income	—	4
Asset impairments	(5)	(50)
Merger, restructuring, and other operating expenses, net	(43)	(101)
Unallocated expenses	(22)	(25)
Interest income	6	6
Interest expense	(25)	(25)
Other income, net	1	1
Income (loss) before income taxes	<u>\$ 70</u>	<u>\$ (97)</u>

The gross amount of goodwill and the amount of accumulated impairment losses as of March 28, 2015 and December 27, 2014 are provided in the following table:

<i>(In millions)</i>	North American Retail Division	North American Business Solutions Division	International Division	Total
Goodwill	\$ 80	\$ 647	\$ 922	\$ 1,649
Accumulated impairment losses	(2)	(349)	(907)	(1,258)
Balance as of December 27, 2014	78	298	15	391
Additions	—	6	—	6
Balance as of March 28, 2015	<u>\$ 78</u>	<u>\$ 304</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>	<u>\$ 397</u>

Refer to Note 2 for additional information on goodwill associated with the first quarter 2015 additions.

NOTE 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On May 1, 2015, the Amended Credit Facility's maturity date was extended from May 25, 2016 to May 25, 2017.

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Acquisition by Staples

On February 4, 2015, Staples and the Company announced that the companies have entered into a definitive merger agreement (the “Staples Merger Agreement”), under which Staples will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Office Depot and the Company will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Staples (the “Staples Acquisition”). Under the terms of the Staples Merger Agreement, Office Depot shareholders will receive, for each Office Depot share held by such shareholders, \$7.25 in cash and 0.2188 of a share in Staples common stock at closing. Each employee share-based award outstanding at the date of the Staples Merger Agreement will vest upon the effective date of the Staples Acquisition. The transaction has been approved by both companies’ Board of Directors and the completion of the Staples Acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions including, among others, the approval of Office Depot shareholders and various regulatory approvals. Certain existing debt agreements will require modification prior to closing. The transaction is anticipated to close before the end of 2015. Refer to the Company’s Form 8-K filed February 4, 2015 for additional information on the transaction. We cannot guarantee that the Staples Acquisition will be completed or that, if completed, it will be exactly on the terms as set forth in the Staples Merger Agreement. Should the Staples Acquisition not be completed, the Company will continue to be responsible for payment of commitments to current employees under retention arrangements and may either receive or pay a breakup fee, as provided for in the Staples Merger Agreement.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

Office Depot, Inc., together with its subsidiaries (“Office Depot” or the “Company”), is a global supplier of office products and services to consumers and businesses of all sizes. We sell to customers throughout North America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific through three reportable segments (or “Divisions”): North American Retail Division, North American Business Solutions Division and International Division. The North American Retail Division includes our retail stores in the United States, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, which offer office supplies, technology products and solutions, business machines and related supplies, facilities products, and office furniture. Most stores also have a copy and print center offering printing, reproduction, mailing and shipping services. The North American Business Solutions Division sells office supply products and services in Canada and the United States, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. North American Business Solutions Division customers are served through dedicated sales forces, catalogs, telesales, and electronically through our Internet sites. Our International Division sells office products and services through direct mail catalogs, contract sales forces, Internet sites, and retail stores in Europe and Asia/Pacific. The former OfficeMax, Incorporated (“OfficeMax”) business in Mexico is presented as an Other segment. The integration of this business, into the International Division was suspended in the second quarter of 2014 due to the sale and it was managed and reported independently of the Company’s other international businesses, through the date of the sale. Prior period segment information has been recast to reflect this change in reporting structure.

Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (“MD&A”) is intended to provide information to assist readers in better understanding and evaluating our financial condition and results of operations. We recommend reading this MD&A in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes to those statements included in Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on February 24, 2015 (the “2014 Form 10-K”).

This MD&A contains significant amounts of forward-looking information. Without limitation, when we use the words “believe,” “estimate,” “plan,” “expect,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “continue,” “may,” “project,” “probably,” “should,” “could,” “will” and similar expressions in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we are identifying forward-looking statements (as such term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). Our discussion of Risk Factors, found in Item 1A of our 2014 Form 10-K, and Forward-Looking Statements, found in Part I of our 2014 Form 10-K, apply to these forward-looking statements.

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A summary of certain factors impacting results for the 13-week periods ended March 28, 2015 (also referred to as “the first quarter of 2015”) and March 29, 2014 (also referred to as “the first quarter of 2014”) is provided below. Additional discussion of the 2015 first quarter results is provided in the narrative that follows this overview.

- Sales in the first quarter of 2015 decreased 11% compared to the first quarter of 2014.
 - Sales in the North American Retail Division decreased 9%; comparable store sales decreased 2%.
 - Sales in the North American Business Solutions Division decreased 4% in U.S. dollars and 3% in constant currency.
 - International Division sales decreased 20% in U.S. dollars and 7% in constant currency.
 - The August 2014 sale of the joint venture business in Mexico lowered first quarter 2015 total Company sales two percentage points compared to the first quarter of 2014.
- Gross margin increased 86 basis points in the first quarter of 2015 compared to the first quarter of 2014. Gross margins increased in each of the three Divisions.
- Total Company Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased in 2015 compared to 2014, reflecting the closure of stores in North America, lower payroll and advertising expenses, operational efficiencies and synergies, the 2014 sale of the business in Mexico, and foreign currency translation effects. As a percentage of sales, total Company Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased one percentage point.
- Non-cash asset impairment charges of \$5 million and \$50 million were recorded in the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively. Both periods include charges related to underperforming stores in North America. Additionally, the 2014 charge reflects the abandonment of a software implementation project in Europe, the write off of capitalized software following certain information technology platform decisions related to the OfficeMax, Incorporated merger (the “Merger”), and the impact from the decision to close the stores in Canada acquired in the Merger.
- We recognized \$43 million and \$101 million of Merger, restructuring, and other operating expenses, net in the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively. In the first quarter of 2015, this line item includes \$15 million of expenses related to Merger activities, \$13 million of restructuring and other operating expenses, and \$15 million related to the Staples Acquisition. Additional integration and restructuring expenses are expected to be incurred in 2015 and 2016.
- The effective tax rate of 36% for the first quarter of 2015 reflects the impact of valuation allowances limiting recognition of deferred tax assets. Because of the valuation allowances and changes in the mix of earnings among jurisdictions and during interim periods, the Company continues to experience significant effective tax rate volatility within the year and across years.
- Diluted earnings per share was \$0.08 in the first quarter of 2015 compared to a loss per share of \$0.21 in the first quarter of 2014.
- At March 28, 2015, we had \$927 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$1.1 billion available under the Amended Credit Agreement. Cash flow used in operating activities was \$46 million for the first quarter 2015, compared to a use of \$74 million in the same period of the prior year.

OPERATING RESULTS

Discussion of additional income and expense items, including material charges and credits and changes in interest and income taxes follows our review of segment results.

In the Division tables that follow, the changes in Sales for 2014 reflect the impact of adding the OfficeMax business.

NORTH AMERICAN RETAIL DIVISION

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Sales	\$1,653	\$1,811
% change	(9)%	58%
Division operating income	\$ 86	\$ 37
% of sales	5%	2%
Comparable store sales decline	(2)%	(2)%

Sales in our North American Retail Division decreased 9% in the first quarter of 2015 compared to sales in the same period last year. The decrease resulted primarily from store closures associated with the Real Estate Strategy. While store closures result in lower sales in the North American Retail Division, they are typically lower performing stores and future Division operating income may benefit. Comparable store sales in the first quarter of 2015 decreased 2%. Transaction counts were flat and average order value decreased. The increase in comparable store sales of supplies, furniture, Copy and Print Depot, and services were more than offset by decreases in sales of technology products. Sales of computers and printers were lower, while comparable sales of ink and toner increased.

Comparable store sales are based on stores that have been open for at least one year. Stores are removed from the comparable sales calculation one month prior to closing, as sales during that period are largely non-comparable clearance activity, and during periods of store remodeling and if significantly downsized. As the Company continues to implement the Real Estate Strategy, comparable store sales are positively affected as customers migrate from closed to nearby stores which remain open. For the first quarter of 2015, the Division estimates the comparable store sales calculation was positively affected by approximately 2%.

The North American Retail Division reported operating income of \$86 million in the first quarter of 2015, compared to \$37 million in the same period of prior year. Store closures contributed to declines in occupancy, payroll and other store operating costs. Beyond the store closure impact, there were fewer promotions and selling general and administrative expenses decreased from lower advertising, payroll and continued synergy benefits from the Merger. Partially offsetting these benefits, Division operating profit was negatively affected by the impact of our comparable sales decline on gross profit and fixed operating expenses (the “flow through impact”).

During the first quarter of 2015, the North American Retail Division closed 20 stores, ending the period with a store count of 1,725.

The Company expects to close approximately 135 stores in 2015. Consistent with the Real Estate Strategy announced in 2014, at least 100 stores are anticipated to be closed in 2016, bringing the total closures to at least 400 stores over the 2014 to 2016 integration period.

The closures in 2015 and 2016 are expected to result in exit costs associated with facility closures and severance. Charges associated with these decisions will be reported as appropriate in Asset impairments and Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. These charges will be reflected in Corporate reporting, and not included in the determination of Division income in future periods.

NORTH AMERICAN BUSINESS SOLUTIONS DIVISION

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Sales	\$1,477	\$1,540
% change	(4)%	89%
Division operating income	\$ 58	\$ 40
% of sales	4%	3%

Sales in our North American Business Solutions Division in U.S. dollars decreased 4% in the first quarter of 2015 compared to the same period in the prior year. On a constant currency basis, sales decreased 3%. Sales decreased in the contract channel and were flat in the direct channel.

The decline in the contract channel sales reflects the transition out of certain customers that purchased under a legacy OfficeMax buying arrangement with a Minority Women Business Enterprise (a “Tier 1” buying arrangement) that was modified in 2014, the negative impacts from changes in Canadian currency exchange rates, and the closure of all 19 stores in Canada in the second quarter of 2014 (the sales of which were reported in the contract channel). The negative impact from the legacy OfficeMax Tier 1 buying arrangement is expected to continue through the balance of 2015. In the direct channel, online sales increased during the first quarter of 2015, reflecting efforts to enhance the Internet shopping offering and experience. The increased online sales were substantially offset by reduced catalog and call center sales. We anticipate this shift in customer shopping preference will continue. On a product category basis for the Division, sales of cleaning and breakroom products, as well as sales in Copy and Print Depot increased but were more than offset by decreases in sales of supplies, technology and furniture products.

Division operating income for the first quarter 2015 was \$58 million, compared to \$40 million in the same period of the prior year. Division operating income as a percentage of sales increased to 4% in the first quarter of 2015 compared to 3% in the same period in 2014. The increase in Division operating income reflects decreased operating expenses, including lower payroll, advertising and allocated general and administrative expenses, as well as improvement in gross margin rates. The operating cost decreases reflect both Merger integration efficiencies and benefits from closing all the stores in Canada in the second quarter of 2014. Partially offsetting these benefits, Division operating profit was negatively affected by the flow through impact of our sales decline.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Sales	\$747	\$935
% change	(20)%	30%
Division operating income	\$ 14	\$ 16
% of sales	2%	2%

Sales in our International Division in U.S. dollars decreased 20% in the first quarter of 2015 compared to sales in the same period in the prior year. On a constant currency basis, sales decreased 7%. The difference in sales measured in U.S. dollars and in constant currencies reflects the relative proportion of business conducted in Pound Sterling and Euro which experienced significant change in exchange rates over the measurement period. Constant currency sales were lower in all channels, reflecting competitive pressures and slower sales early in the quarter. The contract channel sales decline resulted from the loss of certain customers, as well as a decline in orders from existing and new customers. In the direct channel, catalog and call center sales continued to decline, partially offset by an increase in online sales. This change in customer buying preference is expected to continue. Sales were also negatively affected early in the first quarter of 2015 by work stoppage and lower productivity in certain locations in reaction to the European restructuring plan announced in late 2014, though business was restored within the first quarter.

Division operating income totaled \$14 million in the first quarter of 2015 compared to \$16 million in the first quarter of 2014. Changes in currency exchange rates negatively impacted Division operating income in the first quarter of 2015 by \$2 million. Division operating income as a percentage of sales improved slightly in the first quarter of 2015 compared to 2014, reflecting operating cost benefits that more than offset a greater absorption of fixed costs due to lower sales. Operating expenses decreased across the Division, reflecting lower payroll and advertising expenses, as well as other benefits from current and prior period restructuring activities. Supply chain expenses decreased from facility closures. The European restructuring plan has been approved by all countries’ works councils, with the largest component approved after March 28, 2015, and is expected to be substantially complete the end of 2015. The Company expects to generate the same local currency annual cost reduction benefits by the end of 2016, as previously communicated in October 2014,

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which had translated to approximately \$90 million. Costs associated with restructuring activities are reported at the Corporate level and discussed in the “Restructuring and other operating expenses, net” section below. For U.S. reporting, the International Division’s sales are translated into U.S. dollars at average exchange rates experienced during the period. The Division’s reported sales were negatively affected by \$117 million from changes in foreign currency exchange rates in the first quarter of 2015. Internally, we analyze our international operations in terms of local currency performance to allow focus on operating trends and results.

International Division results for the first quarter of 2014 were recast to reflect the change in reporting structure associated to the sale of the OfficeMax joint venture business operating in Mexico, Grupo OfficeMax S. de R.L. de C.V. (“Grupo OfficeMax”), as discussed below.

OTHER

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter 2014
Sales	\$ 68
Other operating income	\$ 4

With the Merger, we acquired Grupo OfficeMax. In August 2014, we completed the sale of our interest in this business to our joint venture partner. In the second quarter of 2014, the integration of this business into the International Division was suspended and subsequently managed and reported independently of the Company’s other international businesses. Prior period Division information has been recast to reflect this change in the reporting structure.

Since the Company controlled the joint venture, the total Grupo OfficeMax results through the date of the sale are included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations, with an apportionment of the period results to the noncontrolling interest based on their ownership percentage.

CORPORATE

The line items in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations impacted by these Corporate activities are presented in the table below, followed by a narrative discussion of the significant matters. These activities are managed at the Corporate level and, accordingly, are not included in the determination of Division income for management reporting or external disclosures.

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Asset impairments	\$ 5	\$ 50
Merger, restructuring, and other operating expenses, net	43	101
Total charges and credits impact on Operating income (loss)	\$ 48	\$ 151

In addition to these charges and credits, certain Selling, general and administrative expenses are not allocated to the Divisions and are managed at the Corporate level. Those expenses are addressed in the section “Unallocated Costs” below.

Asset Impairments, Merger, Restructuring, Other Charges and Credits

In recent years, we have taken actions to adapt to changing and competitive conditions. These actions include closing stores and distribution centers, consolidating functional activities, disposing of businesses and assets, and improving process efficiencies. We have also recognized significant asset impairment charges related to stores and intangible assets and significant expenses associated with the Merger and integration. These expense items are expected to continue in future periods.

Asset Impairments

We recognized asset impairment charges of \$5 million and \$50 million in the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively. The first quarter 2015 amount relates to impairments of store operating assets, as well as impairment of certain favorable lease assets following identification of closing locations where future intangible asset recovery was considered unlikely. The first quarter of 2014 impairment charge includes \$9 million related to store impairments, \$28 million related to the abandonment of a software implementation project in Europe, \$13 million to write off of capitalized software following certain information technology platform decisions related to the Merger, and \$1 million from a decision in March 2014 to close the 19 stores in Canada acquired as part of the Merger.

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As a result of declining sales in recent periods and adoption of our Real Estate Strategy in 2014, the Company conducts a detailed quarterly store impairment analysis. The analysis includes estimates of store-level sales, gross margins, direct expenses, exercise of future lease renewal options where applicable, and resulting cash flows and, by their nature, include judgments about how current initiatives will impact future performance. The first quarter 2015 analysis incorporated the assessment of which stores are anticipated to be closed through 2016, as well as projected cash flows through the base lease period for stores identified for ongoing operations. The projections assumed declining sales consistent with current results. Gross margin assumptions have been held constant at current actual levels and operating costs have been assumed to be consistent with recent actual results and planned activities. For the first quarter 2015 impairment analysis, identified locations were reduced to estimated fair value of \$2 million based on their projected cash flows, discounted at 13% or estimated salvage value of \$1 million, as appropriate. The Company continues to capitalize additions to previously-impaired operating stores and tests for subsequent impairment.

The Company will continue to evaluate initiatives to improve performance and lower operating costs. To the extent that forward-looking sales and operating assumptions are not achieved and are subsequently reduced, or in certain circumstances, even if store performance is as anticipated, additional impairment charges may result. However, at the end of the first quarter of 2015, the impairment analysis reflects the Company's best estimate of future performance.

As implementation of the Retail Strategy progresses, we are likely to experience volatility in results. In addition to charges for severance, and facility closure costs that will be recognized as decisions are made, we may experience volatility from the timing of recognition of impairment charges followed by credits related to capital leases and deferred rent accounts when the leases are terminated or modified.

Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net

The table below summarizes the major components of Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net.

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Merger related expenses		
Severance, retention, and relocation	\$ 5	\$ 71
Transaction and integration	24	21
Other related expenses (gain)	(14)	4
Total Merger related expenses	15	96
International restructuring and certain other expenses	13	5
Staples acquisition expenses	15	—
Total Merger, restructuring and other operating expenses, net	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$101</u>

Merger-related expenses

Expenses include severance, employee retention, integration-related professional fees, incremental temporary contract labor, salary and benefits for employees dedicated to Merger activity, travel and relocation costs, non-capitalizable software integration costs, facility closure accruals, gains and losses on asset dispositions, accelerated depreciation, and other direct costs to combine the companies. During the first quarter of 2015, the Company sold a warehouse facility that was classified as held for sale at December 27, 2014. The gain is included in Other related expenses (gain) because the disposition was part of the supply chain integration associated with the Merger.

It is expected that significant Merger-related expenses will continue to be incurred in future periods as decisions are made about facility closures, organizational structure and other integration activities in 2015 and 2016 and will be recognized in future periods as the related accounting criteria are met.

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Restructuring and other operating expenses, net

International restructuring and certain other expenses in 2015 include charges related to the European restructuring plan approved in 2014 to realign the organization from a geographic-focus to a business channel-focus (the European restructuring plan). Both the 2015 and 2014 periods include charges related to international organizational changes and facility closures which were started prior to the European restructuring plan. The costs recognized in the first quarter of 2015 include \$5 million associated with lease obligations, \$5 million of severance and employee benefits, and \$3 million of professional fees and other restructuring costs. The European restructuring plan has been approved by all countries' works councils, with the largest component approved subsequent to March 28, 2015. Approximately \$54 million of severance (at current exchange rates) is expected to be accrued over the remainder of 2015. Expenses for facility closures and restructuring activity will be recognized as the related accounting criteria are met.

Staples Acquisition Expenses

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company incurred \$15 million of retention accruals and costs associated with regulatory filings. The retention amounts will be paid regardless of whether the transaction is approved and will continue to be accrued through the anticipated closing date which is expected to be before the end of 2015.

Refer to Notes 2 and 3 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information

Unallocated Expenses

The Company allocates to the Divisions functional support costs that are considered to be directly or closely related to segment activity. Those allocated costs are included in the measurement of Division operating income. Other companies may charge more or less of functional support costs to their segments, and our results therefore may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. The unallocated costs primarily consist of the buildings used for the Company's corporate headquarters and personnel not directly supporting the Divisions, including certain executive, finance, audit and similar functions. Unallocated costs also include certain pension expense or credit related to the frozen OfficeMax pension and other benefit plans.

Unallocated costs were \$22 million and \$25 million in the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease primarily resulted from synergies achieved at the corporate functional level following the Merger.

Other Income and Expense

<i>(In millions)</i>	First Quarter	
	2015	2014
Interest income	\$ 6	\$ 6
Interest expense	(25)	(25)
Other income, net	1	1

Other income, net includes gains and losses related to foreign exchange transactions, investment results from deferred compensation plans and, in 2014, losses on sales of the Boise Cascade Company stock received by the Company following the Merger.

Income Taxes

For the first quarter of 2015, the effective tax rate was primarily impacted by valuation allowances, which limited the recognition of deferred tax benefits for pretax losses in certain tax jurisdictions while income tax expense was recognized in tax jurisdictions with pretax earnings. The effective tax rate was also impacted by nondeductible foreign interest and other nondeductible expenses. The effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2014 was also significantly impacted by valuation allowances.

Following the recognition of significant valuation allowances in the U.S. and certain foreign jurisdictions in 2009, we have regularly experienced substantial volatility in our effective tax rate in interim periods and across years. Because deferred income tax benefits cannot be recognized in several jurisdictions, changes in the amount, mix, and timing of pretax earnings among jurisdictions can have a significant impact on the overall effective tax rate. This interim and full-year volatility is likely to continue in future periods until the valuation allowances can be released.

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The Company has significant deferred tax assets in the U.S. and in foreign jurisdictions against which valuation allowances have been established to reduce such deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. During the first quarter of 2015, the Company recognized income tax expense of \$3 million associated with the establishment of valuation allowance in certain foreign jurisdictions because the realizability of the related deferred tax assets was no longer more likely than not. As of the first quarter of 2015, valuation allowances remain in the U.S. and certain foreign jurisdictions where the Company believes it is necessary to see further positive evidence, such as sustained achievement of cumulative profits, before these valuation allowances can be released. The Company will continue to assess the realizability of its deferred tax assets.

During the first quarter of 2015, the Company increased by \$4 million its estimate of unrecognized tax benefits that would affect the effective tax rate because the related tax positions are not expected to be offset by valuation allowance. The Company did not change its total balance of unrecognized tax benefits, which was \$23 million as of the first quarter of 2015. It is reasonably possible that certain tax positions will be resolved within the next 12 months, which would decrease the Company's unrecognized tax benefits by \$4 million but would not affect the effective tax rate due to an offsetting change in valuation allowance.

NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standards update that will supersede most current revenue recognition guidance and modify the accounting for certain costs associated with revenue generation. The core principle of this guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance provides a number of steps to apply to achieve that principle. The standard is effective for the Company's first quarter of 2017. Early adoption is not permitted. Implementation may be either through retrospective application to each period from the first quarter of 2015 or with a cumulative effect adjustment upon adoption in 2017. Additional disclosures will also be required under the new standard. In April 2015, the FASB issued a proposal that, if approved, would extend the required implementation date one year to the first quarter of 2018 but also would permit companies to adopt the standard at the original effective date of 2017. The Company is assessing what impacts this new standard will have on its Consolidated Financial Statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued a new standard that will require debt issuance costs to be presented as a reduction of the related liability rather than as an asset. The standard is effective for the Company's first quarter of 2016 and will require prior periods to be adjusted. Early adoption is allowed. The standard is expected to have a limited impact on the Company's balance sheet. As of March 28, 2015, deferred costs of \$4 million relate to the Senior Secured Notes and will be reclassified in 2016 to reduce the carrying value of the debt and \$7 million relates to the Amended Credit Facility which has no outstanding borrowings.

In April 2015, the FASB issued a new standard that will allow companies a choice between measuring pension plan assets and liabilities based on the calendar year end date or, for companies with alternative year end dates (e.g., 52-53 week fiscal year), measurement closest to the calendar end date. The choice must be applied to all of a company's pension plans. It is effective for the Company in the first quarter of 2016; early adoption is allowed. The Company is evaluating this measurement option.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At March 28, 2015, we had \$927 million in cash and equivalents and another \$1.1 billion available under the Amended Credit Facility (as defined in Note 5 of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements) based on the March borrowing base certificate, for a total liquidity of approximately \$2.1 billion. We currently believe that our cash on hand, availability of funds under the Amended Credit Facility, and cash flows generated from operations will be sufficient to fund our working capital, capital expenditure and debt repayment requirements for at least the next twelve months.

At March 28, 2015, no amounts were drawn under the Amended Credit Agreement. There were letters of credit outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement at the end of the first quarter of 2015 totaling \$91 million.

We also had short-term borrowings of \$1 million at March 28, 2015 under various local currency credit facilities for our international subsidiaries that had an effective interest rate at the end of the first quarter of approximately 4%. The month end and monthly average amounts in each of the three months in the first quarter of 2015 were approximately \$1 million. These short-term borrowings represent outstanding balances on uncommitted lines of credit, which do not contain financial covenants.

The Company was in compliance with all applicable financial covenants at March 28, 2015.

Since the Merger date, we have incurred significant expenses associated with the Merger and integration actions, including costs associated with the Real Estate Strategy, and we have incurred significant expenses from restructuring activities in Europe. Approximately \$250 million of Merger integration costs are anticipated for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, approximately half of which is related to optimizing the U.S. retail store portfolio. International restructuring expenses are expected to be approximately \$80 million in 2015, consisting of severance and other employee termination benefits, as well as lease obligations and other costs.

For the full year 2015, the Company expects capital expenditures to be approximately \$230 million, including approximately \$80 million related to Merger integration. An additional \$80 million of Merger integration capital spending is anticipated for 2016.

We have entered into the Staples Merger Agreement with Staples and have agreed to pay a fee of \$185 million to Staples if the Staples Merger Agreement is terminated under any of the following circumstances:

- the Company's Board makes a change in recommendation;
- the Company terminates, at any time prior to obtaining approval of the Staples Acquisition from its stockholders, for the purpose of entering into an agreement for a "superior proposal"; or
- the Staples Acquisition is not consummated by November 4, 2015 (or, February 4, 2016, if extended as permitted in the Staples Merger Agreement) or the Company's stockholders fail to adopt the Merger Agreement and to approve the Staples Acquisition, in each case, only if (i) a third party has made an acquisition proposal before the Company's meeting of stockholders to vote on the Staples Acquisition and (ii) within 12 months of the termination of the Staples Merger Agreement, the Company enters into an alternative transaction.

In addition, whether or not the Staples Acquisition is completed, the uncertainty related to the proposed Staples Acquisition could adversely impact our business through several factors, including, but not limited to: (i) our current clients may experience uncertainty associated with the Staples Acquisition and may attempt to negotiate changes in existing business relationships or consider entering into business relationships with parties other than us; (ii) we may face additional challenges in competing for new and renewal business; and (iii) vendors or suppliers may seek to modify or terminate their business relationships with us.

In 2015, the Company estimates it will incur approximately \$100 million of expenses related to the pending acquisition by Staples, primarily employee retention costs and advisory fees, including \$15 million incurred in the first quarter of 2015.

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Cash Flows

Cash provided by (used in) operating, investing and financing activities is summarized as follows:

<i>(In millions)</i>	<u>First Quarter</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating activities	\$(46)	\$(74)
Investing activities	(70)	(8)
Financing activities	(8)	2

Operating Activities

During the first quarter of 2015, cash used in operating activities was \$46 million, compared to a use of cash of \$74 million during the same period last year. Operating activities reflect outflows related to Merger and integration activities in 2015 and 2014.

Changes in net working capital and other operating activities in the first quarter of 2015 resulted in a \$186 million use of cash compared to \$113 million in the first quarter of 2014. The increase in the 2015 use of cash in working capital and other operating activities when compared to the same period in the 2014 reflects a lower decrease in inventory and a greater decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current and long-term liabilities. Change in accrued expenses reflect the payment of short term incentives in the 2015 period. These changes were partially offset by a greater decrease in accounts receivable. Payment of the legal accrual will result in approximately \$80 million use of operating cash in 2015, currently anticipated for the second quarter of 2015. The settlement amount was placed in escrow during the first quarter of 2015 and is reflected as a restricted cash outflow in the investing activities discussion below. Working capital is influenced by a number of factors including period end sales, the flow of goods, credit terms, timing of promotions, vendor production planning, new product introductions and working capital management. For our accounting policy on cash management, refer to Note 1 of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company expects total Company sales in 2015 to be lower than 2014, primarily due to its decision to close certain stores, negative impact of currency translation, business disruption from the announcement of the pending acquisition by Staples, and continued challenging market conditions.

Investing Activities

Cash used in investing activities was \$70 million in the first quarter of 2015, compared to use of cash of \$8 million in the same period last year. During the first quarter of 2015, \$68 million was placed in escrow for the legal settlement. It is anticipated that the cash will be released from escrow during the second quarter of 2015 and, together with fees paid, will result in a cash outflow in operating activities of approximately \$80 million. Additionally during the first quarter of 2015, \$27 million was used for capital expenditures and \$10 million was used for acquisition of an interior furniture business. The acquisition is subject to a working capital adjustment during the second quarter of 2015. These outflows were partially offset by \$36 million of proceeds from the disposition of assets, primarily, the sale of a warehouse that was classified as held for sale at December 27, 2014. The first quarter of 2014 includes \$22 million proceeds from the disposition of Boise Cascade Company common stock received from the Boise Cascade Holdings distribution, offset by capital expenditures of \$39 million. The 2014 period also includes \$8 million from proceeds from assets sold.

Financing Activities

Cash used in financing activities was \$8 million in the first quarter of 2015, compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$2 million in the same period last year. During the first quarter of 2015, net payments on long- and short term borrowings were \$9 million compared to net proceeds of \$5 million in the same period last year. Employee share-based transactions resulted in a net income tax benefit of \$1 million and a \$3 million use of cash in the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Preparation of these statements requires management to make judgments and estimates. Some accounting policies have a significant impact on amounts reported in these financial statements. A summary of significant accounting policies and a description of accounting policies that are considered critical may be found in our 2014 Form 10-K, in Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates section of the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

At March 28, 2015, there had not been a material change in the interest rate, foreign exchange, and commodities risks information disclosed in the “Market Sensitive Risks and Positions” subsection of the Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations set forth in Item 7 of the Company’s 2014 Form 10-K.

Changes in foreign exchange rates have affected comparison of reported U.S. dollars Division results. Where applicable, changes in U.S. dollars and constant currencies have been reported in Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

We maintain controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be in this report is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the possible controls and procedures. Each reporting period, the Company carries out an evaluation, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act.

Based on management’s evaluation, as of March 28, 2015, the Company’s CEO and CFO concluded that the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that the Company files or submits under the Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company’s management, including the CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

The Company is involved in litigation arising in the normal course of business. While, from time to time, claims are asserted that make demands for a large sum of money (including, from time to time, actions which are asserted to be maintainable as class action suits), the Company does not believe that contingent liabilities related to these matters (including the matters discussed below), either individually or in the aggregate, will materially affect the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

On February 4, 2015, Staples and Office Depot entered into the Staples Merger Agreement under which the companies would combine in a stock and cash transaction. On February 9, 2015, a putative class action lawsuit was filed by purported Office Depot shareholders in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware ("Court") challenging the transaction and alleging that the defendant companies and individual members of Office Depot's Board of Directors violated applicable laws by breaching their fiduciary duties and/or aiding and abetting such breaches. The plaintiffs in *David Raul, v. Office Depot, Inc. et al.* seek, among other things, injunctive relief and rescission, as well as fees and costs. Subsequently, eight other lawsuits were filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware making similar allegations, namely *Beth Koeneke v. Office Depot, Inc. et al.*, *Jamison Miller v. Office Depot, Inc. et al.*, *Eric R. Gilbert v. Office Depot, Inc. et al.*, *The Feivel and Helene Gottlieb Defined Benefit Pension Plan v. Office Depot, et al.*, *Charles Miller v. Office Depot, Inc. et al.*, *David Max v. Office Depot, Inc. et al.*, *Patrick Connors v. Office Depot, Inc.* and *Steve Renous v. Staples Inc. et al.* The Court subsequently consolidated all of the Delaware cases and named *Jamison Miller* and *Steve Renous* as co-plaintiffs and ordered the plaintiffs to file an amended consolidated complaint. Additionally, in February 2015, two lawsuits were filed in Palm Beach County Circuit Court, namely *Keny Petit-Frere v. Office Depot, Inc., et al.* and *John Sweatman v. Office Depot, Inc., et al.* alleging the same allegations. The lawsuits generally sought injunctive relief enjoining the consummation of the transaction, rescission of the transaction in the event it is consummated, damages, fees, costs, and other remedies. Office Depot filed a motion to dismiss the Florida lawsuits for improper venue.

In addition, in the ordinary course of business, sales to and transactions with government customers may be subject to lawsuits, investigations, audits and review by governmental authorities and regulatory agencies, with which the Company cooperates. Many of these lawsuits, investigations, audits and reviews are resolved without material impact to the Company. While claims in these matters may at times assert large demands, the Company does not believe that contingent liabilities related to these matters, either individually or in the aggregate, will materially affect its financial position, results of operations or cash flows. In addition to the foregoing in 2009, *State of California et al., ex rel. David Sherwin v. Office Depot, Inc.* (the "Sherwin lawsuit") was filed in Superior Court for the State of California, Los Angeles County, and unsealed on October 16, 2012. The lawsuit asserted claims, including claims under the California False Claims Act, based on allegations regarding certain pricing practices under now expired agreements that were in place between 2001 and January 1, 2011, pursuant to which governmental agencies purchased office supplies from us. The plaintiffs sought monetary damages and other relief, including trebling of damages and statutory penalties. On June 25, 2014, the Company participated in a non-binding, voluntary mediation in which the Company negotiated a potential settlement to resolve the matter. During the second quarter of 2014, the Company recorded an \$80 million incremental increase to the legal accrual which included the potential settlement, as well as attorneys' fees and other related legal matters. On December 19, 2014, Office Depot and the plaintiffs executed a Settlement Agreement to resolve the lawsuit. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Company agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$68 million to settle the matter (the "Settlement Amount"), as well as \$9 million in legal fees, costs, and expenses. In exchange for, and in consideration of, the Company's agreement to pay the Settlement Amount, the plaintiffs agreed to dismiss their action against the Company with prejudice. In February 2015, the court entered orders approving the settlement and dismissing the case with prejudice. The Settlement Amount was subsequently placed in escrow pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. The Company expects that the funds will be released from escrow and disbursed in accordance with the terms of the court's orders during the second quarter of 2015.

In addition to the foregoing, *Heitzenrater v. OfficeMax North America, Inc., et al.* was filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York in September 2012 as a putative class action alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York Labor Law. The complaint alleges that OfficeMax misclassified its assistant store managers ("ASMs") as exempt employees. The Company believes that adequate provisions have been made for probable losses and such amounts are not material. However, in light of the early stage of the case and the inherent uncertainty of litigation, the Company is unable to estimate a reasonably possible range of loss in the matter. OfficeMax intends to vigorously defend itself in this lawsuit. Further, *Kyle Rivet v. Office Depot, Inc., formerly known as Constance Gibbons v. Office Depot, Inc.*, a putative class action that was instituted in May 2012, is pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The complaint alleges that Office Depot's use of the fluctuating workweek (FWW) method of pay was unlawful because Office Depot failed to pay a fixed weekly salary and failed to provide its ASMs with a clear and mutual understanding notification that they would receive a fixed weekly salary for all hours worked. The plaintiffs in both complaints seek unpaid overtime, punitive damages, and attorneys' fees. The Company believes in this case that adequate provisions have been made for probable losses and such amounts are not material. However, in light of the early stage of the case and the inherent uncertainty of litigation, the Company is unable to estimate a reasonably possible range of loss in these matters. Office Depot intends to vigorously defend itself in these lawsuits.

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OfficeMax is named a defendant in a number of lawsuits, claims, and proceedings arising out of the operation of certain paper and forest products assets prior to those assets being sold in 2004, for which OfficeMax agreed to retain responsibility. Also, as part of that sale, OfficeMax agreed to retain responsibility for all pending or threatened proceedings and future proceedings alleging asbestos-related injuries arising out of the operation of the paper and forest products assets prior to the closing of the sale. The Company has made provision for losses with respect to the pending proceedings. Additionally, as of March 28, 2015, our estimate of the range of reasonably possible losses for environmental liabilities with respect to certain sites where hazardous substances or other contaminants are or may be located was approximately \$10 million to \$25 million. The Company regularly monitors its estimated exposure to these liabilities. As additional information becomes known, these estimates may change, however, the Company does not believe any of these OfficeMax retained proceedings are material to the Company's business.

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

At March 28, 2015, pursuant to an indenture, dated as of March 14, 2012, we have restrictions on the amount of cash dividends we can pay. We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

Item 5. Other Information.

On May 1, 2015, the Company and certain of its European subsidiaries as Borrowers, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and U.S. Collateral Agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., London Branch, as European Administrative and European Collateral Agent, and such other lenders as set forth therein entered into a Fourth Amendment (the "Fourth Amendment") to the Company's Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. The purpose of the Fourth Amendment is to, among other things, extend the maturity date of the Amended Credit Facility from May 25, 2016 to May 25, 2017. The other terms and conditions of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are set forth in the 2014 Form 10-K.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibits

2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 4, 2015, by and among Office Depot, Inc., Staples, Inc. and Staples AMS, Inc. (Incorporated by reference from Office Depot, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on February 4, 2015).
3.1	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Office Depot, Inc. (Incorporated by reference from Office Depot, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on February 4, 2015).
10.1	Form of Fourth Amendment, dated as of May 1, 2015, to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of May 25, 2011, as amended by the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 24, 2012, the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 4, 2013 and the Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2013, among Office Depot, Inc., and certain of its European subsidiaries as Borrowers, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and U.S. Collateral Agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., London Branch, as European Administrative and European Collateral Agent, and the other lenders referred to therein.
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CEO
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of CFO
32	Section 1350 Certification
(101.INS)	XBRL Instance Document
(101.SCH)	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
(101.CAL)	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
(101.DEF)	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
(101.LAB)	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
(101.PRE)	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

SIGNATURES

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

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: May 5, 2015

By: /s/ Roland C. Smith
Roland C. Smith
Chief Executive Officer and
Chairman, Board of Directors
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 5, 2015

By: /s/ Stephen E. Hare
Stephen E. Hare
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: May 5, 2015

By: /s/ Kim Moehler
Kim Moehler
Senior Vice President
and Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

FOURTH AMENDMENT

FOURTH AMENDMENT (this "Amendment"), dated as of May 1, 2015, to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of May 25, 2011, as amended by the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 24, 2012, as amended by the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 4, 2013, as amended by the Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 1, 2013 (the "Credit Agreement"), among Office Depot, Inc., Office Depot International (UK) Ltd., Office Depot UK Ltd., Office Depot International B.V., Office Depot B.V., Office Depot Finance B.V., OD International (Luxembourg) Finance S.À R.L. and Viking Finance (Ireland) Ltd. (collectively, the "Borrowers"), certain subsidiaries of Office Depot, Inc. from time to time parties thereto, the several banks and other institutions from time to time parties thereto (the "Lenders"), JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., London Branch, as European administrative agent and European collateral agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent") and US collateral agent, Bank of America, N.A., as syndication agent, and Citibank, N.A., and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as documentation agents.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have agreed to make, and have made, certain loans and other extensions of credit to the Borrowers;

WHEREAS, the Borrowers have requested a one-year extension of the Maturity Date of the Commitments under the Credit Agreement and that certain provisions of the Credit Agreement be amended as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Lenders are willing to agree to such amendment on the terms set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained herein, the undersigned hereby agree as follows:

I. Defined Terms. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement or Exhibit A hereto, as applicable.

II. Amendments to the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement is hereby amended to delete the (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: ~~stricken text~~) and to add the double-underlined text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: double-underlined text) as set forth in the pages of the Credit Agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto.

III. Extension of Maturity Date. Each Extending Lender hereby extends the maturity date of all of its Commitment to the Extended Maturity Date. The maturity date applicable to each other Lender (in each case, a "Non-Extending Lender") shall be the Non-Extended Maturity Date and the Extending Lenders understand and agree that the Revolving Loans of each Non-Extending Lender shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.18 of the Credit Agreement, become due and payable, together with all interest and fees related thereto, and may be paid, on the Non-Extended Maturity Date.

IV. Allocation and Repayment of Revolving Loans, Letters of Credit, Swingline Loans and Protective Advances.

(i) From the Fourth Amendment Effective Date until the Non-Extended Maturity Date, all Revolving Loans shall be made and participations in any new Letters of Credit, Swingline Loans or Protective Advances shall be allocated in accordance with the aggregate Commitments (including both the Extended Commitments and the Non-Extended Commitments thereunder from time to time in effect).

(ii) On the Non-Extended Maturity Date, all outstanding Swingline Loans shall be settled in accordance with Section 2.05(c) of the Credit Agreement.

(iii) On the Non-Extended Maturity Date, the Commitment of each Non-Extending Lender shall be terminated in accordance with its terms and the Revolving Loans outstanding thereunder, together with any accrued and unpaid interest and fees owing to such Non-Extending Lender, shall be due and payable in full.

(iv) On the Non-Extended Maturity Date, the participations in the outstanding Letters of Credit of the Non-Extending Lenders shall be reallocated to the Extending Lenders ratably in accordance with their Extended Commitments but in any case, only to the extent (A) the sum of the outstanding Revolving Exposure of all Extending Lenders before giving effect to such reallocation plus their respective participations in the outstanding Letters of Credit of the Non-Extending Lenders does not exceed the lesser of (x) the total Commitments of all Extending Lenders and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base, (B) the sum of the outstanding Facility A Revolving Exposure of all Extending Lenders before giving effect to such reallocation plus their respective participations in the outstanding Facility A Letters of Credit of the Non-Extending Lenders does not exceed the lesser of (x) the total Facility A Commitments of all Extending Lenders and (y) the US Borrowing Base and (C) the sum of the outstanding Facility B Revolving Exposure of all Extending Lenders before giving effect to such reallocation plus their respective participations in the outstanding Facility B Letters of Credit of the Non-Extending Lenders does not exceed the lesser of (x) the total Facility B Commitments of all Extending Lenders and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base minus the Facility A Revolving Exposure.

(v) On the Non-Extended Maturity Date, the participations in the outstanding Protective Advances of the Non-Extending Lenders shall be reallocated to the Extending Lenders ratably in accordance with their Extended Commitments but in any case, only to the extent (A) the sum of the outstanding Revolving Exposure of all Extending Lenders before giving effect to such reallocation plus their respective participations in the outstanding Protective Advances of the Non-Extending Lenders does not exceed (when taken together with the reallocation in clause (iv) above) the total Commitments of all Extending Lenders, (B) the sum of the outstanding Facility A Revolving Exposure and the Facility A Protective Advances of all Extending Lenders before giving effect to such reallocation plus their respective participations in the outstanding Facility A Protective Advances of the Non-Extending Lenders does not exceed (when taken together with the reallocation in clause (iv) above) the total Facility A Commitments of all Extending Lenders and (C) the sum of the outstanding Facility B Revolving Exposure and the Facility B Protective Advances of all Extending Lenders before giving effect to such reallocation plus their respective participations in the outstanding Facility B Protective Advances of the Non-Extending Lenders does not exceed (when taken together with the reallocation in clause (iv) above) the total Facility B Commitments of all Extending Lenders.

(vi) Reallocations shall be made *first*, for the outstanding Letters of Credit and *second*, for the outstanding Protective Advances. If the reallocations described in clauses (iv) and (v) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected as a result of the limitations set forth therein, the Borrowers shall, on the Non-Extended Maturity Date, to the extent of such deficiency, cash collateralize such Non-Extending Lender's participations in the outstanding Letters of Credit (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (iv) above) and repay the outstanding Protective Advances (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (v) above) (it being understood that after such cash collateralization and repayment, respectively, such Non-Extending Lender shall no longer be a participant in such Letters of Credit or Protective Advances).

V. Replacement Lenders. The Lenders party hereto and the Administrative Agent agree that the Borrowers shall have the right on or before the Non-Extended Maturity Date to replace, in whole or in part (but if in part, in an aggregate principal amount of not less than \$5,000,000 unless each of the Borrower Representative and the Administrative Agent otherwise consent) (other than in the case of the replacement of all of a Non-Extending Lender's interest under the Credit Agreement), the Commitment of any Non-Extending Lender with increases in the outstanding Commitments of one or more Extending Lenders or with new Commitments of one or more other lenders or financial institutions or other entities that will become "Lenders" (each, a "Replacement Lender"), subject (in the case of the replacement of Commitments of any Non-Extending Lenders) to the payment at par of all amounts, including principal and accrued interest and fees, owing to such Non-Extending Lender with respect to the portion of the Commitments being replaced under the Credit Agreement. Each Replacement Lender shall (i) be subject to the consent of the applicable Borrowers and the Administrative Agent (such consent, in each case, shall not be unreasonably withheld) and (ii) have entered into an Assignment and Assumption or other documentation reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Borrowers and the Administrative Agent pursuant to which such Replacement Lender shall assume all or part of the outstanding Commitment of such Non-Extending Lender or shall agree to have a new or additional Commitment under which Loans may be borrowed only from the date of any reduction in or termination of the Commitment of such Non-Extending Lender; provided that after giving effect to any such replacement, the aggregate amount of the outstanding Commitments under the Credit Agreement shall not exceed the total Commitments. For the avoidance of doubt, after the Fourth Amendment Effective Date and on or before the Non-Extended Maturity Date, any Non-Extending Lender that has not been replaced may, upon written notice to the Administrative Agent and with the consent of the applicable Borrowers, extend all its Commitment, converting such Lender (as to the portion so extended) into an Extending Lender.

VI. Effectiveness of Amendment. This Amendment shall become effective as of the date (the "Amendment Effective Date") upon which the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) receipt by the Administrative Agent of duly executed counterparts to this Amendment from the Borrowers, the Collateral Agents, the Required Lenders and each Extending Lender; and

(ii) receipt by the Administrative Agent of payment of any fees required to be paid to the Lenders or any agents or arrangers in connection with this Amendment and payment or reimbursement of its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with this Amendment required to be paid or reimbursed pursuant to the Credit Agreement, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent.

VII. Representations and Warranties. The Borrowers hereby represent and warrant that (a) each of the representations and warranties in the Credit Agreement shall be, after giving effect to this Amendment, true and correct in all material respects as if made on and as of the Amendment Effective Date (unless such representations and warranties are stated to relate to a specific earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date) and (b) after giving effect to this Amendment, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

VIII. No Other Amendments; Confirmation. Except as expressly amended hereby, the provisions of the Credit Agreement, as amended and restated, are and shall remain in full force and effect. Each Loan Party certifies that (i) all of its obligations and liabilities under each of the Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party remain in full force and effect on a continuous basis after giving effect

to the Amendment and (ii) all of the Liens and security interests created and arising under each of the Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party remain in full force and effect on a continuous basis, and the perfected status and priority of each such Lien and security interest continues in full force and effect on a continuous basis, unimpaired, uninterrupted and undischarged, after giving effect to the Amendment, as collateral security for its obligations, liabilities and Indebtedness under the Credit Agreement and under its Loan Guaranty, as applicable; provided that with respect to any Dutch Loan Party and any Luxembourg Loan Party, such acknowledgement and confirmation shall be solely with respect to its Loan Guaranty.

IX. Governing Law. This Amendment and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

X. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed by one or more of the parties hereto on any number of separate counterparts, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. This Amendment may be delivered by facsimile transmission of the relevant signature pages hereof.

[signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Amendment to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT INTERNATIONAL (UK) LTD.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT UK LTD.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT INTERNATIONAL B.V.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT B.V.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT FINANCE B.V.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

OD INTERNATIONAL (LUXEMBOURG) FINANCE S.À
R.L.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

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4SURE.COM, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

OD INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: _____
Name:
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SOLUTIONS4SURE.COM, INC.

By: _____
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Title:

THE OFFICE CLUB, INC.

By: _____
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VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC.

By: _____
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OFFICE DEPOT FOREIGN HOLDINGS GP, LLC

By: _____
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OFFICE DEPOT FOREIGN HOLDINGS LP, LLC

By: _____
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EDEPOT, LLC

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BIZMART, INC.

By: _____
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BIZMART (TEXAS), INC.

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MAPLEBY HOLDINGS MERGER CORPORATION

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OFFICEMAX CORP.

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OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED

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OFFICEMAX NEVADA COMPANY

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OFFICEMAX NORTH AMERICA, INC.

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OFFICEMAX SOUTHERN COMPANY

By: _____
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OMX, INC.

By: _____
Name:
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PICABO HOLDINGS, INC.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent,
US Collateral Agent and as a Lender

By: _____
Name:
Title:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., LONDON BRANCH, as
European Collateral Agent

By: _____
Name:
Title:

By: _____
Name:
Title:

[INSERT LENDER NAME], as an Amending Non-Extending Lender

By: _____

Name:

Title:

Fourth Amendment Signature Page

EXHIBIT A

[See Attached]

AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of

May 25, 2011,

among

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.,

OFFICE DEPOT INTERNATIONAL (UK) LTD.,

OFFICE DEPOT UK LTD.,

OFFICE DEPOT INTERNATIONAL B.V.,

OFFICE DEPOT B.V.,

OFFICE DEPOT FINANCE B.V.,

OD INTERNATIONAL (LUXEMBOURG) FINANCE S.À R.L.

and

VIKING FINANCE (IRELAND) LTD.,

as Borrowers,

The Lenders Party Hereto

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., LONDON BRANCH,
as European Administrative Agent and European Collateral Agent,

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
as Administrative Agent and US Collateral Agent,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
as Syndication Agent,

and

CITIBANK, N.A.,

and

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Documentation Agents

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC,
MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED,
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC.

and

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners

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AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT dated as of May 25, 2011 (as it may be amended or modified from time to time, this “Agreement”), among OFFICE DEPOT, INC., OFFICE DEPOT INTERNATIONAL (UK) LTD., OFFICE DEPOT UK LTD., OFFICE DEPOT INTERNATIONAL B.V., OFFICE DEPOT B.V., OFFICE DEPOT FINANCE B.V., OD INTERNATIONAL (LUXEMBOURG) FINANCE S.À R.L. and VIKING FINANCE (IRELAND) LTD., the other Loan Parties from time to time party hereto, the Lenders party hereto, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., LONDON BRANCH, as European Administrative Agent and European Collateral Agent, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Administrative Agent and US Collateral Agent, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Syndication Agent, and CITIBANK, N.A. and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Documentation Agents.

The parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

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

“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.

“Account” means, individually and collectively, any “Account” referred to in any Security Agreement.

“Account Debtor” means any Person obligated on an Account.

“Adjusted LIBO Rate” means, with respect to any Eurocurrency Borrowing for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/16 of 1%) equal to (a) (i) the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (ii) the Statutory Reserve Rate plus (b) the Mandatory Cost.

“Administrative Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lenders hereunder, and its successors 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.

“Agents” means, individually and collectively, the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, the US Collateral Agent, the European Collateral Agent, the Syndication Agent and the Documentation Agents.

“Aggregate Availability” means, with respect to all the Borrowers, at any time, an amount equal to (a) the lesser of (i) the aggregate amount of the Commitments and (ii) the Aggregate Borrowing Base minus (b) the total Revolving Exposure.

“Aggregate Borrowing Base” means the aggregate amount of the US Borrowing Base and the European Borrowing Base; provided that the maximum amount of the European Borrowing Base which may be included as part of the Aggregate Borrowing Base is the European Sublimit.

“Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate” means a certificate, signed and certified as accurate and complete by a Financial Officer of the Borrower Representative, in substantially the form of Exhibit B-1 or another form which is acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion.

“Aggregate Credit Exposure” means, at any time, the aggregate Credit Exposure of all the Lenders.

“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 1/2 of 1% and (c) the Adjusted LIBO Rate that would be calculated as of such day (or, if such day is not a Business Day, as of the next preceding Business Day) in respect of a proposed Eurocurrency Loan with a one-month Interest Period plus 1.0%. 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 Eurocurrency Rate, respectively.

“Alternate Rate” means, for any day, the sum of (a) a rate per annum selected by the Administrative Agent, in its reasonable discretion based on market conditions in consultation with the Borrower and the Lenders, plus (b) the Applicable Spread for Eurocurrency Loans, plus (c) the Mandatory Cost. When used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, “Alternate Rate” refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Rate.

“Amending Non-Extending Lender” means any Lender who agreed to the amendments set forth in the Fourth Amendment, but declined to extend its Commitment beyond the Non-Extended Maturity Date.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” mean all laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to the Company or its Subsidiaries from time to time concerning or relating to bribery or corruption.

“Applicable Commitment Fee Rate” means, for any day relating to each of Facility A and Facility B, with respect to the commitment fees payable hereunder, the applicable rate per annum set forth below, based upon the daily average Commitment Utilization Percentage during the most recent fiscal quarter of the Company; provided that until the completion of two full fiscal quarters after the Restatement Date, the Applicable Commitment Fee Rate shall be the applicable rate per annum set forth below in Category 2:

<u>Commitment Utilization Percentage</u>	<u>Applicable Commitment Fee Rate</u>
Category 1	
³ 50%	.375%
Category 2	
< 50%	.50%

For purposes of the foregoing, the Applicable Commitment Fee Rate shall be determined as of the end of each fiscal quarter of the Company; provided that the Commitment Utilization Percentage shall be deemed to be in Category 2 (A) at any time that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (other than an Event of Default arising from the failure to deliver any Borrowing Base Certificate) or (B) at the option of the Administrative Agent or at the request of the Required Lenders if the Borrowers fail to deliver any Borrowing Base Certificate that is required to be delivered by them pursuant to Section 5.01, during the period from the expiration of the time for delivery thereof until each such Borrowing Base Certificate is so delivered.

“Applicable Percentage” means, with respect to any Facility A Lender or Facility B Lender, (a) with respect to Revolving Loans, LC Exposure or Swingline Exposure, a percentage equal to a fraction the numerator of which is such Lender’s Facility A Commitment or Facility B Commitment, as applicable, and the denominator of which is the aggregate amount of the Facility A Commitments or Facility B Commitments, as applicable (or, if the Facility A Commitments or Facility B Commitments, as applicable, have terminated or expired, such Lender’s share of the total Facility A Revolving Exposure or Facility B Revolving Exposure, respectively, at that time) and (b) with respect to Protective Advances or with respect to the Aggregate Credit Exposure, a percentage based upon its share of the Aggregate Credit Exposure and the aggregate amount of unused Facility A Commitments or Facility B Commitments, as applicable; provided that in each of clause (a) and (b), in the case of Section 2.21 when a Defaulting Lender shall exist, such Defaulting Lender’s Commitment shall be disregarded in calculating any Lender’s “Applicable Percentage”.

“Applicable Spread” means, for any day, with respect to any ABR Loan, Eurocurrency Loan or Overnight LIBO Loan, as the case may be, the applicable rate per annum set forth below under the caption “ABR Spread”, “Eurocurrency Spread” or “Overnight LIBO Spread”, as the case may be, based upon the daily average Aggregate Availability during the most recent fiscal quarter of the Company; provided that until the completion of two full fiscal quarters after the Restatement Date, the Applicable Spread shall be the applicable rate per annum set forth below in Category 2; provided further that for any fiscal quarter in which (i) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter of the Company is at least 1.25:1.00 or (ii) the Company is rated at least Ba3 by Moody’s (and at least B by S&P) or BB- by S&P (and at least B2 by Moody’s) (in each case with a stable outlook), the Applicable Spread shall be the applicable rate per annum as determined pursuant to the grid below, minus 0.25%:

<u>Average Aggregate Availability</u>	<u>ABR Spread</u>	<u>Eurocurrency Spread</u>	<u>Overnight LIBO Spread</u>
Category 1 ³ \$750,000,000	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Category 2 < \$750,000,000 but ³ \$500,000,000	1.25%	2.25%	2.25%
Category 3 < \$500,000,000 but ³ \$250,000,000	1.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Category 4 < \$250,000,000	1.75%	2.75%	2.75%

For purposes of the foregoing, the Applicable Spread shall be determined as of the end of each fiscal quarter of the Company based upon the Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate that are delivered from time to time pursuant to Section 5.01, provided that the Average Aggregate Availability shall be deemed to be in Category 4 (A) at any time that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (other than an Event of Default arising from the failure to deliver any Borrowing Base Certificate) or (B) at the option of the Administrative Agent or at the request of the Required Lenders if the Borrowers fail to deliver any Borrowing Base Certificate that is required to be delivered by them pursuant to Section 5.01, during the period from the expiration of the time for delivery thereof until each such Borrowing Base Certificate is so delivered; provided further that if any Borrowing Base Certificate is at any time restated or otherwise revised or if the information set forth in any Borrowing Base Certificate otherwise proves to be false or incorrect such that the Applicable Spread would have been higher than was otherwise in effect during any period, without constituting a waiver of any Default or Event of Default arising as a result thereof, interest due under this Agreement shall be immediately recalculated at such higher rate for any applicable periods and shall be due and payable on demand.

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

“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 Restatement Date to but excluding the earlier of the Maturity Date and the date of termination of the Commitments.

“Available Commitments” means, at any time, the aggregate amount of the Commitments then in effect *minus* the total Revolving Exposure at such time; provided that in calculating the total Revolving Exposure for the purpose of determining Available Commitments pursuant to Section 2.12(a), the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans then outstanding shall be deemed to be zero.

“Banking Services” means each and any of the following bank services provided to any Loan Party by any Lender or any of its Affiliates: (a) commercial credit cards, (b) stored value cards and (c) treasury management services (including, without limitation, controlled disbursement, automated clearinghouse transactions, return items, overdrafts and interstate depository network services).

“Banking Services Obligations” of the Loan Parties, means any and all obligations of the Loan Parties, whether absolute or contingent and howsoever and whensoever created, arising, evidenced or acquired (including all renewals, extensions and modifications thereof and substitutions therefor) in connection with Banking Services.

“Banking Services Reserves” means all Reserves which the Administrative Agent from time to time establishes in its Permitted Discretion for Banking Services then provided or outstanding.

“Bankruptcy Code” means the provisions of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 USC. §§ 101 et seq.

“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, unless such ownership interest results in or provides 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.

“Boise White Paper Contract” means the Paper Purchase Agreement dated June 25, 2011 between Boise White Paper, L.L.C. and OfficeMax, as amended.

“Bookrunners” means, individually or collectively, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in their capacities as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners hereunder.

“Borrower” or “Borrowers” means, individually or collectively, the Company and the European Borrowers.

“Borrower Representative” means the Company, in its capacity as contractual representative of the Borrowers pursuant to Article XI.

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

“Borrowing Base” means, individually and collectively, each of the Aggregate Borrowing Base, the Canadian Borrowing Base, the Dutch Borrowing Base, the UK Borrowing Base and the US Borrowing Base.

“Borrowing Base Certificate” means, individually and collectively, each of the Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate, the US Borrowing Base Certificate, the UK Borrowing Base Certificate and the Dutch Borrowing Base Certificate.

“Borrowing Base Supplemental Documentation” means the items described on Schedule 5.01(g).

“Borrowing Request” means a request by the Borrower Representative for a Borrowing of Revolving Loans 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, (a) when used in connection with a Eurocurrency Loan, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day on which banks are not open for dealings in deposits in the applicable currency in which interest on such Eurocurrency Loan is calculated in the London interbank market, (b) when used in connection with a European Swingline Loan denominated in Euros or a Eurocurrency Loan denominated in Euros, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day which is not a TARGET Day (as determined by the Administrative Agent) and (c) when used in connection with any European Loan or European Letter of Credit, the term “Business Day” shall also exclude any day in which commercial banks in the country where the applicable European Borrower is organized are authorized or required by law to remain closed.

“Canadian Borrowing Base” means, at any time, with respect to the Canadian Loan Parties, the sum of:

(a) the sum of (i) the product of (A) 85% multiplied by (B) the Canadian Loan Parties’ Eligible Accounts (other than Eligible Credit Card Receivables) at such time, minus the Dilution Reserve related to the Canadian Loan Parties, minus any other Reserve related to Accounts of the Canadian Loan Parties, (ii) the product of (A) 90% multiplied by (B) the Canadian Loan Parties’ Eligible Credit Card Receivables at such time minus the Dilution Reserve related to the Canadian Loan Parties, minus any other Reserve related to Accounts of the Canadian Loan Parties, and (iii) the product of (A) 75% multiplied by (B) the Eligible Uninvoiced Accounts Receivable of the Canadian Loan Parties at such time minus the Dilution Reserve related to the Canadian Loan Parties, plus

(b) the lesser of (i) the product of (x) 75% multiplied by (y) the Canadian Loan Parties’ Eligible Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time, minus any Reserves related to the Eligible Inventory of the Canadian Loan Parties and (ii) the product of 85% multiplied by the High Season or Low Season, if applicable, Net Orderly Liquidation Value percentage (as applicable, based on the borrowing base delivery date as required under Section 5.01(f)) identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered by the Administrative Agent multiplied by the Canadian Loan Parties’ Eligible Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time minus any Reserves related to the Eligible Inventory of the Canadian Loan Parties, plus

(c) the lesser of (i) the product of (x) 75% multiplied by (y) the Canadian Loan Parties’ Eligible LC Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time, minus, without duplication of any Reserves accounted for in clause (b) above, Reserves relating to the Eligible LC Inventory of the Canadian Loan Parties and (ii) the product of 85% multiplied by the High Season or Low Season, if applicable, Net Orderly Liquidation Value percentage (as applicable, based on the borrowing base delivery date as required under Section 5.01(f)) identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered by the Administrative Agent multiplied by the Canadian Loan Parties’ Eligible LC Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time minus, without duplication of any Reserves accounted for in clause (b) above, Reserves related to the Eligible LC Inventory of the Canadian Loan Parties.

The Administrative Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion, adjust Reserves used in computing the Aggregate Borrowing Base and the Canadian Borrowing Base, with any such changes to

be effective three Business Days after delivery of notice thereof to the Borrower Representative and the Lenders. The Aggregate Borrowing Base and the Canadian Borrowing Base at any time shall be determined by reference to the most recent Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate and each other Borrowing Base Certificate delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 5.01(f) of this Agreement.

“Canadian Dollars” or “C\$” refers to the lawful currency of Canada.

“Canadian Loan Party” means any Loan Party organized under the laws of Canada.

“Canadian Security Agreement” means (a) that certain Canadian Security Agreement, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, between the Canadian Loan Parties party thereto and the European Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks), (b) any other pledge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement by any other Canadian Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on the property of any Loan Party organized in the Canada (or any other property located therein)), or any other Person and (c) any other pledge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on any property located in the Canada), which charge or security agreement is designated by the Administrative Agent as a “Canadian Security Agreement”, in each case as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Capital Expenditures” means, without duplication, any expenditure 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 Company and its subsidiaries as shown in the statement of cash flows prepared in accordance with GAAP.

“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.

“CAS” means the *Code des Assurances Sociales* which contains the statutory provisions regarding the mandatory affiliation and contributions to the Luxembourg pension and social security schemes regarding employees employed by the Luxembourg Borrower within the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

“CCSS” means the *Centre Commun de la Sécurité Sociale*, which is the Luxembourg authority in charge of the Luxembourg mandatory welfare system.

“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) of Equity Interests representing more than 40% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Company; (b) occupation of a majority of the seats (other than vacant seats) on the board of directors of the Company by Persons who were neither (i) nominated by the board of directors of the Company nor (ii) appointed by directors so nominated; or (c) the Company shall cease to own, free and clear of all Liens or other encumbrances (other than Liens created pursuant to any Loan Document), 100% of the outstanding voting Equity Interests of the Borrowers (other than the Company) on a fully diluted basis (other than any directors’ qualifying shares of any Borrower).

“Change in Law” means (a) the adoption of any law, rule, regulation, practice or concession after the date of this Agreement, (b) any change in any law, rule or regulation, practice or concession or in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority after the date of this Agreement, (c) compliance by any Lender or any Issuing Bank (or, for purposes of Section 2.15(b), by any lending office of such Lender or by such Lender’s or such Issuing Bank’s holding company, if any) with any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority made or issued after the date of this Agreement, (d) all requests, rules, guidelines, requirements and directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or by United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, regardless of the date enacted, adopted, issued or implemented or (e) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines, requirements and directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith or in implementation thereof, regardless of the date enacted, adopted, issued or implemented.

“Charges” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.17.

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

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

“Collateral” means any and all property of any Loan Party, now existing or hereafter acquired, that may at any time be or become subject to a security interest or Lien in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent (on behalf of the Agents, the Lenders, and the Issuing Banks) pursuant to the Collateral Documents in order to secure the Secured Obligations.

“Collateral Access Agreement” means, individually and collectively, each “Collateral Access Agreement” referred to in any Security Agreement.

“Collateral Agent” means, individually and collectively, the US Collateral Agent and European Collateral Agent.

“Collateral Document” means, individually and collectively, each Security Agreement and each other document granting a Lien upon the Collateral as security for payment of the Secured Obligations.

“Collection Account” means, individually and collectively, each “Collection Account” referred to in any Security Agreement.

“Commitment” means, with respect to each Lender, individually and collectively, the Facility A Commitment and the Facility B Commitment of such Lender.

“Commitment Schedule” means the Schedule attached hereto as Schedule 1.01(a).

“Commitment Utilization Percentage” means, on any date, the percentage equivalent to a fraction (a) with respect to Facility A, (i) the numerator of which is the total Facility A Revolving Exposure and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate amount of the Facility A Commitments (or, on any day after termination of the Facility A Commitments, the aggregate amount of the Facility A

Commitments in effect immediately preceding such termination) and (b) with respect to Facility B, (i) the numerator of which is the total Facility B Revolving Exposure and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments (or, on any day after termination of the Facility B Commitments, the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments in effect immediately preceding such termination).

“Commodity Exchange Act” means the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.), as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.

“Company” means Office Depot, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

“Company Plan” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.07(b).

“Compliance Certificate” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.01(c).

“Confidential Information Memorandum” means the Confidential Information Memorandum dated May 2011 relating to the Borrowers and the Transactions.

“Consignment Transaction” means any consignment transaction between the Company or its subsidiaries and an Original Vendor in which (i) inventory is sold to the Original Vendor for fair market value in exchange for cash consideration and (ii) such inventory is consigned by the Original Vendor to the Company or its subsidiaries for resale.

“Contribution Notice” means a contribution notice issued by the Pensions Regulator under Sections 38 or 47 of the UK Pensions Act 2004.

“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.

“Corresponding Debt” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.21.

“Credit Card Account Receivables” means any receivables due to any Loan Party in connection with purchases from and other goods and services provided by such Loan Party on the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club, Discover, Carte Blanche and such other credit cards as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably approve from time to time, in each case which have been earned by performance by such Loan Party but not yet paid to such Loan Party by the credit card issuer or the credit card processor, as applicable.

“Credit Exposure” means, as to any Facility A Lender or Facility B Lender at any time, the sum of (a) such Lender’s Facility A Revolving Exposure or Facility B Revolving Exposure, as applicable, at such time, *plus* (b) an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage, if any, of the aggregate principal amount of Facility A Protective Advances or Facility B Protective Advances, as applicable, outstanding at such time.

“Credit Party” means the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agents, the Issuing Bank, the Swingline Lender or any other Lender.

“Currency of Payment” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.19.

“Customer Credit Liability Reserves” means, at any time, 50% of the aggregate remaining value at such time of (a) outstanding gift certificates and gift cards sold by the Loan Parties entitling the holder thereof to use all or a portion of the certificate or gift card to pay all or a portion of the purchase price of Inventory, and (b) outstanding merchandise credits issued by and customer deposits received by the Loan Parties.

“Customer-Specific Inventory” means Inventory specifically identified or produced for a particular customer.

“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 the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, 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.

“Deferred Cash Discounts” means, with respect to any Loan Party, cash discounts earned by such Loan Party for early payments to vendors which reduce net Inventory costs for such Loan Party.

“Departing Lender” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.19(b).

“Deposit Account Control Agreement” means, individually and collectively, each “Deposit Account Control Agreement” referred to in any Security Agreement.

“Dilution Factors” means, without duplication, with respect to any period, the aggregate amount of all deductions, credit memos, returns, adjustments, allowances, bad debt write-offs and other non-cash credits which are recorded to reduce accounts receivable in a manner consistent with current and historical accounting practices of the Borrowers.

“Dilution Ratio” means, at any date, the amount (expressed as a percentage) equal to (a) the aggregate amount of the applicable Dilution Factors for the 12 most recently ended fiscal months divided by (b) total gross sales for the 12 most recently ended fiscal months.

“Dilution Reserve” means, at any date, the applicable Dilution Ratio multiplied by the Eligible Accounts, Eligible Credit Card Receivables or Uninvoiced Accounts Receivable of the applicable Loan Parties, as the context may require, on such date; provided that at all times that the Dilution Ratio is less than 5.0%, the Dilution Reserve shall be zero.

“Disclosed Matters” means the actions, suits and proceedings and the environmental matters disclosed on Schedule 3.06 and the underfunding liabilities disclosed on Schedule 3.10.

“Document” has the meaning assigned to such term in the US Security Agreement.

“Documentation Agents” means, individually and collectively, Citibank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in their capacity as Documentation Agents.

“Dollar Equivalent” means with respect to any amount at the time of determination thereof, (a) if such amount is expressed in dollars, such amount, and (b) if such amount is expressed in Euros or Sterling, the amount of dollars that would be required to purchase the amount of such currency based upon the Spot Selling Rate as of such date of determination.

“dollars” or “€” means the lawful money of the United States.

“Dutch Borrower” means, individually and collectively, (a) Office Depot International B.V., a private limited liability company (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*), incorporated under the law of the Netherlands, having its registered seat (*statutaire zetel*) in Venlo, the Netherlands, registered with the Chamber of Commerce of Limburg, the Netherlands under number 12066591 and having its office address at Columbusweg 33, 5928 LA, Venlo, the Netherlands, (b) Office Depot B.V., a private limited liability company (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*), incorporated under the law of the Netherlands, having its registered seat (*statutaire zetel*) in Venlo, the Netherlands, registered with the Chamber of Commerce of Limburg, the Netherlands under number 05047775 and having its office address at Columbusweg 33, 5928 LA, Venlo, the Netherlands and (c) Office Depot Finance B.V., a private limited liability company (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*), incorporated under the law of the Netherlands, having its registered seat (*statutaire zetel*) in Venlo, the Netherlands, registered with the Chamber of Commerce of Limburg, the Netherlands under number 12067691 and having its office address at Columbusweg 33, 5928 LA, Venlo, the Netherlands.

“Dutch Borrowing Base” means, at any time, with respect to the Dutch Loan Parties, the sum of:

(a) the sum of (i) the product of (A) 85% *multiplied by* (B) the Dutch Loan Parties’ Eligible Accounts (other than Eligible Credit Card Receivables) at such time, *minus* the Dilution Reserve related to the Dutch Loan Parties, *minus* any other Reserve related to Accounts of the Dutch Loan Parties, (ii) the product of (A) 90% *multiplied by* (B) the Dutch Loan Parties’ Eligible Credit Card Receivables at such time *minus* the Dilution Reserve related to the Dutch Loan Parties, *minus* any other Reserve related to Accounts of the Dutch Loan Parties, and (iii) the product of (A) 75% *multiplied by* (B) the Eligible Uninvoiced Accounts Receivable of the Dutch Loan Parties at such time *minus* the Dilution Reserve related to the Dutch Loan Parties, *plus*

(b) the lesser of (i) the product of (x) 75% *multiplied by* (y) the Dutch Loan Parties’ Eligible Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time, *minus* any Reserves related to the Eligible Inventory of the Dutch Loan Parties and (ii) the product of 85% *multiplied by* the High Season or Low Season, if applicable, Net Orderly Liquidation Value percentage (as applicable, based on the borrowing base delivery date as required under Section 5.01(f)) identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered by the

Administrative Agent *multiplied by* the Dutch Loan Parties' Eligible Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time *minus* any Reserves related to the Eligible Inventory of the Dutch Loan Parties, *plus*

(c) the lesser of (i) the product of (x) 75% *multiplied by* (y) the Dutch Loan Parties' Eligible LC Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time, *minus*, without duplication of any Reserves accounted for in clause (b) above, Reserves relating to the Eligible LC Inventory of the Dutch Loan Parties and (ii) the product of 85% *multiplied by* the High Season or Low Season, if applicable, Net Orderly Liquidation Value percentage (as applicable, based on the borrowing base delivery date as required under Section 5.01(f)) identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered by the Administrative Agent *multiplied by* the Dutch Loan Parties' Eligible LC Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time *minus*, without duplication of any Reserves accounted for in clause (b) above, Reserves related to the Eligible LC Inventory of the Dutch Loan Parties.

The Administrative Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion, adjust Reserves used in computing the Aggregate Borrowing Base and the Dutch Borrowing Base, with any such changes to be effective three Business Days after delivery of notice thereof to the Borrower Representative and the Lenders. The Aggregate Borrowing Base and the Dutch Borrowing Base at any time shall be determined by reference to the most recent Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate and each other Borrowing Base Certificate delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 5.01(f) of this Agreement.

For purposes of computing each of the Dutch Borrowing Base, the European Borrowing Base, the Aggregate Borrowing Base and interpreting the defined terms used in any of the foregoing, (i) Accounts owed to a Luxembourg Loan Party that becomes a Principal as a result of any Luxembourg Restructuring Transactions by an Account Debtor that maintains an office in, or is organized under any applicable law of, the Netherlands shall be deemed to be owed to a Dutch Borrower and (ii) Inventory located in the Netherlands that is owned by a Luxembourg Loan Party that becomes a Principal as a result of any Luxembourg Restructuring Transactions shall be deemed to be owned by a Dutch Borrower; *provided* that immediately prior to the transfer of such Accounts or Inventory to the Luxembourg Loan Party, such Accounts or Inventory were Eligible Accounts or Eligible Inventory, respectively.

“Dutch Borrowing Base Certificate” means a certificate, signed and certified as accurate and complete by a Financial Officer of each Dutch Borrower, in substantially the form of Exhibit B-4 or another form which is acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion.

“Dutch Loan Party” means, individually and collectively, any Loan Party (including the Dutch Borrowers) incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands.

“Dutch Security Agreement” means (a) a Dutch law deed of pledge of movables, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, among Office Depot B.V. and Office Depot International B.V. as pledgors and the European Collateral Agent as pledgee, (b) a Dutch law undisclosed deed of pledge of receivables, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, among Office Depot B.V. and Office Depot International B.V. as pledgors and the European Collateral Agent as pledgee, (c) a Dutch law deed of pledge of collection accounts, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, among Office Depot B.V. and Office Depot International B.V. as pledgors and the European Collateral Agent as pledgee, (d) a Dutch law deed of pledge of non-collection bank accounts, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, among Office Depot B.V. and Office Depot International B.V. as pledgors and the European Collateral Agent as pledgee, (e) a Dutch law disclosed deed of pledge of intercompany receivables, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, among Office

Depot B.V. and Office Depot International B.V. as pledgors and the European Collateral Agent as pledgee, (f) a Dutch law deed of pledge of receivables, dated 27 December 2010, between Office Depot Finance B.V. as pledgor and the European Collateral Agent as pledgee, (g) any other pledge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any other Dutch Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on the property of any Dutch Loan Party (or any other property located in the Netherlands)) and (h) any other charge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on any property located in the Netherlands), which charge or security agreement is designated by the European Administrative Agent as a "Dutch Security Agreement", in each case as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

"EBITDAR" means, for any period, Net Income for such period plus (a) without duplication and to the extent deducted in determining Net Income for such period, the sum of (i) Interest Expense for such period, (ii) income tax expense for such period, (iii) all amounts attributable to depreciation and amortization expense for such period, (iv) Rentals for such period, (v) any items of loss resulting from the sale of assets other than in the ordinary course of business for such period (vi) any non-cash charges for tangible or intangible impairments or asset write downs for such period (excluding any write downs for write-offs of Inventory) and (vii) any other non-cash charges for such period (but excluding any non-cash charge in respect of an item that was included in Net Income in a prior period and any non-cash charge that relates to the write-down or write-off of inventory), minus (b) without duplication and to the extent included in Net Income, (i) any items of gain resulting from the sale of assets other than in the ordinary course of business for such period, (ii) any cash payments made during such period in respect of non-cash charges described in clause (a)(vii) taken in a prior period and (iii) any extraordinary gains and any non-cash items of income for such period, all calculated for the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Eligible Accounts" means, at any time, the Accounts of any Loan Party which in accordance with the terms hereof are eligible as the basis for the extension of Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans and the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder. Eligible Accounts shall not include any Account:

- (a) which is not subject to a first priority perfected security interest in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks);
- (b) which is subject to any Lien other than (i) a Lien in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks), and (ii) a Permitted Encumbrance which does not have priority over the Lien in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent;
- (c) with respect to which (i) the scheduled due date is more than 60 days after the original invoice date, (ii) is unpaid more than (A) 90 days after the date of the original invoice therefor or (B) 60 days after the original due date, or (iii) which has been written off the books of the Borrower or otherwise designated as uncollectible (in determining the aggregate amount from the same Account Debtor that is unpaid hereunder there shall be excluded the amount of any net credit balances relating to Accounts due from an Account Debtor which are unpaid more than 90 days from the date of invoice or more than 60 days from the due date); provided that Accounts owing by Account Debtors whose securities are either rated BBB- or better by S&P or Baa3 or better by Moody's in an aggregate amount (for all Borrowing Bases)

not to exceed \$25,000,000 at any time may be included in Eligible Accounts, so long as no such Account is not unpaid more than 120 days after the date of the original invoice therefor or more than 120 days after the original due date;

(d) which is owing by an Account Debtor for which more than 50% of the Accounts owing from such Account Debtor and its Affiliates are ineligible hereunder;

(e) (i) which is owing by an Account Debtor to the extent the aggregate amount of Accounts owing from such Account Debtor and its Affiliates to (i) such Loan Party exceeds 15% of the aggregate amount of Eligible Accounts of such Loan Party or (ii) all Loan Parties exceeds 15% of the aggregate amount of Eligible Accounts of all Loan Parties.

(f) with respect to which any covenant, representation, or warranty contained in this Agreement or in any applicable Security Agreement has been breached or is not true;

(g) which (i) does not arise from the sale of goods or performance of services in the ordinary course of business, (ii) is not evidenced by an invoice or other documentation satisfactory to the Administrative Agent which has been sent to the Account Debtor, (iii) represents a progress billing, (iv) is contingent upon the Borrower's completion of any further performance, (v) represents a sale on a bill-and-hold, guaranteed sale, sale-and-return, sale on approval, consignment, cash-on-delivery or any other repurchase or return basis or (vi) relates to payments of interest;

(h) for which the goods giving rise to such Account have not been shipped to the Account Debtor or for which the services giving rise to such Account have not been performed by such Borrower or if such Account was invoiced more than once;

(i) with respect to which any check or other instrument of payment has been returned uncollected for any reason to the extent of such returned payment;

(j) which is owed by an Account Debtor that (i) has applied for or been the subject of a petition or application for, suffered, or consented to the appointment of any receiver, custodian, trustee, administrator, liquidator or similar official for such Account Debtor or its assets, (ii) has had possession of all or a material part of its property taken by any receiver, custodian, trustee or liquidator, (iii) filed, or had filed against it, under any Insolvency Laws, any assignment, application, request or petition for liquidation, reorganization, compromise, arrangement, adjustment of debts, stay of proceedings, adjudication as bankrupt, winding-up, or voluntary or involuntary case or proceeding, (iv) has admitted in writing its inability, or is generally unable to, pay its debts as they become due, (v) has become insolvent, or (vi) ceased operation of its business;

(k) which is owed by any Account Debtor which has sold all or substantially all of its assets;

(l) which is owed by an Account Debtor which (i) does not maintain an office in the United States or Canada (in each case, if any Account Debtor of the Company or Canadian Loan Party), England and Wales or Scotland (in each case, if an Account Debtor of any UK Borrower) the Netherlands (if an Account Debtor of any Dutch Borrower) or (ii) is not organized under any applicable law of the United States, any State of the United States or the District of Columbia, Canada or any province of Canada (in each case, if an Account Debtor of

the Company or Canadian Loan Party), England and Wales or Scotland (in each case, if an Account Debtor of any UK Borrower) or the Netherlands (if an Account Debtor of any Dutch Borrower) unless, in any such case, such Account is backed by a letter of credit acceptable to the Administrative Agent which is in the possession of, has been assigned to and is directly drawable by the Administrative Agent;

(m) which is owed in any currency (i) other than dollars or Canadian Dollars with respect to the US Loan Parties or Canadian Loan Parties, or (ii) other than dollars, Euros or Sterling with respect to the European Loan Parties;

(n) [reserved];

(o) which is owed by any Affiliate, employee, officer, director, agent or stockholder of any Loan Party;

(p) [reserved];

(q) which is owed by an Account Debtor or any Affiliate of such Account Debtor to which any Loan Party is indebted, but only to the extent of such indebtedness or is subject to any security, deposit, progress payment, retainage or other similar advance made by or for the benefit of an Account Debtor, in each case to the extent thereof;

(r) which is subject to any counterclaim, deduction, defense, setoff or dispute but only to the extent of any such counterclaim, deduction, defense, setoff or dispute;

(s) which is owed by an Account Debtor located in any jurisdiction which requires filing of a "Notice of Business Activities Report" or other similar report in order to permit such Borrower to seek judicial enforcement in such jurisdiction of payment of such Account, unless such Borrower has filed such report or qualified to do business in such jurisdiction;

(t) with respect to which such Borrower has made any agreement with the Account Debtor for any reduction thereof, other than discounts and adjustments given in the ordinary course of business, or any Account which was partially paid and such Borrower created a new receivable for the unpaid portion of such Account;

(u) which does not comply in all material respects with the requirements of all applicable laws and regulations, whether federal, provincial, territorial, state or local, including without limitation the Federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, the Federal Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z of the Board;

(v) which is for goods that have been sold under a purchase order or pursuant to the terms of a contract or other agreement or understanding (written or oral) that indicates or purports that any Person other than such Borrower has or has had an ownership interest in such goods, or which indicates any party other than such Borrower as payee or remittance party;

(w) which was created on cash on delivery terms;

(x) which is subject to any limitation on assignments or other security interests (whether arising by operation of law, by agreement or otherwise), unless the applicable Collateral Agent has determined that such limitation is not enforceable;

(y) which is governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, Canada or any province of Canada (in each case, with respect to an Account Debtor of the Company), England and Wales or Scotland (in each case, with respect to an Account Debtor of any UK Borrower) or the Netherlands (with respect to an Account Debtor of any Dutch Borrower);

(z) in respect of which the Account Debtor is a consumer within applicable consumer protection legislation; or

(aa) which the Administrative Agent in its Permitted Discretion determines may not be paid by reason of the Account Debtor's inability to pay;

provided that the Aggregate Availability represented by the Eligible Canadian Accounts in the US Borrowing Base shall not exceed \$25,000,000 at any time; provided, further that during a Level 4 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period, in the Administrative Agent's Permitted Discretion, Eligible Accounts shall not include any Account which is owed by the government (or any department, agency, public corporation, or instrumentality thereof, excluding states and localities of the United States of America) of any country (other than the United Kingdom) and except to the extent that the subject Account Debtor is the federal government of the United States of America and has complied with the Federal Assignment of Claims Act of 1940, as amended (31 USC. § 3727 et seq. and 41 USC. § 15 et seq.), and any other steps necessary to perfect the Lien of the applicable Collateral Agent in such Account have been complied with to the satisfaction of such applicable Collateral Agent.

In determining the amount of an Eligible Account, the face amount of an Account may, in the Administrative Agent's Permitted Discretion, be reduced by, without duplication, to the extent not reflected in such face amount, (i) the amount of all accrued and actual discounts, claims, credits or credits pending, promotional program allowances, price adjustments, finance charges or other allowances (including any amount that such Borrower may be obligated to rebate to an Account Debtor pursuant to the terms of any agreement or understanding (written or oral)) and (ii) the aggregate amount of all cash received in respect of such Account but not yet applied by such Loan Party to reduce the amount of such Account. Standards of eligibility may be made more restrictive from time to time solely by the Administrative Agent in the exercise of its Permitted Discretion, with any such changes to be effective three days after delivery of notice thereof to the Borrower Representative and the Lenders.

"Eligible Canadian Account" means any Eligible Account owing to the Company or a Canadian Loan Party by an Account Debtor organized under the laws of Canada.

"Eligible Canadian Inventory" means any Eligible Inventory owned by the Company or a Canadian Loan Party which is located in Canada.

"Eligible Credit Card Account Receivable" means any Credit Card Account Receivable that (i) has been earned and represents the bona fide amounts due to a Loan Party from a credit card processor and/or credit card issuer, and in each case originated in the ordinary course of business of the applicable Loan Party and (ii) is not excluded as an Eligible Credit Card Receivable pursuant to any of clauses (a) through (i) below; provided that no Credit Card Accounts Receivable of the Canadian Loan Parties, the Dutch Loan Parties or the UK Loan Parties shall be an "Eligible Credit Card Receivable"

prior to the completion of a satisfactory initial field examination inclusive of the Canadian Loan Parties', the Dutch Loan Parties' or UK Loan Parties', as applicable, Credit Card Accounts Receivable. Without limiting the foregoing, to qualify as an Eligible Credit Card Account Receivable, a Credit Card Account Receivable shall indicate no person other than a Loan Party as payee or remittance party. Eligible Credit Card Account Receivable shall not include any Credit Card Account Receivable if:

(a) such Credit Card Account Receivable is not owned by a Loan Party and such Loan Party does not have good or marketable title to such Credit Card Account Receivable;

(b) such Credit Card Account Receivable does not constitute an "Account" (as defined in the UCC) or such Credit Card Account Receivable has been outstanding more than five Business days;

(c) the credit card issuer or credit card processor of the applicable credit card with respect to such Credit Card Account Receivable is the subject of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings;

(d) such Credit Card Account Receivable is not a valid, legally enforceable obligation of the applicable credit card issuer with respect thereto;

(e) such Credit Card Account Receivable is not subject to a properly perfected security interest in favor of the Administrative Agent, or is subject to any Lien whatsoever other than Permitted Encumbrances contemplated by the processor agreements and for which appropriate reserves (as determined by the Administrative Agent in its Permitted Discretion) have been established or maintained by the Loan Parties;

(f) such Credit Card Account Receivable does not conform in all material respects to all representations, warranties or other provisions in the Loan Documents or in the credit card agreements relating to such Credit Card Account Receivable;

(g) such Credit Card Account Receivable is subject to risk of set-off, non-collection or not being processed due to unpaid and/or accrued credit card processor fee balances, to the extent of the lesser of the balance of such Credit Card Account Receivable or unpaid credit card processor fees;

(h) such Credit Card Account Receivable is evidenced by "chattel paper" or an "instrument" of any kind unless such "chattel paper" or "instrument" is in the possession of the Administrative Agent, and to the extent necessary or appropriate, endorsed to the Administrative Agent; or

(i) such Credit Card Account Receivable does not meet such other usual and customary eligibility criteria for Credit Card Account Receivables as the Administrative Agent may determine from time to time in its Permitted Discretion.

In determining the amount to be so included in the calculation of the value of an Eligible Credit Card Receivable, the face amount thereof shall be reduced by, without duplication, to the extent not reflected in such face amount, (i) the amount of all customary fees and expenses in connection with any credit card arrangements and (ii) the aggregate amount of all cash received in respect thereof but not yet applied by the applicable Loan Party to reduce the amount of such Eligible Credit Card Account Receivable.

"Eligible Inventory," means, at any time, the Inventory of a Loan Party which in accordance with the terms hereof is eligible as the basis for the extension of Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans and the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder. Eligible Inventory shall not include any Inventory:

(a) which is not subject to a first priority perfected Lien in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) under the laws of the country where such Inventory is located;

(b) which is subject to any Lien other than (i) a Lien in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) and (ii) a Permitted Encumbrance which does not have priority over the Lien in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks);

(c) which, in the Administrative Agent's Permitted Discretion, is determined to be slow moving, obsolete, unmerchantable, defective, used, unfit for sale or unacceptable due to age, type, category and/or quantity;

(d) with respect to which any covenant, representation, or warranty contained in this Agreement or any applicable Security Agreement has been breached or is not true and which does not conform to all standards imposed by any Governmental Authority;

(e) in which any Person other than the applicable Loan Party shall (i) have any direct or indirect ownership, interest or title to such Inventory (including without limitation any Inventory sold to an Original Vendor in connection with a Consignment Transaction pursuant to Section 6.05(o)) or (ii) be indicated on any purchase order or invoice with respect to such Inventory as having or purporting to have an interest therein;

(f) which is not finished goods or which constitutes work-in-process, raw materials, spare or replacement parts, subassemblies, packaging and shipping material, manufacturing supplies, samples, prototypes, bill-and-hold goods, goods that are returned or marked for return, repossessed goods, defective or damaged goods, goods held on consignment, or goods which are not of a type held for sale in the ordinary course of business;

(g) which is not located in the United States or Canada (in each case, with respect to Inventory owned by the Company or Canadian Loan Party), England and Wales or Scotland (in each case, with respect to Inventory owned by any UK Borrower) or the Netherlands (with respect to Inventory owned by any Dutch Borrower) or is in transit with a common carrier from vendors and suppliers other than Eligible LC Inventory;

(h) which is located in any (i) warehouse, cross-docking facility, distribution center, regional distribution center or depot or (ii) any retail store located in a jurisdiction providing for a common law landlord's lien on the personal property of tenants, in each case leased by the applicable Loan Party unless (A) the lessor has delivered to the Administrative Agent a Collateral Access Agreement or (B) a Rent Reserve has been established by the Administrative Agent;

(i) which is located in any third party warehouse or is in the possession of a bailee (other than a third party processor) and is not evidenced by a Document (other than bills of lading to the extent permitted pursuant to paragraph (g) above), unless (i) such warehouseman or bailee has delivered to the Administrative Agent a Collateral Access Agreement and such other documentation as the Administrative Agent may require or (ii) a Rent Reserve has been established by the Administrative Agent;

(j) which is being processed offsite at a third party location or outside processor, or is in-transit to or from said third party location or outside processor;

(l) which is the subject of a consignment by the applicable Loan Party as consignor;

(m) which a Loan Party has acquired owing to a flash title transfer;

(n) which contains or bears any intellectual property rights licensed to the applicable Loan Party unless the Administrative Agent is satisfied that it may sell or otherwise dispose of such Inventory without (i) the consent of each applicable licensor, (ii) infringing the rights of such licensor, (iii) violating any contract with such licensor, or (iv) incurring any liability with respect to payment of royalties other than royalties incurred pursuant to sale of such Inventory under the current licensing agreement;

(o) which is not reflected in a current perpetual inventory report of such Borrower (unless such Inventory is reflected in a report to the Administrative Agent as "in transit" Inventory and constitutes Eligible LC Inventory); provided that the Inventory of Axidata Inc. and TechDepot which is reflected in the general inventory ledger of such Borrower shall be deemed Eligible Inventory;

(p) for which reclamation rights have been asserted by the seller;

(q) (i) for which any contract relating to such Inventory expressly includes retention of title in favor of the vendor or supplier thereof or (ii) for which any contract relating to such Inventory does not address retention of title and the relevant Loan Party has not represented to the Administrative Agent that there is no retention of title in favor of the vendor or supplier thereof; provided that up to 50% of the value of any Inventory of the type described in clause (ii) shall be deemed Eligible Inventory to the extent applicable Retention of Title Reserves have been established in respect thereof; or

(r) which is Customer-Specific Inventory;

provided, that in determining the value of the Eligible Inventory, such value shall be reduced by, without duplication, any amounts representing (a) Deferred Cash Discounts; (b) Vendor Rebates; (c) costs included in Inventory relating to advertising; (d) the shrink reserve; and (e) the unreconciled discrepancy between the general inventory ledger and the perpetual Inventory ledger, to the extent the general Inventory ledger reflects less Inventory than the perpetual inventory ledger; provided further that the Aggregate Availability represented by the Eligible Canadian Inventory in the US Borrowing Base shall not exceed \$25,000,000 at any time.

Standards of eligibility may be made more restrictive from time to time solely by the Administrative Agent in the exercise of its Permitted Discretion, with any such changes to be effective three days after delivery of notice thereof to the Borrower Representative and the Lenders.

"Eligible LC Inventory," means the value of commercial and documentary Letters of Credit issued relating to Inventory that has or will be shipped to a Loan Party's location (as to which, in the case of locations leased by a Loan Party, a Collateral Access Agreement has been obtained, or appropriate Rent Reserves have been taken) and which Inventory (a) is or will be owned by a Loan Party, (b) is fully insured on terms satisfactory to the applicable Collateral Agent, (c) is subject to a first priority Lien upon such goods in favor of the Collateral Agent (except for any possessor Lien upon such goods in

the possession of a freight carrier or shipping company securing only the freight charges for the transportation of such goods to such Loan Party and other Permitted Encumbrances), (d) is evidenced or deliverable pursuant to documents, notices, instruments, statements and bills of lading that have been delivered to the applicable Collateral Agent or an agent acting on its behalf, and (e) is otherwise deemed to be "Eligible Inventory" hereunder; provided further that no such Inventory of the Canadian Loan Parties, the Dutch Loan Parties or the UK Loan Parties shall be "Eligible LC Inventory" prior to the completion of a satisfactory initial appraisal of such Inventory of the Canadian Loan parties', the Dutch Loan Parties' or UK Loan Parties', as applicable; provided further that the Aggregate Availability represented by the Eligible LC Inventory in the US Borrowing Base, the UK Borrowing Base and the Dutch Borrowing Base, collectively, shall not exceed \$100,000,000 at any time. The applicable Collateral Agent shall have the right to establish, modify, or eliminate Reserves against Eligible LC Inventory from time to time in its Permitted Discretion. In addition, the applicable Collateral Agent shall have the right, from time to time, to adjust any of the criteria set forth above and to establish new criteria with respect to Eligible LC Inventory in its Permitted Discretion, subject to the approval of the Administrative Agent in the case of adjustments, new criteria or the elimination of Reserves which have the effect of making more credit available or are otherwise adverse to the Lenders; provided, however, for the avoidance of doubt, no such approval shall be required in the case of any adjustment or the elimination of Reserves caused by operation of the provisions of this Agreement relating to the Aggregate Borrowing Base.

"Eligible Uninvoiced Account Receivable" means, at any time, any Account of any Loan Party that is not invoiced which would be excluded from eligibility as an Eligible Account Receivable solely as a result of the application of clause (c) or clause (g)(ii) in the definition thereof. Eligible Uninvoiced Account Receivable shall not include any Account not invoiced:

- (a) which does not relate to delivered goods; and
- (b) which is uninvoiced within 30 days of delivery of the goods relating thereto;

provided that the Aggregate Availability represented by the Eligible Uninvoiced Accounts Receivables in the US Borrowing Base, the UK Borrowing Base and the Dutch Borrowing Base, collectively, shall not exceed \$100,000,000 at any time.

"EMU Legislation" means the legislative measures of the European Council for the introduction of, changeover to or operation of a single or unified European currency.

"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, presence, 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 any 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) the presence of or 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 a 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 referred to in Section 4043(c) of ERISA is waived); (b) the existence with respect to any Plan of a non-exempt “prohibited transaction,” as defined in Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975(f)(3) of the Code; (c) any failure of any Plan to satisfy the “minimum funding standard” applicable to such Plan (as such term is defined in Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA), whether or not waived; (d) 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, the failure to make by its due date a required installment under Section 412(m) of the Code with respect to any Plan or the failure of any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate to make any required contribution to any Multiemployer Plan; (e) the incurrence by any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan including, without limitation, the imposition of any Lien in favor of the PBGC or any Plan; (f) the receipt by any Loan Party 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 under Section 4042 of ERISA; (g) a determination that any Plan is, or is expected to be, in “at risk” status (within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA); (h) the incurrence by any Loan Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (i) the receipt by any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate of any notice, or the receipt by any Multiemployer Plan from any Loan Party 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 or in endangered or critical status within the meaning of Section 432 of the Code or Section 305 or Title IV of ERISA.

“Euro” or “€” refers to the single currency of the Participating Member States.

“Eurocurrency” 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.

“European Administrative Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., London Branch, and its successors and assigns in such capacity (or such of its Affiliates as it may designate from time to time).

“European Availability” means an amount equal to the lesser of (a) the European Sublimit and (b) the Aggregate Borrowing Base minus the total Revolving Exposure.

“European Borrower” means, individually and collectively, any UK Borrower, any Dutch Borrower, the Irish Borrower and the Luxembourg Borrower.

“European Borrowing Base” means the sum of the Canadian Borrowing Base, the Dutch Borrowing Base and the UK Borrowing Base.

“European Collateral Agent” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., London Branch, in its capacity as security trustee for itself, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders, and its successors in such capacity (or such of its Affiliates as it may designate from time to time).

“European Full Cash Dominion Period” means any Minimum European Availability Period or any Total Full Cash Dominion Period; provided that a European Full Cash Dominion Period may be discontinued no more than twice in any period of twelve consecutive months.

“European Group” means, collectively, the European Borrowers and their Subsidiaries.

“European Letter of Credit” means any letter of credit or similar instrument (including a bank guarantee) acceptable to the applicable Issuing Bank issued for the purpose of providing credit support to a European Borrower.

“European Loan Parties” means, individually and collectively, the Canadian Loan Parties, the Dutch Loan Parties, the Irish Loan Parties, the Luxembourg Loan Parties, the UK Loan Parties and any other Loan Party that is organized in a member State of the European Union.

“European Loans” means, individually and collectively, the European Revolving Loans, the European Swingline Loans and the European Protective Advances.

“European Protective Advance” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.04.

“European Revolving Loan” means a Revolving Loan made to a European Borrower.

“European Sublimit” means, at all times prior to the termination of the European Sublimit in accordance with Section 2.09, an amount equal to the Facility B Commitments then in effect.

“European Swingline Lender” means J.P. Morgan Europe Limited, in its capacity as lender of European Swingline Loans hereunder, and its successors and assigns in such capacity.

“European Swingline Loan” means a Swingline Loan made to a European Borrower.

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

“Excluded Swap Obligation” means, with respect to any Guarantor (other than the Borrower), (a) any Swap Obligation in respect of a Swap if, and to the extent that, and only for so long as, all or a portion of the guarantee of such Guarantor of, or the grant by such Guarantor of a security interest to secure, as applicable, such Swap Obligation (or any guarantee thereof) is or becomes illegal under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof) by virtue of such Guarantor’s failure to constitute an “eligible contract participant,” as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act and the

regulations thereunder, at the time the guarantee of (or grant of such security interest by, as applicable) such Guarantor becomes or would become effective with respect to such Swap Obligation or (b) any other Swap Obligation designated as an “Excluded Swap Obligation” of such Guarantor as specified in any agreement between the relevant Loan Parties and counterparty applicable to such Swap Obligations, and agreed by the Administrative Agent. If a Swap Obligation arises under a master agreement governing more than one Swap, such exclusion shall apply only to the portion of such Swap Obligation that is attributable to Swaps for which such Guarantee or security interest is or becomes illegal.

“Excluded Taxes” means, with respect to the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Lender, any Issuing Bank or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party hereunder or any other Loan Document, (a) any Other Connection Taxes, (b) U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by a Requirement of Law (including FATCA) in effect at the time a Foreign Lender (other than an assignee under Section 2.19(b)) becomes a party hereto (or designates a new lending office), with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of a US Borrower to such Foreign Lender, except to the extent that such Foreign Lender (or its assignor, if any) was entitled, at the time of designation of a new lending office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts with respect to such withholding Tax under clause (a) of Section 2.17, or (c) Taxes attributable to a Lender’s failure to comply with Section 2.17(h).

“Existing Credit Agreement” means the Credit Agreement, dated as of September 26, 2008 (as amended prior to the date hereof), among the Borrowers (other than Office Depot Finance B.V.), the lenders party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and the other agents party thereto.

“Existing Letters of Credit” means the letters of credit referred to on Schedule 2.06 hereto.

“Existing 2013 Notes” means the Company’s existing 6.25% senior notes due 2013.

“Extended Commitment” means, with respect to any Extending Lender at any time, such Lender’s Commitment extended pursuant to the Fourth Amendment.

“Extended Maturity Date” means the earlier to occur of (i) May 25, 2017 and (ii) any earlier date on which the Commitments are reduced to zero or otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms hereof.

“Extending Lenders” means (a) any Lender who has agreed to extend all of its Commitment until the Extended Maturity Date, (b) any Replacement Lender (as defined in the Fourth Amendment) or (c) any non-Extending Lender that has converted to become an Extending Lender pursuant to Section V of the Fourth Amendment. A Lender shall only be an Extending Lender (x) for the period from, as the case may be, the Fourth Amendment Effective Date, the date that it becomes a Replacement Lender or the date it converts to become an Extending Lender and (y) only with respect to its Extended Commitment and any Loans made by it thereunder.

“Facility”, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Facility A Loans or Facility B Loans.

“Facility A” means the Facility A Commitments and the extensions of credit made thereunder.

“Facility A Commitment” means, with respect to each Facility A Lender, the commitment, if any, of such Lender to make Facility A Revolving Loans and to acquire participations in Facility A Letters of Credit, Facility A Protective Advances and Facility A Swingline Loans, expressed as an amount representing the maximum possible aggregate amount of such Lender’s Facility A Revolving Exposure hereunder, as such commitment may be reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to (a) Section 2.09, (b) assignments by or to such Lender pursuant to Section 9.04 and (c) Section 2.22. The initial amount of each Lender’s Facility A Commitment is set forth on the Commitment Schedule, in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed its Facility A Commitment or in the supplement to this Agreement pursuant to which such Lender shall have provided an additional Facility A Commitment in accordance with Section 2.22, as applicable. The amount of the Lenders’ Facility A Commitments that are Extended Commitments or Non-Extended Commitments as of the Fourth Amendment Effective Date are set forth in Schedule 2.

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

“Facility A Lenders” means the Persons listed on the Commitment Schedule as having a Facility A Commitment, any other Person that shall acquire a Facility A Commitment pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption and any other Person that shall provide an additional Facility A Commitment in accordance with Section 2.22, other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption.

“Facility A Letter of Credit” means any letter of credit or similar instrument (including a bank guarantee) that is (a) acceptable to the applicable Issuing Bank and (b) issued pursuant to Facility A for the purpose of providing credit support to the Company.

“Facility A Loans” means, individually and collectively, the Facility A Revolving Loans, the Facility A Swingline Loans and the Facility A Protective Advances.

“Facility A Obligations” means all unpaid principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on the Facility A Loans (or which would have accrued but for the commencement of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding), all Facility A LC Exposure, all accrued and unpaid fees and all expenses, reimbursements, indemnities and other obligations of the Loan Parties to the Facility A Lenders or to any Facility A Lender, the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank in respect of a Facility A Letter of Credit or any indemnified party arising under the Loan Documents.

“Facility A Protective Advance” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.04.

“Facility A Protective Advance Exposure” means, at any time, the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Facility A Protective Advances at such time. The Facility A Protective Advance Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total Facility A Protective Advance Exposure at such time.

“Facility A Revolving Exposure” means, with respect to any Facility A Lender at any time, the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Lender’s Facility A Revolving Loans and its Facility A LC Exposure *plus* an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Facility A Swingline Loans outstanding at such time.

“Facility A Revolving Loans” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.01.

“Facility A Swingline Exposure” means, at any time, the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Facility A Swingline Loans at such time. The Facility A Swingline Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total Facility A Swingline Exposure at such time.

“Facility A Swingline Loan” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.05(a)(i).

“Facility A Swingline Sublimit” means \$125,000,000.

“Facility B” means the Facility B Commitments and the extensions of credit made thereunder.

“Facility B Borrower” means, individually and collectively, the Company (in its capacity as a Borrower under Facility B) and the European Borrowers.

“Facility B Commitment” means, with respect to each Facility B Lender, the commitment, if any, of such Lender to make Facility B Revolving Loans and to acquire participations in Facility B Letters of Credit, Facility B Protective Advances and Facility B Swingline Loans, expressed as an amount representing the maximum possible aggregate amount of such Lender’s Facility B Revolving Exposure hereunder, as such commitment may be reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to (a) Section 2.09, (b) assignments by or to such Lender pursuant to Section 9.04 and (c) Section 2.22. The initial amount of each Lender’s Facility B Commitment is set forth on the Commitment Schedule, in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed its Facility B Commitment or in the supplement to this Agreement pursuant to which such Lender shall have provided an additional Facility B Commitment in accordance with Section 2.22, as applicable. The amount of the Lenders’ Facility B Commitments that are Extended Commitments or Non-Extended Commitments as of the Fourth Amendment Effective Date are set forth in Schedule 2.

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

“Facility B Lenders” means the Persons listed on the Commitment Schedule as having a Facility B Commitment, any other Person that shall acquire a Facility B Commitment pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption and any other Person that shall provide an additional Facility B Commitment in accordance with Section 2.22, other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption.

“Facility B Letter of Credit” means any letter of credit or similar instrument (including a bank guarantee) issued under this Agreement that is (a) acceptable to the applicable Issuing Bank and (b) issued pursuant to Facility B for the purpose of providing credit support to a Facility B Borrower.

“Facility B Loans” means, individually and collectively, the Facility B Revolving Loans, the Facility B Swingline Loans and the Facility B Protective Advances.

“Facility B Obligations” means all unpaid principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on the Facility B Loans (or which would have accrued but for the commencement of any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in such proceeding), all Facility B LC Exposure, all accrued and unpaid fees and all expenses, reimbursements, indemnities and other obligations of the Loan Parties to the Facility B Lenders or to any Facility B Lender, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any indemnified party arising under the Loan Documents.

“Facility B Protective Advance Exposure” means, at any time, the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Facility B Protective Advances at such time. The Facility B Protective Advance Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total Facility B Protective Advance Exposure at such time.

“Facility B Protective Advances” means, collectively, the European Protective Advances and the Facility B US Protective Advances.

“Facility B Revolving Exposure” means, with respect to any Facility B Lender at any time, the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Lender’s Facility B Revolving Loans and its Facility B LC Exposure *plus* an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Facility B Swingline Loans outstanding at such time.

“Facility B Revolving Loans” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.01.

“Facility B Swingline Exposure” means, at any time, the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Facility B Swingline Loans at such time. The Facility B Swingline Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total Facility B Swingline Exposure at such time.

“Facility B Swingline Loans” means, collectively, the European Swingline Loans and the Facility B US Swingline Loans.

“Facility B Swingline Sublimit” means \$25,000,000.

“Facility B US Protective Advance” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.04.

“Facility B US Swingline Loan” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.05(a)(ii).

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement and any regulations or official interpretations thereof.

“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. The Federal Funds Effective Rate shall not be less than zero.

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

“Financial Support Direction” means a financial support direction issued by the Pensions Regulator pursuant to Section 43 of the UK Pensions Act 2004.

“Fixed Charges” means, with reference to any period, without duplication, cash Interest Expense (net of interest income), plus Rentals, plus scheduled principal payments on Indebtedness made during such period, other than such payments made in respect of Indebtedness referred to in Section 6.01(p), plus dividends or distributions paid in cash, plus Capital Lease Obligation payments, plus cash contributions to any Plan that is subject to Title IV or Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 or 4971 of the Code, all calculated for the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis; provided, that payments at maturity of the Existing 2013 Notes, payments of the OMX Existing 2016 Notes and redemption of preferred stock shall not be Fixed Charges.

“Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio” means, the ratio, determined as of the end of each fiscal quarter of the Company for the most-recently ended four fiscal quarters, of (a) EBITDAR minus the unfinanced portion of Capital Expenditures minus taxes paid in cash net of refunds, to (b) Fixed Charges, all calculated for the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

“Floating Charge Reserve” means reserves for taxes, fees, expenses or claims with respect to the Collateral or any European Loan Party including with respect to any Prior Claims.

“Foreign Benefit Arrangements” means any employee benefit arrangement mandated by non-US law that is maintained or contributed to by any Loan Party.

“Foreign Lender” means any Lender or Issuing Bank, (a) with respect to any Borrower other than a US Borrower and any Tax, that is treated as foreign by the jurisdiction imposing such Tax, (b) with respect to any US Borrower, (1) that, is not a “US person” as defined by section 7701(a)(30) of the Code (“US Person”), or (2) any Lender that is a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes which is a US Person, but only to the extent the beneficial owners (including indirect partners if its direct partners are partnerships or other entities treated as partnerships for United States federal income tax purposes are US Persons) are not US Persons.

“Foreign Plan” means each employee benefit plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, whether or not subject to ERISA) that is not subject to US law, including for the avoidance of doubt the UK Pension Scheme, and is maintained or contributed to by any Loan Party.

“Foreign Reorganization” means the corporate reorganization of certain Foreign Subsidiaries as described on Schedule 1.01(b).

“Foreign Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary organized under the laws of any jurisdiction other than a jurisdiction within the United States.

“Fourth Amendment” means the Fourth Amendment to this Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2015, among the Borrowers, the other Loan Parties, the Administrative Agent, the US Collateral Agent, the European Collateral Agent, the Extending Lenders and the Amending Non-Extending Lenders party thereto.

“Fourth Amendment Effective Date” means the date on which all the conditions set forth in Section VI of the Fourth Amendment are satisfied.

“Full Cash Dominion Period” means, individually and collectively, any Total Full Cash Dominion Period or any European Full Cash Dominion Period.

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

“Global Headquarters” means the Company’s global headquarters located in the Arvida Park of Commerce in Boca Raton, Florida.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Ireland, Luxembourg or any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state, provisional, territorial or local; the European Central Bank, the Council of Ministers of the European Union or any other supranational body; 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 other obligation; provided, that the term Guarantee shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business.

“Guaranteed Obligations” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.01.

“Guaranteed Parties” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.01.

“Grupo OMX” means Grupo OfficeMax S. de R.L. de C.V.

“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.

“High Season” means all times other than Low Season.

“Immaterial Subsidiary” means, at any date, any Subsidiary of the Company that, together with its consolidated Subsidiaries, (i) does not, as of the most recently ended Test Period, have assets with a value in excess of 2.5% of the consolidated total assets of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries and (ii) did not, during the most recently ended Test Period, have revenues exceeding 2.5% of the total revenues of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries; provided that, the aggregate assets or revenues of all Immaterial Subsidiaries, determined in accordance with GAAP, may not exceed 5.0% of consolidated assets or consolidated revenues, respectively, of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries, collectively, at any time (and the Borrower Representative will designate in writing to the Administrative Agent from time to time the Subsidiaries which will cease to be treated as “Immaterial Subsidiaries” in order to comply with the foregoing limitation).

“Increased Amount Date” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(a).

“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 for Indebtedness, (j) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers’ acceptances, (k) obligations under any liquidated earn-out and (l) any other Off-Balance Sheet Liability. 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 Taxes other than Excluded Taxes.

“Indemnitee” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.03(b).

“Information” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.12.

“Initial Effective Date” means September 26, 2008.

“Insolvency Laws” means each of the Bankruptcy Code, the UK Insolvency Act 1986, the Council Regulation 1346/2000/EC on insolvency proceedings (European Union), and any other applicable state, provincial, territorial or federal bankruptcy laws, each as now and hereafter in effect, any successors to such statutes and any other applicable insolvency or other similar law of any jurisdiction, including any law of any jurisdiction permitting a debtor to obtain a stay or a compromise of the claims of its creditors against it and including any rules and regulations pursuant thereto. In relation to Luxembourg law, Insolvency Laws means (i) insolvency proceedings (*faillite*) within the meaning of Articles 437 ff. of the Luxembourg Commercial Code or any other insolvency proceedings pursuant to the Council Regulation (EC) N° 1346/2000 of May 29, 2000 on insolvency proceedings, (ii) controlled management (*gestion contrôlée*) within the meaning of the grand ducal regulation of May 24, 1935 on controlled management, (iii) voluntary arrangement with creditors (*concordat préventif de faillite*) within the meaning of the law of April 14, 1886 on arrangements to prevent insolvency, as amended, (iv) suspension of payments (*sursis de paiement*) within the meaning of Articles 593 ff. of the Luxembourg Commercial Code or (v) voluntary or compulsory winding-up pursuant to the law of August 10, 1915 on commercial companies, as amended. In relation to Irish law, Insolvency Laws means winding up or liquidation and examinership under the Irish Companies Acts 1963-2006.

“Intellectual Property” means, individually and collectively, trademarks, service marks, tradenames, copyrights, patents, trade secrets, industrial designs, internet domain names and other intellectual property, including any applications and registrations pertaining thereto and with respect to trademarks, service marks and tradenames, the goodwill of the business symbolized thereby and connected with the use thereof.

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

“Interest Expense” means, with reference to any period, total interest expense (including that attributable to Capital Lease Obligations) of the Company and its subsidiaries for such period with respect to all outstanding Indebtedness of the Company 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 under Swap Agreements in respect of interest rates to the extent such net costs are allocable to such period in accordance with GAAP), calculated on a consolidated basis for the Company and its subsidiaries for such period in accordance with GAAP.

“Interest Payment Date” means (a) with respect to any ABR Loan or Overnight LIBO Loan (other than, in each case, a Swingline Loan), the last day of each calendar quarter and the Maturity Date, and (b) with respect to any Eurocurrency 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 Eurocurrency 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 the Maturity Date.

“Interest Period” means with respect to any Eurocurrency 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 (or, with the consent of each Lender, nine or 12 months) thereafter, as the Borrower Representative may elect; provided, that (i) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless, in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing only, such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day and (ii) any Interest Period pertaining to a Eurocurrency 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 thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

“Inventory” means, individually and collectively, “Inventory”, as referred to in any Security Agreement.

“Irish Borrower” means Viking Finance (Ireland) Ltd., a company incorporated under the laws of Ireland.

“Irish Loan Party” means, individually and collectively, any Loan Party (including the Irish Borrower) incorporated under and falling under the jurisdiction of the laws of Ireland.

“Irish Security Agreement” means (a) that certain charge over bank accounts, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, between the Irish Borrower and the European Collateral Agent, (b) any other charge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any other Irish Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on the property of any Irish Loan Party (or any other property located in Ireland)) and (c) any other charge or

security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on any property located in Ireland), which charge or security agreement is designated by the European Administrative Agent as an “Irish Security Agreement”, in each case as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Issuing Bank” means, individually and collectively, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Bank of America, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, together with any other Lenders acceptable to the Administrative Agent who agree to be designated an “Issuing Bank” hereunder, each in its capacity of the issuer of Letters of Credit and its successors in such capacity as provided in Section 2.06(i). Any Issuing Bank may, in its discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by Affiliates of such Issuing Bank, in which case the term “Issuing Bank” shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate.

“Joinder Agreement” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.14.

“JPMCB” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., a national banking association, in its individual capacity, and its successors.

“LC Collateral Account” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.06(j).

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

“LC Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of the Facility A LC Exposure and the Facility B LC Exposure.

“LC Sublimit” \$400,000,000; provided that the aggregate LC Exposure in respect of standby Letters of Credit shall not exceed \$250,000,000.

“Lenders” means the Facility A Lenders and the Facility B Lenders. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term “Lenders” includes the Swingline Lenders.

“Letter of Credit” means, individually and collectively, each Facility A Letter of Credit and each Facility B Letter of Credit.

“Letter of Credit Request” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.06(a).

“LIBO Rate” means, with respect to any Eurocurrency Borrowing for any Interest Period, the rate appearing on the applicable Reuters Screen (or on any successor or substitute page of such Service, or any successor to or substitute for such Service, providing rate quotations comparable to those currently provided on such page of such Service, as determined by the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, from time to time for purposes of providing quotations of interest rates applicable to deposits in the relevant currency in the London interbank market) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the Quotation Day, as the rate for deposits in the relevant currency with a maturity comparable to such Interest Period. In the event that such rate is not available at such time for any reason, then the “LIBO Rate” with respect to such Eurocurrency Borrowing for such Interest Period shall be the rate at which deposits in the relevant currency of \$5,000,000 (or the Dollar Equivalent thereof) and for a maturity comparable to such Interest Period are offered by the principal London office of the Administrative Agent in immediately available funds in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time on the Quotation Day. The LIBO Rate shall not be less than zero.

“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.

“Liquidity” means, at any time, the sum of (a) the aggregate amount of cash and cash equivalents of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries which are not subject to any Liens (other than customary bankers’ Liens and Liens created pursuant to any Loan Document) plus (b) Aggregate Availability.

“Loan Documents” means this Agreement, any promissory notes issued pursuant to the Agreement, any Letter of Credit applications, the Collateral Documents, the Loan Guaranty and all other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates identified in Section 4.01 executed and delivered to, or in favor of, the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent or any Lenders and including all other pledges, powers of attorney, consents, assignments, contracts, notices, letter of credit agreements and all other written matter whether heretofore, now or hereafter executed by or on behalf of any Loan Party, or any employee of any Loan Party, and delivered to the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent or any Lender in connection with the Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby. Any reference in the Agreement or any other Loan Document to a Loan Document shall include all appendices, exhibits or schedules thereto, and all amendments, restatements, supplements or other modifications thereto, and shall refer to the Agreement or such Loan Document as the same may be in effect at any and all times such reference becomes operative.

“Loan Guarantor” means (a) each US Loan Party, with respect to the Obligations of the US Loan Parties, and (b) each Loan Party, with respect to the Obligations of the European Loan Parties.

“Loan Guaranty” means Article X of this Agreement and each separate guaranty, to the extent that such guaranty is permissible under the laws of the country in which the applicable Foreign Subsidiary party to such guaranty is located, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, delivered by any Foreign Subsidiary (which guaranty shall be governed by the laws of the country in which such Foreign Subsidiary is located if the Administrative Agent requests that such law govern such guaranty), as it may be amended or modified and in effect from time to time.

“Loan Parties” means the Company, the other Borrowers, the Company’s domestic Subsidiaries (other than Immaterial Subsidiaries and any domestic subsidiary that is a direct or indirect subsidiary of a Foreign Subsidiary that is treated as a corporation for purposes of the Code) and any other Person who becomes a party to this Agreement pursuant to a Joinder Agreement or executes a separate Loan Guaranty and their respective successors and assigns; provided that upon any Borrower becoming a Removed Borrower, such Removed Borrower shall be deemed to no longer be a Loan Party.

“Loans” means the loans and advances made by the Lenders pursuant to this Agreement, including Revolving Loans, Swingline Loans and Protective Advances.

“Local Time” means, (a) local time in London with respect to the times for the receipt of Borrowing Requests for European Revolving Loans, European Swingline Loans and European Letter of

Credit Requests to an Issuing Bank, of any disbursement by the European Administrative Agent of European Revolving Loans, European Swingline Loans and European Protective Advances and for payment by the Borrowers with respect to European Revolving Loans, European Swingline Loans and European Protective Advances and reimbursement obligations in respect of European Letters of Credit, (b) local time in New York, with respect to the times for the determination of “Dollar Equivalent”, for the receipt of Borrowing Requests of US Revolving Loans, US Swingline Loans, US Protective Advances, US Letter of Credit Requests to an Issuing Bank, for receipt and sending of notices by and disbursement by the Administrative Agent or any Lender and any Issuing Bank and for payment by the Borrowers with respect to US Revolving Loans, US Swingline Loans, US Protective Advances and reimbursement obligations in respect of US Letters of Credit, (c) local time in London, with respect to the times for the determination of “LIBO Rate” and “Overnight LIBO Rate”, (d) otherwise, if a place for any determination is specified herein, the local time at such place of determination and (e) otherwise, New York time.

“Low Season” means for any period of determination of any Borrowing Base, any period identified by an appraiser selected and engaged by the Administrative Agent as a low selling period or similar term in the most recent appraisal ordered by the Administrative Agent.

“LSC” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.15.

“Luxembourg” means the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

“Luxembourg Borrower” means OD International (Luxembourg) Finance S.À R.L., a private limited liability company (a *société à responsabilité limitée*) incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg, having its registered office at 6C, rue Gabriel Lippman, L-5365 Munsbach and registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B 93.853.

“Luxembourg Loan Party” means, individually and collectively, any Loan Party (including the Luxembourg Borrower) organized under the laws of Luxembourg.

“Luxembourg Restructuring Transactions” means transactions effected in connection with the Tax Reorganization (as defined on Schedule 1.01(d)) whereby a Luxembourg Loan Party shall (a) become the owner of Inventory located in the Netherlands, England and Wales and/or Scotland, and/or (b) have Accounts owed by an Account Debtor that maintains an office in, or is organized under any applicable law of, the Netherlands, in each case for which (i) the Company provides the Lenders with (A) notice of such transactions and (B) an explanation, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, of such transactions and the purpose thereof and (ii) the Required Lenders do not object in writing thereto within 10 Business Days after receiving such materials; provided that, in each case, the Company has complied with all actions reasonably required by the Administrative Agent in order to protect or perfect the security interest of the Collateral Agents in the Collateral; provided, further, that Lenders who do not object to a transaction pursuant to clause (ii) above shall be deemed to have consented to such transaction for purposes of determining the requisite consent under Section 9.02(b).

“Luxembourg Security Agreement” means (a) that certain Luxembourg law pledge agreement over bank accounts, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, between the Luxembourg Borrower and the European Collateral Agent, (b) any other Luxembourg law pledge agreement or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any other Luxembourg Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on the property of any Luxembourg Loan Party (or any other property located in Luxembourg)) and (c) any other charge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any Loan Party (as

required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on any property located in Luxembourg), which charge or security agreement is designated by the European Administrative Agent as a “Luxembourg Security Agreement”, in each case as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Mandatory Cost” means, with respect to any period, the percentage rate per annum determined in accordance with Schedule 1.01(c).

“Margin Stock” means “margin stock”, as such term is defined in Regulation U of the Board.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, operations, prospects or condition, financial or otherwise, of the Loan Parties, taken as a whole, (b) the ability of any Loan Party to perform any of its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, (c) the Collateral, either Collateral Agent’s Lien (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) on the Collateral, on the Collateral or the priority of such Liens, or (d) the rights of or benefits available to the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Issuing Bank or the Lenders thereunder.

“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 Company and its Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$25,000,000. For purposes of determining Material Indebtedness, the “obligations” of any 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 such Borrower or such Subsidiary would be required to pay if such Swap Agreement were terminated at such time.

“Maturity Date” means (a) with respect to Commitments other than Extended Commitments, the Non-Extended Maturity Date and (b) with respect to Extended Commitments, the Extended Maturity Date.

“Maximum Liability” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.11.

“Maximum Rate” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.17.

“Mexican Joint Venture” means (i) Office Depot Mexico S.A., an entity organized under the Republic of Mexico and (ii) Grupo OMX, an entity organized under the Republic of Mexico.

“Minimum Aggregate Availability Period” means (including by reference to the Levels described below), any period (a) commencing when Aggregate Availability is less than the greater of:

- Level 1: (i) \$125,000,000 and (ii) an amount equal to 12.5% of the Commitments then in effect;
- Level 2: (i) \$150,000,000 and (ii) an amount equal to 15% of the Commitments then in effect, but more than Level 1;
- Level 3: (i) \$175,000,000 and (ii) an amount equal to 17.5% of the Commitments then in effect, but more than Level 1 and Level 2; and

- Level 4: (i) \$250,000,000 and (ii) an amount equal to 25% of the Commitments then in effect, but more than Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.
- Level 5: (i) \$400,000,000 and (ii) an amount equal to 40% of the Commitments then in effect, but more than Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4.

for five consecutive days (or immediately, in the case of Level 1) and (b) ending after Aggregate Availability is greater than the amounts set forth above (with respect to the applicable Level) for 30 consecutive days (or 60 consecutive days when used in reference to any Full Cash Dominion Period). For the avoidance of doubt, at any time that Aggregate Availability is equal to or greater than the amounts set forth in Level 2, Level 3, Level 4 or Level 5 above, Aggregate Availability shall also be deemed to be greater than the applicable Level(s) below such Level of Aggregate Availability and each Minimum Aggregate Availability Period Level shall include each lesser Level.

“Minimum European Availability Period” means any period (a) commencing when European Availability is less than the greater of (i) \$25,000,000 and (ii) an amount equal to 12.5% of the European Sublimit then in effect for two Business Days and (b) ending (solely with respect to any European Full Cash Dominion Period then in effect) after European Availability is greater than the amounts set forth above (with respect to the applicable Level) for 60 consecutive days.

“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 period, the consolidated net income (or loss) of the Company and its subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided that there shall be excluded (a) the income (or deficit) of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a subsidiary or is merged into or consolidated with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (b) the income (or deficit) of any Person (other than a subsidiary) in which the Company or any of its subsidiaries has an ownership interest, except to the extent that any such income is actually received by the Company or such subsidiary in the form of dividends or similar distributions and (c) the undistributed earnings of any subsidiary to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such subsidiary is not at the time permitted by the terms of any contractual obligation (other than under any Loan Document) or Requirement of Law applicable to such subsidiary.

“Net Orderly Liquidation Value” means, with respect to Inventory, equipment or intangibles of any Person, the orderly liquidation value thereof as determined in a manner acceptable to the Administrative Agent by an appraiser acceptable to the Administrative Agent, net of all costs of liquidation thereof.

“Netherlands” means the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

“New Lender” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.22(b).

“Non-Consenting Lender” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.02(d).

“Non-Extended Commitment” means any Commitment not extended pursuant to the Fourth Amendment.

“Non-Extended Maturity Date” means the earlier to occur of (i) May 25, 2016 and (ii) any earlier date on which the Commitments are reduced to zero or otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms hereof.

“Non-Funding Lender” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.07(b).

“Non-Paying Guarantor” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.12.

“Obligated Party” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.02.

“Obligations” means the Facility A Obligations and the Facility B Obligations; provided, that for purposes of determining any Guaranteed Obligations of any Loan Guarantor under this Agreement, the definition of “Obligations” shall not create any guarantee by any Loan Guarantor of any Excluded Swap Obligations of such Loan Guarantor.

“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 indebtedness, liability or obligation under any so-called “synthetic lease” transaction entered into by such Person, or (c) any indebtedness, liability or 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 than operating leases).

“OfficeMax” means OfficeMax Incorporated.

“OfficeMax Merger” means the merger transaction pursuant to the OfficeMax Merger Agreement such that, after giving effect thereto, OfficeMax shall be a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company.

“OfficeMax Merger Agreement” means, collectively, the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 20, 2013 (as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time), among the Company, Dogwood Merger Sub Inc., Dogwood Merger Sub LLC, Mapleby Holdings Merger Corporation, Mapleby Merger Corporation and OfficeMax, and all schedules, exhibits and annexes thereto and all material side letters and agreements affecting the terms thereof or entered into in connection therewith.

“OMX Existing 2016 Notes” shall mean OfficeMax’s existing 7.35% Debentures Due 2016.

“Original Vendor” means, with respect to any inventory, the vendor from which the Company or its subsidiaries purchased such inventory.

“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Lender, any Issuing Bank or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party hereunder or under any other Loan Document, 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, or become a party to, performed its obligations or received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, sale or assignment of an interest in any Loan or Loan Document, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to, or enforced, any Loan Documents).

“Other Taxes” means all present or future stamp, court or documentary Taxes and any other excise, property, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes which arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, or from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document.

“Overnight LIBO” means, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, whether such Loan or the Loan comprising such Borrowing accrues interest at a rate determined by reference to the Overnight LIBO Rate.

“Overnight LIBO Rate” means, with respect to any Overnight LIBO Borrowing or overdue amount, (a) the rate of interest per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/16 of 1%) at which overnight deposits in Euros or Sterling, in an amount approximately equal to the amount with respect to which such rate is being determined, would be offered for such day by a branch or Affiliate of JPMCB in the applicable offshore interbank market for such currency to major banks in such interbank market *plus* (b) the Mandatory Cost. The Overnight LIBO Rate shall not be less than zero.

“Parallel Debt” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.21.

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

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

“Participating Member State” means each State so described in any EMU Legislation, and includes, without limitation, each member State of the European Community that adopts or has adopted the Euro as its lawful currency in accordance with EMU Legislation.

“Paying Guarantor” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.12.

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

“Pensions Regulator” means the legal entity called the Pensions Regulator established under Part I UK Pensions Act 2004.

“Permitted Acquisition” means any acquisition by the Company or any Subsidiary, whether by purchase, merger or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the assets of, all of the Equity Interests of, or a business line or unit or a division of, any Person; provided that:

(a) such acquisition shall be consensual;

(b) such acquisition shall be consummated in accordance with all Requirements of Law, except where the failure to so comply would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(c) in the case of the acquisition of Equity Interests, all of the Equity Interests (except for any such securities in the nature of directors' qualifying shares) acquired or otherwise issued by such Person or any newly formed Subsidiary of any Borrower in connection with such acquisition shall be directly and beneficially owned 100% by the Company or any Subsidiary; and

(d) in the case of any acquisition in excess of \$50,000,000, the Company shall furnish to the Administrative Agent a certificate from a Financial Officer evidencing compliance with Section 6.04(n), together with such detailed information relating thereto as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request to demonstrate such compliance; and

provided further, that it is understood that to the extent the assets acquired are to be included in any Borrowing Base, due diligence in respect of such acquired assets satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, shall have been completed.

“Permitted Convertible Notes” means any Indebtedness issued in a Permitted Convertible Notes Offering.

“Permitted Convertible Notes Offering” means any offering by the Company of unsecured or subordinated Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01 that is by its terms convertible, in whole or in part, into shares of the Company’s common stock or into cash based upon a conversion rate tied to the Company’s common stock.

“Permitted Discretion” means a determination made in good faith and in the exercise of reasonable (from the perspective of a secured asset-based lender) business judgment.

“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 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 paragraph (k) of Article VII;
- (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 any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (g) Liens in favor of a credit card processor or a payment processor arising in the ordinary course of business under any processor agreement; and
- (h) Liens arising by virtue of precautionary Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings (or other similar filings under applicable law) regarding operating leases and consignments, in each case entered into by the Company and its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

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

“Permitted Foreign Subsidiary Factoring Facility” means any and all agreements or facilities entered into by any Foreign Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party for the purpose of factoring, selling, transferring or disposing of its account receivables for cash consideration.

“Permitted Investments” means:

(a) direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States (with respect to investments made by the Company), the United Kingdom (with respect to investments made by any UK Borrower), the Netherlands (with respect to investments made by any Dutch Borrower), Ireland (with respect to investments made by the Irish Borrower) or Luxembourg (with respect to investments made by the Luxembourg Borrower) (or by any agency thereof, as applicable, to the extent such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of such government), 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 (with respect to investments made by the Company), England and Wales (with respect to investments made by any UK Borrower), the Netherlands (with respect to investments made by any Dutch Borrower), Ireland (with respect to investments made by the Irish Borrower), Luxembourg (with respect to any investments made by the Luxembourg Borrower) or any State or Province thereof, as applicable, in each case, 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 or Aaa by Moody’s and (iii) have portfolio assets of at least \$3,000,000,000.

“Permitted Lien” means Liens permitted by Section 6.02.

“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 (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), including any employee welfare benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA), any employee pension benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA), and any plan which is both an employee welfare benefit plan and an employee pension benefit plan, and in respect of which any Loan Party 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, except for any Multiemployer Plan, Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement.

“Prime Rate” means the rate of interest per annum publicly announced from time to time by JPMCB as its prime rate at its offices at 270 Park Avenue in New York City; each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced as being effective.

“Principal” has the meaning assigned to such term on Schedule 1.01(d).

“Prior Claims” means any security interest created by English law which rank or are capable of ranking prior or pari passu with the European Collateral Agent’s security interests against all or part of the Collateral, including amounts owing for employee wages, employee source deductions, pension fund obligations, any sums payable by way of prescribed part for unsecured creditors as provided for by Section 176A Insolvency Act 1986 and expenses of liquidation, administration or winding-up.

“Pro Forma Basis” means, with respect to any test hereunder in connection with any event, that such test shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis for the period of such calculation to (i) such event as if it happened on the first day of such period or (ii) the incurrence of any Indebtedness by the Company or any Subsidiary and any incurrence, repayment, issuance or redemption of other Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary occurring at any time subsequent to the last day of the Test Period and on or prior to the date of determination, as if such incurrence, repayment, issuance or redemption, as the case may be, occurred on the first day of the Test Period (it being understood that, in connection with any such pro forma calculation prior to the delivery of financial statements for the first fiscal quarter ended after the Effective Date, such calculation shall be made in a manner satisfactory to the Administrative Agent in its Permitted Discretion).

“Projections” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.01(e).

“Protective Advance Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of the Facility A Protective Advance Exposure and the Facility B Protective Advance Exposure.

“Protective Advances” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.04.

“Qualified Keepwell Provider” means, in respect of any Swap Obligation, each Loan Party that, at the time the relevant guarantee (or grant of the relevant security interest, as applicable) becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation, has total assets exceeding \$10,000,000 or otherwise constitutes an “eligible contract participant” under the Commodity Exchange Act or any regulations promulgated thereunder and can cause another person to qualify as an “eligible contract participant” with respect to such Swap Obligation at such time by entering into a keepwell pursuant to section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

“Quotation Day” means, in respect of the determination of the LIBO Rate for any period for Loans in Sterling, the day which is (i) the first day of such Interest Period and (ii) a day on which banks are open for general banking business in London; and the Quotation Day in respect of any Interest Period for the Euro is the day that is two Target Days prior the first day of such Interest Period.

“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.

“Removed Borrower” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.23.

“Rentals” means, with reference to any period, the aggregate amount of rent expense payable by the Company and its subsidiaries under any operating leases, calculated on a consolidated basis for the Company and its subsidiaries for such period in accordance with GAAP.

“Rent Reserve” means with respect to any store, warehouse, cross-docking facility, distribution center, regional distribution center or depot where any Inventory subject to Liens arising by operation of law is located and with respect to which no Collateral Access Agreement is in effect, a reserve equal to two months’ rent at such store, warehouse, cross-docking facility, distribution center, regional distribution center or depot; provided that no Rent Reserve shall be taken with respect to any store unless a Level 2 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period shall be in effect.

“Report” means reports prepared by the Administrative Agent or another Person showing the results of appraisals, field examinations or audits pertaining to the assets of any Borrower from information furnished by or on behalf of any Borrower, after the Administrative Agent has exercised its rights of inspection pursuant to this Agreement, which Reports shall be distributed to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent.

“Required Lenders” means, at any time, Lenders having Credit Exposure and unused Commitments representing more than 50% of the sum of the total Credit Exposure and unused Commitments at such time.

“Requirement of Law” means, as to any Person, the Certificate of Incorporation and By Laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and any law, treaty, rule or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.

“Reserves” means, individually and collectively, and without duplication, Customer Credit Liability Reserves, Rent Reserves, unpaid VAT and other government reserves, Floating Charge Reserves, Payroll and Redundancy Reserves, Retention of Title Reserves and any other reserves which the Administrative Agent deems necessary, in its Permitted Discretion, to maintain (including, without limitation, Banking Services Reserves, reserves for consignee’s, warehousemen’s and bailee’s charges (unless a Collateral Access Agreement shall be in effect with respect to the subject property), reserves for Swap Obligations, reserves for contingent liabilities of any Loan Party, reserves for uninsured losses of any Loan Party, reserves for uninsured, underinsured, un-indemnified or under-indemnified liabilities or potential liabilities with respect to any litigation, reserves for taxes, fees, assessments and other governmental charges, reserves for the prescribed part of any UK Loan Party’s net property that would be made available for the satisfaction of its unsecured liabilities pursuant to Section 176A of the Insolvency Act 1986, reserves with respect to liabilities of any UK Loan Party which constitutes preferential debts pursuant to Section 386 of the Insolvency Act 1986, reserves in respect of inventory that is subject to the rights of suppliers under Section 81.1 of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Canada) and any Wage Earner Protection Act Reserve) with respect to the Collateral or any Loan Party.

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

“Restricted Payment” means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any Equity Interests in the Company or any Subsidiary, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such Equity Interests in the Company or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any such Equity Interests in the Company.

“Retention of Title Reserves” means with respect to any Eligible Inventory for which (i) there are no contractual terms addressing retention of title in favor of the vendor or supplier thereof and (ii) the applicable Loan Party has not represented to the Administrative Agent that such vendor or supplier does not have retention of title rights, a reserve equal to 50% of the lesser of (A) the value of such Inventory or (B) to the extent the applicable Loan Party has provided the Administrative Agent with reasonable evidence of the amount thereof, the amount of the outstanding payable owing to the applicable Loan Party’s vendor in respect of such Eligible Inventory.

“Revolving Exposure” means the sum of the Facility A Revolving Exposure *plus* the Facility B Revolving Exposure.

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

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc.

“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 or Her Majesty’s Treasury of the United Kingdom.

“Sanctioned Country” mean at any time, a country, region or territory which is 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 or the U.S. Department of State or by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or any EU 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) and (b).

“Secured Obligations” means all Obligations, together with all Banking Services Obligations and Swap Obligations owing to one or more Lenders or their respective Affiliates; provided that within 30 days after the time that any transaction relating to such Swap Obligation is executed by a Lender or its Affiliate and any Loan Party, the Lender party thereto or its Affiliate (other than JPMCB) shall have delivered written notice in accordance with the notice provisions of this Agreement to the Administrative Agent that such a transaction has been entered into and that it constitutes a Secured Obligation entitled to the benefits of the Collateral Documents.

“Security Agreement” means, individually and collectively, any US Security Agreement, any UK Security Agreement, any Dutch Security Agreement, any Irish Security Agreement, any Luxembourg Security Agreement or any Canadian Security Agreement.

“Settlement” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.05(c).

“Settlement Date” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.05(c).

“Specified Excluded Subsidiary” means any subsidiary of OfficeMax listed on Schedule 1.01(e).

“Specified Intellectual Property Transaction” means any sale, transfer, license or other disposition, directly or indirectly, of Intellectual Property, certain other assets relating thereto or goodwill and going concern relating to the business from a Loan Party to a Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party in connection with the Intellectual Property Reorganization (as defined on Schedule 1.01(d)).

“Specified Principal-Commissionaire Transaction” means any sale, transfer or other disposition, directly or indirectly, of assets from a Loan Party to a Removed Borrower in connection with the Principal-Commissionaire Reorganization (as defined on Schedule 1.01(d)); provided that, both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect to any such sale, transfer or other disposition of Collateral, no Level 4 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period shall be in effect.

“Specified Tax Restructuring Transaction” means:

(1) any Specified Intellectual Property Transaction or Specified Principal-Commissionaire Transaction; or

(2) any Tax Restructuring Transaction that either:

(a) has no material adverse effect on the European Borrowing Base or the Collateral of the European Loan Parties taken as a whole and is not otherwise materially disadvantageous to any interest of the Lenders, or

(b) (i) with respect to which the Company has provided the Lenders with: (A) notice of such transaction, (B) an explanation, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, of such transaction and the purpose thereof and (C) a Borrowing Base Certificate giving pro forma effect to such transaction and (ii) the Required Lenders do not object in writing thereto within 10 Business Days after receiving such materials;

provided that, in each case, (A) the Company has complied with all actions reasonably required by the Administrative Agent in order to protect or perfect the security interest of the Collateral Agents in the Collateral and (B) the Company may not effect any Specified Tax Restructuring Transaction if a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; provided, further, that Lenders who do not object to a transaction pursuant to clause (2)(b)(ii) above shall be deemed to have consented to such transaction for purposes of determining the requisite consent under Section 9.02(b).

“Spot Selling Rate” means, on any date, as determined by the Administrative Agent, the spot selling rate posted by Reuters on its website for the sale of the applicable currency for dollars at approximately 11:00 a.m., Local Time, two Business Days prior; provided that if, at the time of any such determination, for any reason, no such spot rate is being quoted, the spot selling rate shall be determined by reference to such publicly available service for displaying exchange rates as may be selected by the Administrative Agent, or, in the event no such service is selected, such spot selling rate shall instead be the arithmetic average of spot rates of exchange in the market where its foreign currency exchange operations in respect of the applicable currency are then being conducted, at or about 11.00 a.m. Local Time, on such date for the purchase of the relevant currency for delivery two Business Days later.

“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. Eurocurrency 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.

“Sterling” or “£” refers to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

“Subordinated Indebtedness” of a Person means any Indebtedness of such Person the payment of which is subordinated to payment of the Secured Obligations to the written satisfaction of the Administrative Agent.

“subsidiary” means, (a) 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 (i) 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 (ii) 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 and (b) any subsidiary within the meaning of Section 1261(l) of the UK Companies Act of 2006 and any subsidiary undertaking in each case.

“Subsidiary” means any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company or a Loan Party, as applicable; provided that any Specified Excluded Subsidiary shall not be a Subsidiary for the purposes of this Agreement.

“Supermajority Lenders” means, at any time, Lenders having Credit Exposure and unused Commitments representing at least 66 2/3% of the sum of the total Credit Exposure and unused Commitments at such time.

“Supplementary Pension Act” means the Luxembourg law of June 8, 1999 on the supplementary pension schemes, as amended.

“Swap” means any agreement, contract, or transaction that constitutes a “swap” within the meaning of section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

“Swap Agreements” 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 Borrowers or the Subsidiaries shall be a Swap Agreement.

“Swap Obligations” of a Person means any and all obligations of such Person, whether absolute or contingent and howsoever and whensoever created, arising, evidenced or acquired (including all renewals, extensions and modifications thereof and substitutions therefor), under (a) any and all Swap Agreements, and (b) any and all cancellations, buy backs, reversals, terminations or assignments of any Swap Agreement transaction.

“Swingline Exposure” means, at any time, the sum of the Facility A Swingline Exposure and the Facility B Swingline Exposure.

“Swingline Lender” means, individually and collectively, the US Swingline Lender and the European Swingline Lender, as the context may require.

“Swingline Loan” means, individually and collectively, each US Swingline Loan and each European Swingline Loan, as the context may require.

“Syndication Agent” Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as Syndication Agent.

“TARGET Day” means any day on which TARGET2 is open for settlement of payments in Euro.

“TARGET2” means the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system which utilizes a single shared platform and which was launched on November 19, 2007.

“Tax Restructuring” means, collectively, the Intellectual Property Reorganization, the Principal-Commissionaire Reorganization and the Tax Reorganization (each as defined on Schedule 1.01(d)).

“Tax Restructuring Transaction” means any transaction that constitutes a part of, effects or is effected in connection with the Tax Restructuring.

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

“Tax Confirmation” means a confirmation by a Lender to any UK Loan Party that the Person beneficially entitled to interest payable to that Lender in respect of an advance hereunder is either:

- (a) a company resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom tax purposes;
- (b) a partnership each member of which is:
 - (i) a company so resident in the United Kingdom; or
 - (ii) a company not so resident in the United Kingdom which carries on a trade in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment and which brings into account in computing its chargeable profits (for the purposes of section 19 of the UK Corporation Tax Act 2009) the whole of any share of interest payable in respect of that advance that falls to it by reason of Part 17 of the UK Corporation Tax Act 2009; or
- (c) a company not so resident in the United Kingdom which carries on a trade in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment and which brings into account interest payable in respect of that advance in computing the chargeable profits (within the meaning of section 11(2) of the UK Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988) of that company.

“Test Period” means the most recent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company ended on or prior to such time (taken as one accounting period) in respect of which financial statements for each quarter or fiscal year in such period have been (or have been required to be) delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b), as applicable.

“Third Amendment” shall mean that certain Third Amendment, dated as of November 1, 2013, among the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders.

“Third Amendment Effective Date” shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Third Amendment.

“Total Assets” means, at any date, the amount that would, in conformity with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption “total assets” (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and the Subsidiaries.

“Total Full Cash Dominion Period” means any Level 2 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period; provided that a Total Full Cash Dominion Period may be discontinued no more than twice in any period of twelve consecutive months.

“Transactions” means the amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement in the form of this Agreement, the borrowing of Loans and other credit extensions, the use of the proceeds thereof and the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder.

“Treaty” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition “Treaty State”.

“Treaty Lender” means a Lender which:

(a) is treated as a resident of a Treaty State for the purposes of the Treaty;

(b) does not carry on a business in the jurisdiction in which the applicable Borrower is located through a permanent establishment with which that Lender’s participation in the Loan is effectively connected.

“Treaty State” means a jurisdiction having a double taxation agreement (a “Treaty”) with the jurisdiction in which the relevant Borrower is located which makes provision for full exemption from the imposition of any withholding or deduction for or on account of tax imposed by the Borrower’s jurisdiction on interest.

“Trigger Date” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.16.

“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, the Alternate Base Rate or the Overnight LIBO Rate.

“UCC” means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York or any other state the laws of which are required to be applied in connection with the issue of perfection of security interests.

“UK Borrower” means, individually and collectively, Office Depot International (UK) Ltd. and Office Depot UK Ltd.

“UK Borrowing Base” means, at any time, with respect to the UK Loan Parties, the sum of:

(a) the sum of (i) the product of (A) 85% *multiplied by* (B) the UK Loan Parties’ Eligible Accounts at such time, *minus* the Dilution Reserve related to the UK Loan Parties, *minus* any other Reserve related to Accounts of the UK Loan Parties, (ii) the product of (A) 90% *multiplied by* (B) the UK Loan Parties’ Eligible Credit Card Receivables at such time *minus* the Dilution Reserve related to the UK Loan Parties, *minus* any other Reserve related to Accounts of the UK Loan Parties, and (iii) the product of (A) 75% *multiplied by* (B) the Eligible Uninvoiced Accounts Receivable of the UK Loan Parties at such time *minus* the Dilution Reserve related to the UK Loan Parties, *plus*

(b) the lesser of (i) the product of (x) 75% *multiplied by* (y) the UK Loan Parties’ Eligible Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time, *minus* any Reserves related to the Eligible Inventory of the UK Loan Parties and (ii) the product of 85% *multiplied by* the High Season or Low Season, if applicable, Net Orderly Liquidation Value percentage (as applicable, based on the borrowing base delivery date as required under Section 5.01(f)) identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered by the Administrative Agent *multiplied by* the UK Loan Parties’ Eligible Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time *minus* any Reserves related to the Eligible Inventory of the UK Loan Parties, *plus*

(c) the lesser of (i) the product of (x) 75% *multiplied by* (y) the UK Loan Parties’ Eligible LC Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time, *minus*, without duplication of any Reserves accounted for in clause (b) above, Reserves relating to the Eligible LC Inventory of the UK Loan Parties and (ii) the product of 85% *multiplied by* the High Season or Low Season, if applicable, Net Orderly Liquidation Value percentage (as applicable, based on the borrowing base delivery date as required under Section 5.01(f)) identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered by the Administrative Agent *multiplied by* the UK Loan Parties’ Eligible LC Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time *minus*, without duplication of any Reserves accounted for in clause (b) above, Reserves related to the Eligible LC Inventory of the UK Loan Parties.

The Administrative Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion, adjust Reserves used in computing the Aggregate Borrowing Base and the UK Borrowing Base, with any such changes to be effective three Business Days after delivery of notice thereof to the Borrower Representative and the Lenders. The Aggregate Borrowing Base and the UK Borrowing Base at any time shall be determined by reference to the most recent Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate and each other Borrowing Base Certificate delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 5.01(f) of this Agreement.

For purposes of computing each of the UK Borrowing Base, the European Borrowing Base, the Aggregate Borrowing Base and interpreting the defined terms used in any of the foregoing, Inventory located in England and Wales or Scotland that is owned by a Luxembourg Loan Party that becomes a Principal as a result of any Luxembourg Restructuring Transactions shall be deemed to be owned by a UK Borrower; provided that immediately prior to the transfer of such Inventory to the Luxembourg Loan Party, such Inventory was Eligible Inventory.

“UK Borrowing Base Certificate” means a certificate, signed and certified as accurate and complete by a Financial Officer of each UK Borrower, in substantially the form of Exhibit B-3 or another form which is acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion.

“UK Loan Party” means any Loan Party (including the UK Borrowers) organized under the laws of the United Kingdom.

“UK Non-Bank Lender” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.17(a)(ii).

“UK Pension Scheme” means the Guilbert U.K. Retirement Benefits Plan governed by trust deed and rules dated September 27, 2002, as amended by deed on April 24, 2008.

“UK Qualifying Lender” means a Lender which is beneficially entitled to interest payable to that Lender in respect of an advance to any UK Loan Party hereunder and is either:

- (a) a Lender (i) which is a bank (as is defined for the purpose of section 879 of the UK Income Tax Act 2007) making an advance hereunder or (ii) in respect of an advance made hereunder by a Person that was a bank (as so defined) at the time that the advance was made and, in either case, which is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax as respects any payments of interest made in respect of that advance;
- (b) a Lender which is:
 - (i) a company resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom tax purposes;
 - (ii) a partnership each member of which is:
 - (x) a company so resident in the United Kingdom; or
 - (y) a company not so resident in the United Kingdom which carries on a trade in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment and which is required to bring into account in computing its chargeable profits (within the meaning of section 19 of the UK Corporation Tax Act 2009) the whole of any share of interest payable in respect of that advance that falls to it by reason of Part 17 of the UK Corporation Tax Act 2009;
 - (iii) a company not so resident in the United Kingdom which carries on a trade in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment and which brings into account that interest payable in respect of that advance in computing the chargeable profits (for the purposes of section 19 of the UK Corporation Tax Act 2009) of that company; or
- (c) a Treaty Lender.

“UK Security Agreement” means (a) the two Debentures, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, among the UK Borrowers, respectively, and the European Collateral Agent, (b) the Deed of Charge, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, among the Irish Borrower and the European Collateral Agent, and (c) the Deeds of Charge, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, among Office Depot International B.V. and Office Depot B.V., respectively, and the European Collateral Agent, as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, (d) the Deed of Charge, dated as of December 27, 2010, between Office Depot Finance B.V. and the European Collateral Agent, (e) any other charge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any other UK Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on the property of any UK Loan Party (or any other property located in the United Kingdom)) and (f) any other charge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on any property located in the United Kingdom), which charge or security agreement is designated by the European Administrative Agent as a “UK Security Agreement”, in each case as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

“United Kingdom” and “UK” means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

“United States” and “US” means the United States of America.

“Unliquidated Obligations” means, at any time, any Secured Obligations (or portion thereof) that are contingent in nature or unliquidated at such time, including any Secured Obligation that is: (i) an obligation to reimburse a bank for drawings not yet made under a letter of credit issued by it; (ii) any other obligation (including any guarantee) that is contingent in nature at such time; or (iii) an obligation to provide collateral to secure any of the foregoing types of obligations.

“US Borrower” means any Borrower that is a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“US Borrowing Base” means, at any time, with respect to the US Loan Parties, the sum of:

(a) the sum of (i) the product of (A) 85% multiplied by (B) the US Loan Parties’ Eligible Accounts (other than Eligible Credit Card Receivables) at such time, minus the Dilution Reserve related to the US Loan Parties, minus any other Reserve related to Accounts of the US Loan Parties, (ii) the product of (A) 90% multiplied by (B) the US Loan Parties’ Eligible Credit Card Receivables at such time minus the Dilution Reserve related to the US Loan Parties, minus any other Reserve related to Accounts of the US Loan Parties, and (iii) the product of (A) 75% multiplied by (B) the Eligible Uninvoiced Accounts Receivable of the US Loan Parties at such time minus the Dilution Reserve related to the US Loan Parties, plus

(b) the lesser of (i) the product of (x) 75% multiplied by (y) the US Loan Parties’ Eligible Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time, minus any Reserves related to the Eligible Inventory of the US Loan Parties and (ii) the product of 85% multiplied by the High Season or Low Season, if applicable, Net Orderly Liquidation Value percentage (as applicable, based on the borrowing base delivery date as required under Section 5.01(f)) identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered by the Administrative Agent multiplied by the US Loan Parties’ Eligible Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time minus any Reserves related to the Eligible Inventory of the US Loan Parties, plus

(c) the lesser of (i) the product of (x) 75% *multiplied by* (y) the US Loan Parties' Eligible LC Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time, *minus*, without duplication of any Reserves accounted for in clause (b) above, Reserves relating to the Eligible LC Inventory of the US Loan Parties and (ii) the product of 85% *multiplied by* the High Season or Low Season, if applicable, Net Orderly Liquidation Value percentage (as applicable, based on the borrowing base delivery date as required under Section 5.01(f)) identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered by the Administrative Agent *multiplied by* the US Loan Parties' Eligible LC Inventory, valued at the lower of cost (determined on a first-in-first-out basis or average cost basis) or market value, at such time *minus*, without duplication of any Reserves accounted for in clause (b) above, Reserves related to the Eligible LC Inventory of the US Loan Parties.

The Administrative Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion, adjust Reserves used in computing the Aggregate Borrowing Base and the US Borrowing Base, with any such changes to be effective three Business Days after delivery of notice thereof to the Borrower Representative and the Lenders. The Aggregate Borrowing Base and the US Borrowing Base at any time shall be determined by reference to the most recent Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate and each other Borrowing Base Certificate delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 5.01(f) of this Agreement.

“US Borrowing Base Certificate” means a certificate, signed and certified as accurate and complete by a Financial Officer of the Borrower Representative, in substantially the form of Exhibit B-2 or another form which is acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion.

“US Collateral Agent” means JPMCB, in its capacity as security trustee for itself, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders, and its successors in such capacity.

“US Letter of Credit” means any letter of credit or similar instrument (including a bank guarantee) acceptable to the applicable Issuing Bank issued in dollars for the purpose of providing credit support to the Company.

“US Loan Party” means, individually and collectively, any Loan Party (including the Company) organized under the laws of the United States.

“US Protective Advance” means a Protective Advance made to or for the account of the Company.

“US Revolving Loan” means a Revolving Loan made to the Company.

“US Security Agreement” means (a) that certain US Security Agreement, dated as of the Initial Effective Date, between the US Loan Parties party thereto and the US Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks), (b) any other pledge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement by any other US Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on the property of any Loan Party organized in the US (or any other property located therein)), or any other Person and (c) any other pledge or security agreement entered into, after the date of this Agreement, by any Loan Party (as required by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for the purpose of creating a Lien on any property located in the US), which charge or security agreement is designated by the Administrative Agent as a “US Security Agreement”, in each case as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

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

“US Swingline Loan” means a Swingline Loan made to the Company.

“VAT” means value added tax as provided for in the VATA 1994 or any similar or substitute tax.

“VATA 1994” means The Value Added Tax Act 1994.

“Vendor Rebates” means, with respect to any Loan Party, credits earned from vendors for volume purchases that reduce net inventory costs for such Loan Party.

“Wage Earner Protection Act Reserve” means on any date of determination, a reserve established from time to time by Administrative Agent in such amount as Administrative Agent determines reflects the amounts that may become due under the Wage Earner Protection Program Act (Canada) with respect to the employees of any Loan Party employed in Canada which would give rise to a Lien with priority under applicable law over the Lien securing the Obligations.

“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.

“Working Capital” means, at any date, the excess of current assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries on such date over current liabilities of the Company and its Subsidiaries on such date, all determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

SECTION 1.02 Classification of Loans and Borrowings. For purposes of this Agreement, Loans may be classified and referred to by Facility, (e.g., a “Facility A Loan”), Class (e.g., a “Revolving Loan”) or by Type (e.g., a “Eurocurrency Loan”), by Facility and Class (e.g., a “Facility A Revolving Loan”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “Eurocurrency Revolving Loan”). Borrowings also may be classified and referred to by Class (e.g., a “Borrowing of Revolving Loans”) or by Type (e.g., a “Eurocurrency Borrowing”) or by Class and Type (e.g., a “Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans”).

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.

In this Agreement, where it relates to a Dutch Loan Party, a reference to:

(a) a necessary action to authorize, where applicable, includes without limitation:

- (i) any action required to comply with the Works Councils Act of the Netherlands (*Wet op de ondernemingsraden*); and
- (ii) obtaining an unconditional positive advice (*advies*) from the competent works council(s);

(b) gross negligence includes *grove schuld*;

(c) negligence includes *schuld*;

(d) a security interest includes any mortgage (*hypotheek*), pledge (*pandrecht*), retention of title arrangement (*eigendomsvoorbehoud*), privilege (*voorrecht*), right of retention (*recht van retentie*), right to reclaim goods (*recht van reclame*), and, in general, any right in rem (*beperkte recht*), created for the purpose of granting security (*goederenrechtelijk zekerheidsrecht*);

(e) wilful misconduct includes *opzet*;

(f) a winding-up, administration or dissolution (and any of those terms) includes a Dutch entity being declared bankrupt (*failliet verklaard*) or dissolved (*ontbonden*);

(g) a moratorium includes *surseance van betaling* and granted a moratorium includes *surséance verleend*;

(h) any step or procedure taken in connection with insolvency proceedings includes a Dutch entity having filed a notice under section 36 of the Dutch Tax Collection Act (*Invorderingswet 1990*);

(i) an administrative receiver includes a *curator*;

(j) an administrator includes a *bewindvoerder*; and

(k) an attachment includes a *beslag*.

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 Representative notifies the Administrative Agent that the Borrowers request 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 Representative 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. In the event that historical accounting practices, systems or reserves relating to the components of the Aggregate Borrowing Base or the Borrowing Base of any Borrower are modified in a manner that is adverse to the Lenders in any material respect, the Borrowers will agree to maintain such additional reserves (for purposes of computing the Aggregate Borrowing Base and the Borrowing Base of each

Borrower) in respect to the components of the Aggregate Borrowing Base and the Borrowing Base of each Borrower and make such other adjustments (which may include maintaining additional reserves, modifying the advance rates or modifying the eligibility criteria for the components of the Aggregate Borrowing Base and the Borrowing Base of each Borrower). Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, (a) all computations of amounts and ratios referred to in this Agreement shall be made without giving effect to any election under FASB ASC Topic 825 "Financial Instruments" (or any other financial accounting standard having a similar result or effect) to value any Indebtedness of the Company or its Subsidiaries at "fair value" as defined therein and (b) Indebtedness shall not include any obligations under leases that would be classified as operating leases under GAAP as in effect on the date hereof, and the payments thereon shall not constitute interest expense.

SECTION 1.05 Currency Translations. (a) For purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, where the permissibility of a transaction or determinations of required actions or circumstances depend upon compliance with, or are determined by reference to, amounts stated in dollars, such amounts shall be deemed to refer to dollars or Dollar Equivalents and any requisite currency translation shall be based on the Spot Selling Rate and the permissibility of actions taken under Article VI shall not be affected by subsequent fluctuations in exchange rates (provided that if Indebtedness is incurred to refinance or renew other Indebtedness, and such refinancing or renewal would cause the applicable dollar denominated limitation to be exceeded if calculated at the Spot Selling Rate, such dollar denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as (i) such refinancing or renewal Indebtedness is denominated in the same currency as such Indebtedness being refinanced or renewed and (ii) the principal amount of such refinancing or renewal Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced or renewed except as permitted under Section 6.01).

(b) For purposes of all calculations and determinations under this Agreement, any amount in any currency other than dollars shall be deemed to refer to dollars or Dollar Equivalents and any requisite currency translation shall be based on the Spot Selling Rate, and all certificates delivered under this Agreement, shall express such calculations or determinations in dollars or Dollar Equivalents.

ARTICLE II

The Credits

SECTION 2.01 Commitments. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (a) each Facility A Lender agrees to make Revolving Loans (the "Facility A Revolving Loans") from time to time during the Availability Period to the Company in dollars and (b) each Facility B Lender agrees to make Revolving Loans (the "Facility B Revolving Loans") from time to time during the Availability Period to the Facility B Borrowers in dollars, Euros and Sterling, if, in each case after giving effect thereto:

(i) the Facility A Revolving Exposure or Facility B Revolving Exposure of any Lender would not exceed such Lender's Facility A Commitment or Facility B Commitment, respectively;

(ii) the total Revolving Exposure would not exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base;

(iii) the total Facility A Revolving Exposure would not exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility A Commitments and (y) the US Borrowing Base;

(iv) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure would not exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base *minus* the Facility A Revolving Exposure;

(v) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure relating to the European Borrowers would not exceed the European Sublimit; and

(vi) the total Revolving Exposure relating to the Company would not exceed the US Borrowing Base;

subject, in the case of each of clause (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, to the Administrative Agent's authority, in its sole discretion, to make Protective Advances pursuant to the terms of Section 2.04.

Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Borrower may borrow, prepay and reborrow its Revolving Loans.

SECTION 2.02 Loans and Borrowings. (a) Each Loan (other than a Swingline Loan) shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Loans of the same Facility, Class and Type made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments of the applicable Facility and Class. Each Protective Advance and Swingline Loan shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in Sections 2.04 and 2.05.

(b) Subject to Section 2.14, (i) each Borrowing of US Revolving Loans denominated in dollars shall be comprised entirely of ABR Loans or Eurocurrency Loans as the Company may request in accordance herewith, (ii) each Borrowing of US Revolving Loans denominated in Euros or Sterling shall be comprised entirely of Eurocurrency Loans and (iii) each Borrowing of European Revolving Loans shall be comprised entirely of Eurocurrency Loans; provided that all Borrowing of Revolving Loans made on the Restatement Date shall be limited to ABR Borrowings of Revolving Loans denominated in dollars. Each Swingline Loan denominated in dollars (other than European Swingline Loans) shall be an ABR Loan and each Swingline Loan denominated in Euros or Sterling and any European Swingline Loan denominated in dollars shall be an Overnight LIBO Loan. Each Lender may make any Eurocurrency Loan to any Borrower by causing, at its option, 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 Lenders to make Loans in accordance with the terms hereof or Borrowers to repay any such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(c) At the commencement of each Interest Period for any Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and not less than \$5,000,000. ABR Borrowing of Revolving Loans may be in any amount. 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 12 Eurocurrency Borrowings outstanding.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, neither the Borrower Representative nor any Borrower shall be entitled to request, or to elect to convert or continue, any Borrowing if the Interest Period requested with respect thereto would end after the Maturity Date.

(e) Each Facility A Loan shall be made in dollars and each Facility B Loan shall be made in dollars, Euros or Sterling.

SECTION 2.03 Requests for Borrowing of Revolving Loans. To request a Borrowing of Revolving Loans, the Borrower Representative (or the applicable Borrower) shall notify the Administrative Agent, in the case of a requested Borrowing of Facility A Revolving Loans, or the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent, in the case of a requested Borrowing of Facility B Revolving Loans, in each case either in writing (delivered by hand or facsimile) in a form approved by the Administrative Agent and/or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, and signed by the Borrower Representative (or the applicable Borrower) or by telephone as follows:

(a) in the case of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 12:00 p.m., Local Time (or in case of an ABR Borrowing, the proceeds of which are to be applied to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.06(e), not later than 9:00 a.m., Local Time) on the date of the proposed Borrowing, and

(b) in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing, not later than 10:00 a.m., Local Time, three Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing.

Each telephonic Borrowing Request shall be irrevocable and shall be confirmed promptly by hand delivery or facsimile of a written Borrowing Request in a form approved by the Administrative Agent and/or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, and signed by the Borrower Representative (or the Borrower making such request). Each such telephonic and written Borrowing Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.01:

- (i) the name of the applicable Borrower;
- (ii) the aggregate amount of the requested Borrowing and a breakdown of the separate wires comprising such Borrowing;
- (iii) the Facility under which such Borrowing shall be made;
- (iv) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;
- (v) in the case of a Borrowing requested on behalf of a Facility B Borrower, the currency of the requested Borrowing;
- (vi) whether such Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing or a Eurocurrency Borrowing; and
- (vii) in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing, the initial Interest Period to be applicable thereto, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period."

If no election as to the Type of Borrowing of Revolving Loans is specified, then (A) a Borrowing of Revolving Loans requested in dollars shall be an ABR Borrowing and (B) a Borrowing of Revolving Loans requested in Euros or Sterling shall be a Eurocurrency Borrowing with an Interest Period of one month. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans, then the applicable Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. Promptly following receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of the amount of such Lender's Loan to be made as part of the requested Borrowing.

SECTION 2.04 Protective Advances. (a) Subject to the limitations set forth below, the Administrative Agent is authorized by the Borrowers and the Lenders, from time to time in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion (but shall have absolutely no obligation to), to make (or authorize the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, to make) (i) Loans to the Company in dollars on behalf of the Facility A Lenders (each such Loan, a "Facility A Protective Advance"), (ii) Loans to the Company in dollars, Euros or Sterling on behalf of the Facility B Lenders (each such Loan, a "Facility B US Protective Advance") and (iii) Loans to any European Borrower in dollars, Euros or Sterling on behalf of the Facility B Lenders (each such Loan, a "European Protective Advances"), which the Administrative Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, deems necessary or desirable (i) to preserve or protect the Collateral, or any portion thereof, (ii) to enhance the likelihood of, or maximize the amount of, repayment of the Loans and other Obligations or (iii) to pay any other amount chargeable to or required to be paid by any of the Borrowers pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including payments of reimbursable expenses (including costs, fees, and expenses as described in Section 9.03) and other sums payable under the Loan Documents (any of such Loans are herein referred to as "Protective Advances"); provided that no Protective Advance may remain outstanding for more than 30 days; provided further that the aggregate amount of (A) Protective Advances outstanding at any time shall not (x) exceed \$50,000,000 or (y) when added to the total Revolving Exposure, exceed the aggregate amount of the Commitments, (B) Facility A Protective Advances outstanding at any time shall not, when added to the total Facility A Revolving Exposure, exceed the aggregate amount of the Facility A Commitments, (C) Facility B Protective Advances outstanding at any time shall not, when added to the total Facility B Revolving Exposure, exceed the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments and (D) European Protective Advances outstanding at any time shall not, when added to the total Facility B Revolving Exposure relating to the European Borrowers, exceed the European Sublimit (provided that, for purposes of clauses (A) through (D) above, at any time when any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Commitment shall be disregarded). Protective Advances may be made even if the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02 have not been satisfied. The Protective Advances shall be secured by the Liens in favor of each applicable Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) in and to the Collateral and shall constitute Obligations hereunder. All Protective Advances denominated in dollars shall be ABR Borrowings and all Protective Advances denominated in Euros or Sterling shall be Overnight LIBO Borrowings. The Administrative Agent's authorization to make Protective Advances may be revoked at any time by the Required Lenders. Any such revocation must be in writing and shall become effective prospectively upon the Administrative Agent's receipt thereof. At any time that there is sufficient Aggregate Availability and the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02 have been satisfied, the Administrative Agent may request the Lenders to make a Revolving Loan, in the currency in which the applicable Protective Advance was denominated, to repay a Protective Advance. At any other time the Administrative Agent may require the Lenders to fund, in the currency in which the applicable Protective Advance was denominated, their risk participations described in Section 2.04(b). It is agreed that the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable shall endeavor, but without any obligation, to notify the Borrower Representative promptly after the making of any Protective Advance.

(b) Upon the making of a Protective Advance by the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, in accordance with the terms hereof, each Facility A Lender or Facility B Lender, as applicable, shall be deemed, without further action by any party hereto, to have unconditionally and irrevocably purchased from the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, without recourse or warranty, an undivided interest and participation in such Facility A Protective Advance or Facility B Protective Advance, as applicable, in proportion to its Applicable Percentage. From and after the date, if any, on which any Lender is required to fund its participation in any Protective Advance purchased hereunder, the Administrative Agent or European Administrative Agent, as applicable, shall promptly distribute to such Lender, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of all payments of principal and interest and all proceeds of Collateral received by the Administrative Agent in respect of such Protective Advance.

SECTION 2.05 Swingline Loans. (a) Swingline Loans.

(i) The Administrative Agent, the US Swingline Lender and the Facility A Lenders agree that in order to facilitate the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, promptly after the Borrower Representative requests an ABR Borrowing under Facility A on behalf of the Company, the US Swingline Lender may elect to have the terms of this Section 2.05(a)(i) apply to such Borrowing Request by advancing, on behalf of the Facility A Lenders and in the amount so requested, same day funds to the Company on the applicable Borrowing date to the Funding Account(s) (each such Loan, a "Facility A Swingline Loan"), with settlement among them as to the Facility A Swingline Loans to take place on a periodic basis as set forth in Section 2.05(c). Each Facility A Swingline Loan shall be subject to all the terms and conditions applicable to other ABR Loans funded by the Facility A Lenders, except that all payments thereon shall be payable to the US Swingline Lender solely for its own account. In addition, no Facility A Swingline Loan shall be made if, after giving effect thereto:

(A) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Facility A Swingline Loans would exceed the Facility A Swingline Sublimit;

(B) the Facility A Revolving Exposure of any Lender would exceed such Lender's Facility A Commitment;

(C) the total Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the sum of the aggregate amount of the Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base; or

(D) the total Facility A Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility A Commitments and (y) the US Borrowing Base;

subject, in the case of each of clause (A), (C) and (D) above, to the Administrative Agent's authority, in its sole discretion, to make Protective Advances pursuant to the terms of Section 2.04.

(ii) The Administrative Agent, the US Swingline Lender and the Facility B Lenders agree that in order to facilitate the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, promptly after the Borrower Representative requests an ABR Borrowing under Facility B on behalf of the Company, the US Swingline Lender may elect to have the terms of this Section 2.05(a)(ii) apply to such Borrowing Request by advancing, on behalf of the Facility B Lenders and in the amount so requested, same day funds to the Company on the applicable Borrowing date to the Funding Account(s) (each such Loan, a "Facility B US Swingline Loan"), with settlement among them as to the Facility B US Swingline Loans to take place on a periodic basis as set forth in Section 2.05(c). Each Facility B US Swingline Loan shall be subject to all the terms and conditions applicable to other ABR Loans funded by the Facility B Lenders, except that all payments thereon shall be payable to the US Swingline Lender solely for its own account. In addition, no Facility B US Swingline Loan shall be made if, after giving effect thereto:

(A) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Facility B Swingline Loans would exceed the Facility B Swingline Sublimit;

(B) the Facility B Revolving Exposure of any Lender would exceed such Lender's Facility B Commitment;

(C) the total Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base;

(D) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base minus the Facility A Revolving Exposure; or

(E) the total Revolving Exposure relating to the Company would exceed the US Borrowing Base;

subject, in the case of each of clause (A), (C), (D) and (E) above, to the Administrative Agent's authority, in its sole discretion, to make Protective Advances pursuant to the terms of Section 2.04.

(iii) The European Administrative Agent, the European Swingline Lender and the Facility B Lenders agree that in order to facilitate the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, promptly after the Borrower Representative requests a Eurocurrency Borrowing on behalf of any European Borrower (or the applicable European Borrower requests such Borrowing), and provided that such Eurocurrency Borrowing request is received by the European Administrative Agent and the European Swingline Lender not later than 10:00 a.m., London time, the European Swingline Lender may elect to have the terms of this Section 2.05(a)(iii) apply to such Borrowing Request by advancing, on behalf of the Facility B Lenders and in the amount so requested, same day funds to the applicable European Borrower on the applicable Borrowing date to the Funding Account(s) (each such Loan, a "European Swingline Loan"), with settlement among them as to the European Swingline Loans to take place on a periodic basis as set forth in Section 2.05(c). Each European Swingline Loan shall be subject to all the terms and conditions applicable to other Eurocurrency Loans funded by the Facility B Lenders, except that (i) such European Swingline Loan shall accrue interest at a rate determined by reference to the Overnight LIBO Rate and (ii) all payments thereon shall be payable to the European Swingline Lender solely for its own account. In addition, no European Swingline Loan shall be made if, after giving effect thereto:

(A) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Facility B Swingline Loans would exceed the Facility B Swingline Sublimit;

(B) the Facility B Revolving Exposure of any Lender would exceed such Lender's Facility B Commitment;

(C) the total Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base;

(D) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base minus the Facility A Revolving Exposure; or

(E) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure with respect to the European Borrowers would exceed the European Sublimit;

subject, in the case of each of clause (A), (C) and (D) above, to the Administrative Agent's authority, in its sole discretion, to make Protective Advances pursuant to the terms of Section 2.04.

(b) Lender Participations. Upon the making of a Facility A Swingline Loan or a Facility B Swingline Loan (whether before or after the occurrence of a Default and regardless of whether a Settlement has been requested with respect to such Swingline Loan), each Facility A Lender or Facility B Lender, as applicable, shall be deemed, without further action by any party hereto, to have unconditionally and irrevocably purchased from the applicable Swingline Lender, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as the case may be, without recourse or warranty, an undivided interest and participation in such Swingline Loan in proportion to its Applicable Percentage of the Facility A Commitments or Facility B Commitments, as applicable. The applicable Swingline Lender, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent may, at any time, require the applicable Lenders to fund, in the currency in which the applicable Swingline Loan was denominated, their participations. From and after the date, if any, on which any Lender is required to fund its participation in any Swingline Loan purchased hereunder, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, shall promptly distribute to such Lender, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of all payments of principal and interest and all proceeds of Collateral received by such Agent in respect of such Loan.

(c) Swingline Settlements. Each of the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent, on behalf of the US Swingline Lender or the European Swingline Lender, as applicable, shall request settlement (a "Settlement") with the Facility A Lenders or Facility B Lenders, as applicable, on at least a weekly basis or on any earlier date that the Administrative Agent elects, by notifying the applicable Lenders of such requested Settlement by facsimile or e-mail no later than 12:00 noon Local Time (i) on the date of such requested Settlement (the "Settlement Date") with regard to US Swingline Loans and (ii) five Business Days prior to the Settlement Date with regard to European Swingline Loans (or, on the date of such requested Settlement, if a Default or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing). Each Facility A Lender or Facility B Lender, as applicable (other than the Swingline Lenders, in the case of the Swingline Loans) shall transfer, in the currency in which the applicable Loan was denominated, the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding principal amount of the applicable Loan with respect to which Settlement is requested to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, to an account of such Agent as such Agent may designate, not later than 2:00 p.m., Local Time, on such Settlement Date. Settlements may occur during the existence of a Default and whether or not the applicable conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.02 have then been satisfied. Such amounts transferred to the applicable Agent shall be applied against the amounts of the applicable Swingline Lender's Swingline Loans and, together with such Swingline Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swingline Loan, shall constitute Revolving Loans of such applicable Lenders, respectively. If any such amount is not transferred to the applicable Agent by any applicable Lender on such Settlement Date, the applicable Swingline Lender shall be entitled to recover such amount on demand from such Lender together with interest thereon as specified in Section 2.07.

SECTION 2.06 Letters of Credit. (a) General. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower Representative may request the issuance of Letters of Credit for its own account or for the account of another Borrower or for the account of OfficeMax and its Subsidiaries (or any Borrower may request the issuance of Letters of Credit for its own account), in a form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the applicable Issuing Bank (a "Letter of Credit Request"), 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 Representative or any Borrower to, or entered into by the Borrower Representative or any Borrower with, an Issuing Bank relating to any Letter of Credit, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control.

(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 Representative (or the applicable Borrower) shall hand deliver or facsimile (or transmit by electronic communication, if arrangements for doing so have been approved by the applicable Issuing Bank) to the applicable Issuing Bank and the Administrative Agent or European Administrative Agent, as applicable (prior to 9:00 a.m., Local Time, at least three Business Days prior to the requested date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension) a Letter of Credit Request, 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 currency of such Letter of Credit (which shall be in dollars, in the case of each Facility A Letter of Credit, or dollars, Euros or Sterling, in the case of each Facility B 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 applicable Issuing Bank, the applicable Borrower also shall submit a letter of credit application on such Issuing Bank's standard form in connection with any request for a Letter of Credit. A Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended, renewed or extended only if (and upon issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of each Letter of Credit the Borrowers shall be deemed to represent and warrant that), after giving effect to such issuance, amendment, renewal or extension (i) the aggregate LC Exposure shall not exceed the LC Sublimit and (ii) the Facility B LC Exposure shall not exceed \$25,000,000. In addition, no Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended, renewed or extended if, after giving effect to such issuance, amendment, renewal or extension:

(A) the Facility A Revolving Exposure of any Lender would exceed such Lender's Facility A Commitment;

(B) the Facility B Revolving Exposure of any Lender would exceed such Lender's Facility B Commitment;

(C) the total Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base;

(D) the total Facility A Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility A Commitments and (y) the US Borrowing Base;

(E) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base *minus* the Facility A Revolving Exposure; or

(F) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure relating to the European Borrowers would exceed the European Sublimit;

(G) the total Revolving Exposure relating to the Company would exceed the US Borrowing Base;

subject, in the case of each of clause (C), (D) and (E) above, to the Administrative Agent's authority, in its sole discretion, to make Protective Advances pursuant to the terms of Section 2.04.

(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), subject to automatic extension or renewal for successive one-year periods and (ii) the date that is five Business Days prior to the 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 any Issuing Bank or the Lenders, the applicable Issuing Bank hereby grants to each Facility A Lender, with respect to a Facility A Letter of Credit, or each Facility B Lender, with respect to a Facility B Letter of Credit, and each Facility A Lender or Facility B Lender, as applicable, hereby acquires from the applicable 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 or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, in the same currency as the applicable LC Disbursement, for the account of the applicable Issuing Bank, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of each LC Disbursement made by such Issuing Bank and not reimbursed by the Borrowers on the date due as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section, or of any reimbursement payment required to be refunded to the Borrowers 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 any Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit, the applicable Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement by paying to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, in the currency in which the applicable Letter of Credit was issued, an amount equal to such LC Disbursement not later than 1:00 p.m., Local Time, on the date that such LC Disbursement is made, if the Borrower Representative or the applicable Borrower shall have received notice of such LC Disbursement prior to 9:00 a.m., Local Time, on such date, or, if such notice has not been received by the Borrower Representative or the applicable Borrower prior to such time on such date, then not later than 11:00 a.m., Local Time, on (i) the Business Day that the Borrower Representative or the applicable Borrower receives such notice, if such notice is received prior to 9:00 a.m., Local Time, on the day of receipt, or (ii) the Business Day immediately following the day that the Borrower Representative or the applicable Borrower receives such notice, if such notice is not received prior to such time on the day of receipt; provided that the Borrower Representative on behalf of the applicable Borrower (or the applicable Borrower) may, subject to the conditions to borrowing set forth herein, request in accordance with Section 2.03 or 2.05 that such payment be financed with a Borrowing of Revolving Loans or Swingline Loan in an equivalent amount and like currency and, to the extent so financed, the Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting Borrowing of Revolving Loans or Swingline Loan; provided further that no such payment shall be permitted to be financed with a Eurocurrency Borrowing. If any Borrower fails to make such payment when due, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Facility A Lender or Facility B Lender, as applicable, of the applicable LC Disbursement, the payment then due from the Borrowers in respect thereof and such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof. Promptly following receipt of such notice, each applicable Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, in the same currency as the applicable LC Disbursement, its Applicable Percentage of the payment then due from the applicable 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 applicable Agent shall promptly pay to the applicable Issuing Bank the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. Promptly following receipt by the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as the case may be, of any payment from a Borrower pursuant to this paragraph, such Agent shall distribute such payment to the applicable Issuing Bank or, to the extent that Lenders have made payments pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse the applicable Issuing Bank, then such Agent shall distribute such payment to such Lenders and the applicable Issuing Bank as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Lender pursuant to this paragraph to reimburse the applicable Issuing Bank for any LC Disbursement (other than the funding of Revolving Loans or a Swingline Loan as contemplated above) shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve the Borrowers or the Loan Guarantors of their respective obligations to reimburse such LC Disbursement.

(f) Obligations Absolute. The Borrowers' obligations 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 an 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 Borrowers' obligations hereunder. Neither the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, the Lenders nor the Issuing Banks, 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 applicable Issuing Bank; provided that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse the applicable Issuing Bank from liability to any Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to consequential damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrowers to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by such Borrower that are caused by the applicable 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 an Issuing Bank (as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction), such Issuing Bank shall be deemed to have exercised care in each such determination. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, the parties agree that, with respect to documents presented which appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit, the applicable 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 applicable Issuing Bank shall, promptly following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit. The applicable Issuing Bank shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, and the Borrower Representative (or applicable Borrower) by telephone (confirmed by facsimile) of such demand for payment and whether such Issuing Bank has

made or will make an LC Disbursement thereunder; provided that any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve the Borrowers or the Loan Guarantors of their obligations to reimburse the applicable Issuing Bank and the Lenders with respect to any such LC Disbursement.

(h) Interim Interest. If any Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement, then, unless a 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 a Borrower reimburses such LC Disbursement, at the rate per annum then applicable to ABR Revolving Loans, in the case of an LC Disbursement in respect of a US Letter of Credit denominated in dollars, and at the rate per annum then applicable to Overnight LIBO Loans, in the case of an LC Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit denominated in Euros or Sterling or a European Letter of Credit denominated in dollars; provided that, if the Borrowers fail to reimburse such LC Disbursement when due pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section, then Section 2.13(d) shall apply. Interest accrued pursuant to this paragraph shall be for the account of the applicable Issuing Bank, except that interest accrued on and after the date of payment by any Lender pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Section to reimburse such Issuing Bank shall be for the account of such Lender to the extent of such payment.

(i) Replacement of the Issuing Banks. Any Issuing Bank may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower Representative, the Administrative Agent (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), the replaced Issuing Bank and the successor Issuing Bank. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of an Issuing Bank. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrowers 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 an Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued thereafter and (ii) references herein to the term "Issuing Bank" shall be deemed to refer to such successor or to any previous Issuing Bank, or to such successor and all previous Issuing Banks, as the context shall require. After the replacement of 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 Representative 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 more than 50% of the total LC Exposure) demanding the deposit of cash collateral pursuant to this paragraph or if any of the other provisions hereof require cash collateralization, the Borrowers shall deposit in an account with the applicable Collateral Agent, in the name of such Collateral Agent and for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks (the "LC Collateral Account"), an amount, in cash and in the currency in which the applicable Letters of Credit are denominated, equal to 103% of the LC Exposure as of such date *plus* accrued and unpaid interest and fees 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 any Borrower described in clause (h) or (i) of Article VII. Such deposit shall be held by the applicable Collateral Agent as collateral for the payment and performance of the Secured Obligations. Each Collateral Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over such account, such account shall be subject to a Deposit Account Control Agreement and/or acknowledgement of notice, as applicable, and each Borrower hereby grants the Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) a security interest

in the LC Collateral Account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made at the option and sole discretion of each Collateral Agent and at each 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 each Collateral Agent to reimburse the applicable 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 Borrowers 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 more than 50% of the total LC Exposure), be applied to satisfy other Secured Obligations. If the Borrowers are 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 applicable Borrower or Borrower Representative for the account of the applicable Borrower within two Business Days after all such Defaults have been cured or waived.

(k) On the Third Amendment Effective Date, (i) each Existing Letter of Credit, to the extent outstanding, shall be automatically and without further action by the parties thereto deemed converted into a Facility A Letter of Credit pursuant to this Section 2.06 at the request of the Company and subject to the provisions hereof as if each such Existing Letter of Credit had been issued on the Third Amendment Effective Date, (ii) each such Existing Letter of Credit shall be included in the calculation of LC Exposure and "Facility A LC Exposure" or "Facility B LC Exposure", as applicable and (iii) all liabilities of the Company and the other Loan Parties with respect to such Existing Letters of Credit shall constitute Obligations.

SECTION 2.07 Funding of Borrowings. (a) Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the proposed date thereof by wire transfer of immediately available funds by 2:00 p.m., Local Time, to the account of the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, in an amount equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage; provided that Swingline Loans shall be made as provided in Section 2.05. Each of the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, will make such Loans available to the Borrower Representative (or, if directed by the Borrower Representative, to the account of the applicable Borrower) by promptly crediting the amounts so received, in like funds, to the Funding Account(s); provided that Revolving Loans made to finance the reimbursement of (i) an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.06(e) shall be remitted by the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, to the applicable Issuing Bank and (ii) a Protective Advance shall be retained by the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, and disbursed in its discretion.

(b) Unless the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, 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 or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with paragraph (a) of this Section and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the applicable Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable (a "Non-Funding Lender"), then the applicable Lender and the Borrowers agree (jointly and severally with each other Borrower, but severally and not jointly with the applicable Lenders) to pay to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the applicable Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, at (i) in the

case of such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation or (ii) in the case of the Borrowers, the interest rate applicable to ABR Loans (in the case of dollar-denominated amounts) or Overnight LIBO Loans (in the case of Euro or Sterling-denominated amounts). If such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrowers shall preserve their rights and remedies against any Non-Funding Lender which has not made Loans required by the terms and provisions hereof.

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

(b) To make an election pursuant to this Section, the Borrower Representative shall notify the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, of such election by telephone by the time that a Borrowing Request would be required under Section 2.03 if the Borrowers were requesting a Borrowing of Revolving Loans 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 facsimile to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, of a written Interest Election Request in a form approved by the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, and signed by the Borrower Representative.

(c) Each telephonic and written Interest Election Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

(A) the Borrower, the Facility and 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);

(B) the effective date of the election made pursuant to such Interest Election Request, which shall be a Business Day;

(C) whether the resulting Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing or a Eurocurrency Borrowing; and

(D) if the resulting Borrowing is a Eurocurrency 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 Eurocurrency Borrowing but does not specify an Interest Period, then the Borrowers 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 or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of such Lender's portion of each resulting Borrowing.

(e) If the Borrower Representative fails to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans 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 (i) an ABR Borrowing, in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans denominated in dollars, or (ii) an Overnight LIBO Borrowing, in the case of a Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans denominated in Euros or Sterling. 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 Representative, then, so long as an Event of Default is continuing (i) no outstanding Borrowing of Revolving Loans may be converted to or continued as a Eurocurrency Borrowing and (ii) unless repaid, (A) each Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans denominated in dollars shall be converted to an ABR Borrowing at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto and (B) each Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans denominated in Euros or Sterling shall be converted to an Overnight LIBO Borrowing at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

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

(b) The Borrowers may at any time terminate in full the Commitments and/or may at any time terminate in full the European Sublimit upon (i) the payment in full in cash of all outstanding Loans or European Loans, as applicable, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon and on any Letters of Credit or European Letters of Credit, as applicable, (ii) the cancellation and return of all outstanding Letters of Credit or European Letters of Credit, as applicable (or alternatively, with respect to each applicable Letter of Credit, the furnishing to the applicable Collateral Agent of a cash deposit in the currency in which the applicable Letters of Credit are denominated (or at the discretion of the Administrative Agent a back up standby letter of credit satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and in the currency in which the applicable Letters of Credit are denominated) equal to 103% of the LC Exposure as of such date), (iii) the payment in full in cash of the accrued and unpaid fees and (iv) the payment in full in cash of all reimbursable expenses and other Obligations or Obligations of the European Borrowers, as applicable, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon. Upon the termination in full of the European Sublimit and the satisfaction in full of the Obligations of the European Borrowers (other than Obligations in respect of contingent liabilities not then due), (x) the European Borrowers will be released from their obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including, but not limited to, all reporting obligations contained in Section 5.01 relating to the European Borrowing Base) in their capacities as such, other than in respect of obligations which expressly survive the term of this Agreement, (y) all Collateral and any Loan Guaranties of the European Borrowers will be released and (z) all events relating to any Minimum European Availability Period will cease to have effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the termination of the European Sublimit without a corresponding termination of the Commitments shall have no effect on the availability to the Company of the Facility B Commitments.

(c) The Borrowers may from time to time reduce the Commitments; provided that (i) each such reduction shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and not less than

\$5,000,000, (ii) each such reduction shall be applied to the Facility A Commitments and the Facility B Commitments ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of the Commitments at such time and (iii) the Borrowers shall not reduce the Commitments if, after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Loans in accordance with Section 2.10, (A) the total Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base, (B) the total Facility A Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility A Commitments and (y) the US Borrowing Base, (C) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure would exceed the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base *minus* the Facility A Revolving Exposure or (D) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure with respect to the European Borrowers would exceed the European Sublimit.

(d) The Borrower Representative shall notify the Administrative Agent of any election to terminate or reduce the Commitments or the European Sublimit under paragraph (b) or (c) 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 Representative pursuant to this Section shall be irrevocable; provided that a notice of termination of the Commitments delivered by the Borrower Representative 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 Representative (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.

SECTION 2.10 Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Debt. (a) The Borrowers hereby unconditionally promise to pay to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable (i) for the account of each Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Loan on the Maturity Date and (ii) the then unpaid amount of each Protective Advance on the earlier of the Maturity Date and demand by such Agent.

(b) During any Full Cash Dominion Period, on each Business Day, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, shall apply all funds credited to any applicable Collection Account as of 10:00 a.m., Local Time, on such Business Day (whether or not immediately available) first to prepay any Protective Advances that may be outstanding, pro rata, and second to prepay the Revolving Loans (including Swingline Loans) (without a corresponding reduction in Commitments) and to cash collateralize outstanding LC Exposure; provided that during any Full Cash Dominion Period which is based solely on a European Full Cash Dominion Period (but not a Total Full Cash Dominion Period) the foregoing shall apply exclusively to the European Borrowers (including any Collection Account thereof) and the prepayment and/or cash collateralization of European Protective Advances, European Revolving Loans and Revolving Exposure relating to the European Borrowers in respect of their Facility B Loans. Any such application of funds shall be made (i) from Collections Accounts of the US Loan Parties first in respect of Obligations of the US Loan Parties under each Facility ratably in accordance with the then outstanding amounts thereof and second in respect of Obligations of the European Loan Parties and (ii) from Collections Accounts of the European Loan Parties and shall be made solely in respect of Obligations of the European Loan Parties. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, after an Event of Default, funds credited to any applicable Collection Account shall be applied in accordance with Section 2.18(b)(ii).

(c) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the Borrowers 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.

(d) [Reserved].

(e) The entries made in the accounts maintained pursuant to paragraph (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, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent to maintain such accounts or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrowers to repay the Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(f) Any Lender may request that Loans made by it be evidenced by a promissory note. In such event, the Borrowers shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender a promissory note payable to the order of 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 order of the payee named therein (or, if such promissory note is a registered note, to such payee and its registered assigns).

SECTION 2.11 Prepayment of Loans. (a) The Borrowers shall have the right at any time and from time to time, and without premium or penalty, to prepay any Borrowing in whole or in part, subject to prior notice in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Section.

(b) Except for Protective Advances permitted under Section 2.04, in the event and on such occasion that:

(i) the Facility A Revolving Exposure or Facility B Revolving Exposure of any Lender exceeds such Lender's Facility A Commitment or Facility B Commitment, respectively;

(ii) the total Revolving Exposure exceeds the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Commitments or (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base;

(iii) the total Facility A Revolving Exposure exceeds the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility A Commitments and (y) the US Borrowing Base;

(iv) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure exceeds the lesser of (x) the aggregate amount of the Facility B Commitments and (y) the Aggregate Borrowing Base minus the Facility A Revolving Exposure;

(v) the total Facility B Revolving Exposure relating to the European Borrowers exceeds the European Sublimit; or

(vi) the total Revolving Exposure relating to the Company exceeds the US Borrowing Base;

the Borrowers, as applicable, shall promptly prepay the Revolving Loans, LC Exposure and/or Swingline Loans in an aggregate amount equal to such excess.

(c) The Borrower Representative shall notify the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent, as applicable (and in the case of prepayment of a Swingline Loan, the applicable Swingline Lender) by telephone (confirmed by facsimile) of any prepayment hereunder (i) in the case of prepayment of a Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans, not later than 10:00 a.m., Local Time, two Business Days before the date of prepayment, or (ii) in the case of prepayment of an ABR Borrowing of Revolving Loans or an Overnight LIBO Borrowing of Revolving Loans, not later than 10:00 a.m., Local Time, on the Business Day before 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, then such notice of prepayment may be revoked if such notice of termination is revoked in accordance with Section 2.09. Promptly following receipt of any such notice relating to a Borrowing of Revolving Loans, the applicable Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each partial prepayment of any Borrowing of Revolving Loans shall be in an amount that would be permitted in the case of an advance of a Borrowing of Revolving Loans of the same Type as provided in Section 2.02. Each prepayment of a Borrowing of Revolving Loans shall be applied ratably to the Revolving 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 Borrowers agree to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a commitment fee, which shall accrue at the Applicable Commitment Fee Rate on the average daily amount of the Available Commitment of such Lender during the period from and including the Restatement Date to but excluding the date on which the Lenders' Commitments terminate. Accrued commitment fees shall be payable in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter and on the date on which the Commitments terminate, commencing on the first such date to occur after the Restatement Date. All commitment fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed.

(b) The Borrowers agree 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 Spread in the case of standby Letters of Credit, and 50% of the Applicable Spread in the case of trade Letters of Credit, in each case used to determine the interest rate applicable to Eurocurrency 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 Restatement 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 applicable Issuing Bank a fronting fee, which shall accrue at the rate of 0.125% per annum 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 Restatement 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 such 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 each calendar quarter shall be payable within three Business Days of the end of each calendar quarter and on the date on which the Commitments terminate, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date hereof; 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 an 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.

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

(d) All fees payable hereunder shall be paid on the dates due, in immediately available dollars, to the Administrative Agent (or to the applicable Issuing Bank, in the case of fees payable to an Issuing Bank) for distribution, in the case of commitment 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 US Swingline Loan and each Protective Advance denominated in dollars) shall bear interest at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Spread.

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

(c) The Loans comprising each Overnight LIBO Borrowing (including each European Swingline Loan and each Facility B Protective Advance denominated in Euros or Sterling) shall bear interest at the Overnight LIBO Rate plus the Applicable Spread.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders may, at their option, by notice to the Borrower Representative (which notice may be revoked at the option of the Required Lenders notwithstanding any provision of Section 9.02 requiring the consent of "each Lender directly affected thereby" for reductions in interest rates), declare that (i) all Loans and participation fees on account of Letters of Credit shall bear interest at 2% plus the rate otherwise applicable to such Loans or participation fees, as applicable, as provided in the preceding paragraphs of this Section or (ii) in the case of any other amount outstanding hereunder, (x) if such amount is denominated in dollars, such amount shall accrue at 2% plus the rate applicable to ABR Loans as provided in paragraph (a) of this Section, and (y) if such amount is denominated in Euros or Sterling, such amount shall accrue at 2% plus the rate applicable to Overnight LIBO Rate Loans as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section.

(e) Accrued interest on each Loan (for ABR Loans and Overnight LIBO Loans, accrued through the last day of the prior calendar month) shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Loan and upon termination of the Commitments; provided that (i) interest accrued pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Section shall be payable on demand, (ii) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan (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 Eurocurrency 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.

(f) All interest hereunder shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, except that (i) interest computed by reference to the Alternate Base Rate at times when the Alternate Base Rate is based on the Prime Rate shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year), and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed and (ii) interest computed on Loans and Letters of Credit denominated in Sterling shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days, and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed. The applicable Alternate Base Rate, LIBO Rate or Overnight LIBO Rate shall be determined by the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, and such determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(g) All interest hereunder shall be paid in the currency in which the Loan giving rise to such interest is denominated.

SECTION 2.14 Alternate Rate of Interest. (a) If prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a Eurocurrency 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 or the LIBO Rate, as applicable, for such Interest Period; or

(B) the Administrative Agent is advised by the Required Lenders that the Adjusted LIBO Rate or the LIBO Rate, as applicable, for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in such Borrowing for such Interest Period;

then the Administrative Agent shall give notice thereof to the Borrower Representative and the Lenders by telephone or facsimile as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower Representative 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 Borrowing of Revolving Loans to, or continuation of any Borrowing of Revolving Loans as, a Eurocurrency Borrowing shall be ineffective, (ii) if any Borrowing Request requests a Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans denominated in dollars, such Borrowing shall be made as an ABR Borrowing and (iii) if any Borrowing Request requests a Eurocurrency Borrowing of Revolving Loans denominated in Euros or Sterling, such Borrowing shall be made as an Alternate Rate Borrowing.

(b) If at any time:

(A) the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Overnight LIBO Rate; or

(B) the Administrative Agent is advised by the Required Lenders that the Overnight LIBO Rate will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (or Lender) of making or maintaining their Loans (or its Loan) included in any Overnight LIBO Borrowing;

then the Administrative Agent shall give notice thereof to the Borrower Representative and the Lenders by telephone or facsimile as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower Representative and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist, any Overnight LIBO Borrowing (including any Facility B Swingline Loan denominated in Euros or Sterling) shall be made as an Alternate Rate Borrowing.

SECTION 2.15 Increased Costs. (a) If any Change in Law shall:

(A) subject any Credit Party to any (or any increase in any) Other Connection Taxes with respect to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, any Letter of Credit, or any participation in a Letter of Credit or any Loan made or Letter of Credit issued by it, except any such Taxes imposed on or measured by its net income or profits (however denominated) or franchise taxes imposed in lieu of net income or profits taxes;

(B) 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 Overnight LIBO Rate) or any Issuing Bank; or

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

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender or such other Credit Party of making or maintaining any Eurocurrency Loan or Overnight LIBO Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan) or to increase the cost to such Lender or such other Credit Party 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 such other Credit Party hereunder (whether of principal, interest or otherwise), then the Borrowers will pay to such Lender or such other Credit Party, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such other Credit Party, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

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

(c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) all requests, rules, guidelines, requirements and directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or by United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III and (ii) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith shall, in each case, be deemed to be a Change in Law, regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

(d) A certificate of a Lender or any Issuing Bank setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or such Issuing Bank or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section shall be delivered to the Borrower Representative and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrowers shall pay such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

(e) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or any Issuing Bank to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or such Issuing

Bank's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Borrowers shall not be required to compensate a Lender or an Issuing Bank pursuant to this Section for any increased costs or reductions incurred more than 270 days prior to the date that such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower Representative of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's intention to claim compensation therefor; provided further that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the 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 Eurocurrency 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 Eurocurrency Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, (c) the failure to borrow, convert, continue or prepay any Eurocurrency Loan on the date specified in any notice delivered pursuant hereto (regardless of whether such notice may be revoked under Section 2.09(d) and is revoked in accordance therewith), or (d) the assignment of any Eurocurrency Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto as a result of a request by the Borrower Representative pursuant to Section 2.19, then, in any such event, the Borrowers shall compensate each Lender for the loss, cost and expense attributable to such event. In the case of a Eurocurrency 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 eurocurrency 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 Representative and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrowers 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 Loan Party hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall be made free and clear of and without reduction or withholding for any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes; provided that if any applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable Withholding Agent (as defined below)) requires the deduction or withholding of any Indemnified Tax or Other Tax from any such payment (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any such deduction or withholding required to be made by the applicable Loan Party, the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, any Collateral Agent or, in the case of any Lender that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, by such Lender for the account of any of its direct or indirect beneficial owners), the applicable Loan Party, the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, the applicable Collateral Agent, the Lender or the applicable direct or indirect beneficial owner of a Lender that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes (any such person a "Withholding Agent") shall make such deductions and timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax or Other Tax, then the sum payable by the applicable Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, each Collateral Agent, any Lender, any Issuing Bank or its beneficial owner, as the case may be, receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made. A Loan Party is not required to make any payment to a Lender pursuant to this Section 2.17 for a tax deduction in respect of tax imposed by the United Kingdom from a payment of interest on a Borrowing if on the date on which the payment falls due:

(i) the payment could have been made to the relevant Lender without a tax deduction if it was a UK Qualifying Lender, but on that date that Lender is not or has ceased to be a UK Qualifying Lender other than as a result of any change after the date it became a Lender under this Agreement in (or in the interpretation, administration or application of) any law or Treaty, or any published practice or concession of any relevant taxing authority; or

(ii) (A) the relevant Lender is a UK Qualifying Lender solely under clause (b) of the definition of UK Qualifying Lender (a “UK Non-Bank Lender”), (B) an officer of H.M. Revenue & Customs has given (and not revoked) a direction under section 931 of the UK Income Tax Act 2007 (as that provision has effect on the date on which the relevant Lender became a party to this Agreement) which relates to that payment and that Lender has received from a UK Borrower a certified copy of such direction; and (C) the payment could have been made to the Lender without any tax deduction in the absence of such direction; or

(iii) the relevant Lender is a UK Non-Bank Lender and it has not, other than by reason of any change after the date of this Agreement in (or in the interpretation, administration, or application of) any law, or any published practice or concession of any relevant taxing authority, given a Tax Confirmation to a UK Borrower.

(b) Each UK Non-Bank Lender agrees that, prior to becoming a party to this Agreement, it will deliver a Tax Confirmation to the Borrower Representative.

(c) Each UK Non-Bank Lender agrees to promptly notify the Borrower Representative and the Administrative Agent if any of the information contained in the Tax Confirmation of such UK Non-Bank Lender is inaccurate.

(d) Without limiting the provisions of paragraph (a) above, the Borrowers shall timely pay, or at the option of the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent or any Collateral Agent, as applicable, timely reimburse it for the payment of any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.

(e) The Borrowers shall jointly and severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, each Collateral Agent, each Lender and each Issuing Bank, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes payable by the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, such Collateral Agent, such Lender (or its beneficial owner) or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be (including Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other 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 Representative by the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, a Collateral Agent, a Lender or an Issuing Bank (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), as applicable, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. This paragraph (e) shall not apply to the extent that the Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (i) are compensated for by an increased payment under Section 2.17(a) or (ii) would have been compensated for by an increased payment under Section 2.17(a) but were not so compensated solely because one of the exclusions in Section 2.17(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) applied.

(f) Each Lender shall indemnify the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent or any Collateral Agent, as applicable, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Taxes (but, in the case of any Indemnified Taxes and Other Taxes, only to the extent that the Loan Parties have not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and Other Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so) attributable to such Lender that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent or any Collateral Agent, and 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.

(g) As soon as practicable after any payment of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes by a Loan Party to a Governmental Authority, the Borrower Representative 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.

(h) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of any applicable withholding tax with respect to payments hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower Representative (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower Representative or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation prescribed by applicable law as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if requested by the Borrower Representative, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent or any Collateral Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower Representative or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower Representative, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent or any Collateral 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 forms shall not be required if the Lender is not legally entitled to do so, and shall not be required (other than with respect to such documentation set forth in Sections 2.17(h)(i) through (v) below) if in the Lender's judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense (or, in the case of a Change in Law, any incremental material unreimbursed cost or expense) or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that any Borrower is a US Borrower, any Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower Representative 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 Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the request of the Borrower Representative or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(i) in the case of a Lender that is a United States person within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code, duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt,

(ii) in the case of a Foreign Lender, duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN claiming eligibility for benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States of America is a party,

(iii) in the case of a Foreign Lender, duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service 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 to the effect that (A) such Foreign Lender is not (I) a “bank” within the meaning of section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (II) a “10 percent shareholder” of the Borrower within the meaning of section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code or (III) a “controlled foreign corporation” described in section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and (B) the interest payment in question is not effectively connected with the United States trade or business conducted by such Lender (a “U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate”) and (y) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN,

(v) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner (for example, where the Foreign Lender is a partnership or participating Lender granting a typical participation), an Internal Revenue Service Form W-8IMY, accompanied by a Form W-8ECI, W-8BEN, U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate, Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that, if the Foreign Lender is a partnership (and not a participating Lender) and one or more beneficial owners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate on behalf of each such beneficial owner, or

(vi) any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in United States federal withholding tax duly completed together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made.

If a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. Federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Withholding Agent, at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Withholding Agent, such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Withholding Agent as may be necessary for the Withholding Agent to comply with its obligations under FATCA, to determine that such Lender has or has not complied with such Lender’s obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of the preceding sentence, “FATCA” shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

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

(i) Without limiting the generality of Section 2.17(h), in the event that any Borrower is a UK Borrower, a Lender which becomes a party to this Agreement and which holds a passport under

the HM Revenue & Customs DT Treaty Passport scheme and wishes that scheme to apply to this Agreement (where permitted by applicable law) shall notify the Loan Parties to that effect by including its scheme reference number and its jurisdiction of tax residence in the Commitment Schedule or, where applicable, in the form of Assignment and Assumption executed and delivered by that Lender. Following such notification, each UK Borrower shall file a duly completed form DTTP2 in respect of such Lender with HM Revenue & Customs within thirty (30) days of the date of such notification and shall promptly provide the Lender, the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent with a copy of that filing. If a Lender has not notified its scheme reference number and its jurisdiction of tax residence pursuant to this Section 2.17(i), no UK Borrower (or any other Loan Party) shall file any form relating to the HM Revenue & Customs DT Treaty Passport scheme in respect of that Lender's Commitment(s) or its participation in any Borrowing. Nothing in this Section 2.17(i) shall require a Lender to (a) register under the HM Revenue & Customs DT Treaty Passport scheme, (b) to apply the HM Revenue & Customs DT Treaty Passport scheme in respect of any Borrowing if it has so registered or (c) to file Treaty forms (notwithstanding Section 2.17(h)) if it has notified its scheme reference number and its jurisdiction of tax residence in accordance with this Section 2.17(i) and the relevant UK Borrower has not complied with its obligations under this Section 2.17(i).

(j) If the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank determines, in its sole discretion, that it has received a refund of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.17 (including additional amounts paid by any Loan Party pursuant to this Section), 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 Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including any Taxes) of the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, such Collateral Agent, such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided, that such indemnifying party, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, such Collateral Agent, such Lender or such Issuing Bank, agrees to repay the amount paid over pursuant to this Section 2.17(j) (*plus* any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, such Collateral Agent, such Lender or such Issuing Bank in the event the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, such Collateral Agent, such Lender or such Issuing Bank is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (j), in no event will any Issuing Bank or Lender be required to pay any amount to any Loan Party the payment of which would place the Issuing Bank or such Lender in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the Issuing Bank or such Lender would have been in if the indemnification payments or additional amounts giving rise to such refund had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, any Collateral Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes which it deems confidential) to the Borrowers or any other Person nor shall it be construed to require the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, any Collateral Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank, as the case may be, to apply for or otherwise initiate any refund contemplated in this Section 2.17.

(k) All amounts set out, or expressed to be payable under any Loan Document by any party to the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank which (in whole or in part) constitute the consideration for VAT purposes shall be deemed to be exclusive of any VAT which is chargeable in connection therewith. If, in connection with this Agreement, VAT is chargeable to, or in respect of any payment made by any Loan Party to, the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any

Lender or any Issuing Bank, such Loan Party shall promptly pay to the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, such Collateral Agent, such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, an amount equal to the amount of such VAT (and the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, such Collateral Agent, such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, shall promptly provide an appropriate VAT invoice to such party).

(l) Where any party is required under any Loan Document to reimburse the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank, as the case may be, for any costs or expenses, that party shall also at the same time pay and indemnify each such Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank, as the case may be, against all VAT and any stamp duty, registration or other similar tax payables, in each case incurred in connection with the entry into, performance or enforcement of any Loan Document.

(m) The agreements in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

(n) Solely for purposes of determining withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA, from and after the effective date of the Fourth Amendment, the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent shall treat (and the Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent to treat) the Agreement (together with any loans or other extensions of credit pursuant thereto) as not qualifying as a “grandfathered obligation” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.1471-2(b)(2)(i).

SECTION 2.18 Payments Generally; Allocation of Proceeds; Sharing of Set-offs. (a) The Borrowers shall make each payment required to be made by them 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 2:00 p.m., Local Time, on the date when due, in immediately available funds, without set-off or counterclaim. Except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, all payments of Loans shall be paid in the currency in which such Loans were made. Any amounts received after such time on any date may, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, 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 or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, at its offices at (i) for payments of US Revolving Loans, US Swingline Loans, LC Disbursements of any Issuing Bank in respect of US Letters of Credit, fronting fees payable to any Issuing Bank in respect of US Letters of Credit, US Protective Advances, fees payable pursuant to Section 2.12(a), participation fees payable pursuant to Section 2.12(b), fees payable pursuant to 2.12(c) and all other payments in dollars, to the Administrative Agent at 270 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017 USA and (ii) for payments of European Revolving Loans, European Swingline Loans, LC Disbursements of any Issuing Bank in respect of European Letters of Credit, fronting fees payable to the an Issuing Bank in respect of European Letters of Credit and European Protective Advances, to the European Administrative Agent at 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AJ, United Kingdom, except payments to be made directly to an Issuing Bank or a 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. Each of the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent shall distribute any such payments received by it for the account of any other Person to the appropriate recipient, in like funds, 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, except that all payments in respect of Loans (and interest thereon) and LC Obligations shall be made in the same currency in which such Loan

was made or Letter of Credit issued. During any Full Cash Dominion Period, solely for purposes of determining the amount of Loans available for borrowing purposes, checks (in addition to immediately available funds applied pursuant to Section 2.10(b)) from collections of items of payment and proceeds of any Collateral shall be applied in whole or in part against the applicable Obligations as of 10:00 a.m., Local Time, on the Business Day of receipt, subject to actual collection.

(b) Any proceeds of Collateral received by the Administrative Agent (i) not constituting either (A) a specific payment of principal, interest, fees or other sum payable under the Loan Documents (which shall be applied as specified by the Borrowers), (B) a mandatory prepayment (which shall be applied in accordance with Section 2.10(b)) or (C) amounts to be applied from the Collection Account during a Full Cash Dominion Period (which shall be applied in accordance with Section 2.10(b)) or (ii) after an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Administrative Agent so elects or the Required Lenders so direct, such funds shall be applied ratably first, to pay any fees, indemnities, or expense reimbursements including amounts then due to the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent and any Issuing Bank from the Borrowers (other than in connection with Banking Services or Swap Obligations) ratably, second, to pay any fees or expense reimbursements then due to the Lenders from the Borrowers (other than in connection with Banking Services or Swap Obligations) ratably, third, to pay interest due in respect of the Protective Advances ratably, fourth, to pay the principal of the Protective Advances ratably, fifth, to pay interest then due and payable on the Loans (other than the Protective Advances) ratably, sixth, to prepay principal on the Loans (other than the Protective Advances) and unreimbursed LC Disbursements ratably, seventh, to pay an amount to the US Collateral Agent equal to 103% of the aggregate undrawn face amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit, to be held as cash collateral for such Obligations, eighth, to the ratable payment of any amounts owing with respect to Banking Services and Swap Obligations that are Secured Obligations, ninth, to the ratable payment of any other Secured Obligation due to the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent or any Lender by the Borrowers, and tenth, any balance remaining after the Secured Obligations shall have been paid in full and no Letters of Credit shall be outstanding (other than Letters of Credit which have been cash collateralized in accordance with the foregoing) shall be paid over to the applicable Borrower at its Funding Account. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, unless so directed by the Borrower Representative, or unless a Default is in existence, neither the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agents nor any Lender shall apply any payment which it receives to any Eurocurrency Loan of a Class, except (a) on the expiration date of the Interest Period applicable to any such Eurocurrency Loan or (b) in the event, and only to the extent, that there are no outstanding ABR Loans of the same Class and, in any such event, the Borrowers shall pay the break funding payment required in accordance with Section 2.16. Each of the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have the continuing and exclusive right to apply and reverse and reapply any and all such proceeds and payments to any portion of the Secured Obligations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) any application of proceeds from the Collateral of the European Loan Parties shall be made (x) solely in respect of Obligations of the European Loan Parties and (y) prior to any application of proceeds from the Collateral of the US Loan Parties to the Obligations of the European Loan Parties and (ii) any application of proceeds from Collateral of the US Loan Parties shall be applied (A) first in respect of Obligations of the US Loan Parties under each Facility, in the order and priority set forth in clauses first through seventh above, ratably in accordance with the then outstanding amounts thereof, (B) second, in respect of Obligations of the Loan Parties under Facility B, in the order and priority set forth in clauses first through seventh above, and (C) third, in respect of Obligations of the Loan Parties under the Facilities, ratably in accordance with the then outstanding amounts thereof, in accordance with the order and priority set forth in clauses eighth through tenth above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no amount received from any Loan Guarantor shall be applied to any Excluded Swap Obligation of such Loan Guarantor.

(c) At the election of the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as the case may be, all payments of principal, interest, LC Disbursements, fees, premiums, reimbursable expenses (including, without limitation, all reimbursement for fees and expenses pursuant to Section 9.03), and other sums payable under the Loan Documents, may be paid from the proceeds of Borrowings made hereunder whether made following a request by the Borrower Representative pursuant to Section 2.03 or a deemed request as provided in this Section or may be deducted from any deposit account of any Borrower maintained with either the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent. Each Borrower hereby irrevocably authorizes (i) the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent to make a Borrowing for the purpose of paying each payment of principal, interest and fees as it becomes due hereunder or any other amount due under the Loan Documents and agrees that all such amounts charged shall constitute Loans (including Swingline Loans, but such a Borrowing may only constitute a Protective Advance if it is to reimburse costs, fees and expenses as described in Section 9.03) and that all such Borrowings shall be deemed to have been requested pursuant to Sections 2.03, 2.04 or 2.05, as applicable and (ii) the Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent to charge any deposit account of any Borrower maintained with such Agent for each payment of principal, interest and fees as it becomes due hereunder or any other amount due under the Loan Documents.

(d) 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 Loans or participations in LC Disbursements resulting in such Lender receiving payment of a greater proportion of the aggregate amount of its Loans and participations in LC Disbursements 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 Loans and participations in LC Disbursements 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 Loans and participations in LC Disbursements; 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 Borrowers 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 Borrowers or any Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply); provided, further, that to the extent prohibited by applicable law as described in the definition of "Excluded Swap Obligation", no amounts received from, or set off with respect to, any Loan Guarantor shall be applied to any Excluded Swap Obligations of such Loan Guarantor. Each 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 such Borrower rights of set-off and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of such Borrower in the amount of such participation.

(e) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower Representative prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or an Issuing Bank hereunder that the Borrowers will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, as applicable, may assume that the Borrowers have made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the applicable Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrowers have not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or the applicable Issuing Bank, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent and the European Administration Agent, if applicable, forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such

Lender or such Issuing Bank with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent or the European Administrative Agent, if applicable, 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.

(f) If any Lender shall fail to make any payment required to be made by it hereunder, then the Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the European Administrative Agent, may, in its discretion (notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof), apply any amounts thereafter received by it for the account of such Lender to satisfy such Lender's obligations hereunder until all such unsatisfied obligations are fully paid.

SECTION 2.19 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 2.15, or if the Borrowers are 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 is otherwise a Departing Lender (as defined below), then:

(a) 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, (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender (and the Borrowers hereby agree to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment) and (iii) would not breach any applicable law;

(b) the Borrowers may, at their sole expense and effort, require such Lender or any Defaulting Lender (herein, a "Departing Lender"), upon notice to the Departing Lender and the Administrative Agent, 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 Borrowers shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (and if a Commitment is being assigned, the Issuing Banks), which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld or delayed, (ii) the Departing 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 Borrowers (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 Departing 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 Borrowers to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

SECTION 2.20 Returned Payments. If after receipt of any payment which is applied to the payment of all or any part of the Obligations, the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender is for any reason compelled to surrender such payment or proceeds to any Person because such payment or application of proceeds is invalidated, declared fraudulent, set aside, determined to be void or voidable as a preference, impermissible setoff, or

a diversion of trust funds, or for any other reason, then the Obligations or part thereof intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued and this Agreement shall continue in full force as if such payment or proceeds had not been received by the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, such Collateral Agent, such Issuing Bank or such Lender. The provisions of this Section 2.20 shall be and remain effective notwithstanding any contrary action which may have been taken by the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender in reliance upon such payment or application of proceeds. The provisions of this Section 2.20 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 2.21 Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the following provisions shall apply for so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender:

(a) fees shall cease to accrue on the Available Commitment of such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.12(a);

(b) the Commitment and Credit Exposure of such Defaulting Lender shall not be included in determining consent to any waiver, amendment or modification pursuant to Section 9.02; provided, that no such amendment, modification or waiver shall (i) increase the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender without the consent of such Defaulting Lender, (ii) reduce or forgive the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement of such Defaulting Lender or reduce the rate of interest thereon, or reduce or forgive any interest or fees payable to such Defaulting Lender hereunder, without the written consent of such Defaulting Lender or (iii) postpone any scheduled date of payment of the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement of such Defaulting Lender, or any date for the payment of any interest, fees or other Obligations payable hereunder to such Defaulting Lender, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment to such Defaulting Lender, or postpone the scheduled date of expiration of such Defaulting Lender's Commitment without the written consent of such Defaulting Lender;

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

(i) all or any part of the Swingline Exposure, LC Exposure and Protective Advance Exposure of such Defaulting Lender 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 Exposures plus such Defaulting Lender's Swingline Exposure, LC Exposure and Protective Advance 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 Borrowers shall within five Business Days following notice by the Administrative Agent (x) first, prepay such Protective Advance Exposure, (y) second, prepay such Swingline Exposure and (z) third, cash collateralize for the benefit of the Issuing Bank only the Borrowers' obligations corresponding to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure (in each case 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 Borrowers cash collateralize any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure pursuant to clause (ii) above, the Borrowers 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(a) and Section 2.12(b) shall be adjusted in accordance with such non-Defaulting Lenders' Applicable Percentages; and

(v) if all or any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is neither reallocated nor cash collateralized 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 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 and to the extent that such LC Exposure is reallocated and/or cash collateralized; 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 reasonably 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 Borrowers in accordance with Section 2.21(c), and participating interests in any newly made Swingline Loan or any newly issued or increased Letter of Credit shall be allocated among non-Defaulting Lenders in a manner consistent with Section 2.21(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 Borrowers or such Lender, reasonably 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 European Administrative Agent, the Borrowers, the Swingline Lender and the Issuing Bank each agrees that a Defaulting Lender has adequately remedied (in their reasonable judgment) all matters that caused such Lender to be a Defaulting Lender, then the Swingline Exposure, LC Exposure and Protective Advance 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.

SECTION 2.22 Additional or Increased Commitments. (a) Any Borrower may, at any time and from time to time on or after the Third Amendment Effective Date, by written notice to the Administrative Agent, elect to request additional or increased Commitments hereunder, in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$250,000,000. Each such notice shall specify the date (each, an "Increased Amount Date") on which such Borrower proposes that the additional or increased Commitments shall be

effective, which shall be a date not less than three Business Days after the date on which such notice is delivered to Administrative Agent; provided, that any Lender offered or approached to provide all or a portion of any increased Commitments may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide the same. Such additional or increased Commitments shall become effective as of such Increased Amount Date; provided, that (1) no Default or Event of Default shall exist on such Increased Amount Date before or after giving effect to such additional or increased Commitments and to the making of any Revolving Loans in respect of any additional or increased Commitments pursuant thereto; (2) any such additional or increased Commitments and the extensions of credit thereunder shall be ratable with the existing Commitments and extensions of credit thereunder; (3) the terms (other than the pricing) applicable to the additional or increased Commitments shall be the same as those applicable to the existing Commitments (it being understood that the Maturity Date shall be the same as the Maturity Date for the Extended Commitments), provided that if the all-in yield (whether in the form of interest rate margins, upfront fees or any Adjusted LIBO Rate or Alternate Base Rate floor, with any such upfront fees being equated to interest margin) applicable to such additional or increased Commitments exceeds by more than 0.50% the corresponding all-in yield for the existing Commitments, the interest rate margin with respect to the existing Commitments shall be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the all-in yield with respect the additional and increased Commitments and the corresponding all-in yield on the existing Commitments minus 0.50%; (4) any New Lender shall be subject to the approval of the Administrative Agent, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld; (5) such additional or increased Commitments shall be effected pursuant to one or more supplements to this Agreement executed and delivered by the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent and one or more New Lenders or existing Lenders; and (6) the Borrowers shall deliver or cause to be delivered any customary legal opinions or other documents reasonably requested by Administrative Agent in connection with any such transaction, including any supplements or amendments to the Collateral Documents providing for such additional or increased Commitments and the extensions of credit thereunder to be secured thereby.

(b) On any Increased Amount Date on which any additional or increased Commitments become effective, subject to the foregoing terms and conditions, each new lender with an additional Commitment (each, a "New Lender") shall become a Lender hereunder with respect to such additional Commitment and each Lender with an increased Commitment shall have its Commitment adjusted accordingly.

(c) Each supplement to this Agreement effected in accordance with Section 2.22(a) may, without the consent of any other Lenders, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, to implement the provisions of this Section 2.22 (including to establish transition provisions to provide for any additional or increased Commitments to share ratably in the extensions of credit under the Commitments).

ARTICLE III

Representations and Warranties

Each Loan Party represents and warrants to the Lenders that:

SECTION 3.01 Organization; Powers. Each of the Loan Parties and each of its Subsidiaries is duly organized or incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization or incorporation, 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 in, every jurisdiction where such qualification is required, except as otherwise set forth on Schedule 3.01.

SECTION 3.02 Authorization; Enforceability. (a) The Transactions are within each Loan Party's organizational powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary organizational actions and, if required, actions by equity holders. The Loan Documents to which each Loan Party is a party have been duly executed and delivered by such Loan Party and constitute a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, examination, 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.

(b) The choice of governing law provisions contained in this Agreement and each other Loan Document are enforceable in the jurisdictions where each Loan Party is organized or incorporated or any Collateral is located. Any judgment obtained in connection with any Loan Document in the jurisdiction of the governing law of such Loan Document will be recognized and be enforceable in the jurisdictions where each Loan Party is organized or any Collateral is located.

(c) Subject to applicable Insolvency Laws, no European Loan Party nor any of its property or assets has any immunity from jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process (whether through service or notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution, execution or otherwise) under the laws of the jurisdiction in which such European Loan Party is organized in respect of its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it or its property or assets is subject.

(d) The Loan Documents to which each European Loan Party is a party are in proper legal form under the laws of the jurisdiction in which each such European Loan Party is organized or incorporated and existing (i) for the enforcement thereof against each such European Loan Party under the laws of each such jurisdiction and (ii) in order to ensure the legality, validity, enforceability, priority or admissibility in evidence of such Loan Documents. It is not necessary to ensure the legality, validity, enforceability, priority or admissibility in evidence of the Loan Documents to which any European Loan Party is a party that any such Loan Documents be filed, registered or recorded with, or executed or notarized before, any court or other authority in the jurisdiction in which any such European Loan Party is organized or that any registration charge or stamp or similar tax be paid on or in respect of the applicable Loan Documents or any other document, except for any such filing, registration, recording, execution or notarization that is referred to in Section 3.16 or is not required to be made until enforcement of the applicable Loan Document.

(e) All legal requirements of the Luxembourg law of May 31, 1999, as amended, regarding the domiciliation companies have been complied with by the Luxembourg Borrower.

SECTION 3.03 Governmental Approvals; No Conflicts. The Transactions (a) do not 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 and except for filings necessary to perfect Liens created pursuant to the Loan Documents, and except in the case of court proceedings in a Luxembourg court of the presentation of the Loan Documents, either directly or by way of reference, to an *autorité constituée*, such court or *autorité constituée* may require registration of all or part of the Loan Documents with the *Administration de l'Enregistrement et des Domaines* in Luxembourg, which may result in registration duties, at a fixed rate of € 12 or an *ad valorem* rate which depends on the nature of the registered document, becoming due and payable, (b) will not violate any Requirement of Law applicable to any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, (c) will not violate or result in a default under

any material indenture, material agreement or other material instrument binding upon any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or its assets, or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, and (d) will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, except Liens created pursuant to the Loan Documents.

SECTION 3.04 Financial Condition; No Material Adverse Change. (a) The Company has heretofore furnished to the Lenders its consolidated balance sheet and statements of income, stockholders equity and cash flows (reported on a monthly basis) (i) as of and for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2010, reported on by Deloitte & Touche LLP, a registered public accounting firm, and (ii) as of and for the fiscal quarter and the portion of the fiscal year ended March 26, 2011, 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 the Company 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. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.06 and except as otherwise permitted under this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of its consolidated subsidiaries has any material Guarantee obligations, contingent liabilities and liabilities for taxes, or any long-term leases or unusual forward or long-term commitments, including any interest rate or foreign currency swap or exchange transaction or other obligation in respect of derivatives, that are not reflected in the most recent financial statements referred to in this paragraph.

(b) Except for the Disclosed Matters, no event, change or condition has occurred that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect, since December 25, 2010.

SECTION 3.05 Properties. (a) Each of the Loan Parties and its Subsidiaries has good and indefeasible title to, or valid leasehold interests in, all its real and personal property, free of all Liens other than Permitted Liens, except where failure would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Each Loan Party and its Subsidiaries owns, or is licensed to use, all material Intellectual Property that is necessary to its business as currently conducted and the use thereof by the Loan Parties and its Subsidiaries does not infringe in any material respect upon the rights of any other Person.

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 any Loan Party, threatened against or affecting the Loan Parties or any of their 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 (other than the Disclosed Matters) or (ii) that involve this Agreement or the Transactions.

(b) Except for the Disclosed Matters (i) no Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries has received notice of any claim with respect to any material Environmental Liability or knows of any basis for any material Environmental Liability and (ii) except with respect to any other matters that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, no Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries (1) has failed to comply with any applicable Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law or (2) has become subject to any Environmental Liability.

(c) Since the Restatement Date, there has been no change in the status of the Disclosed Matters that, individually or in the aggregate, has resulted in, or materially increased the likelihood of, a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.07 Compliance with Laws and Agreements. Each Loan Party and its Subsidiaries is in compliance with all Requirements of Law 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.

SECTION 3.08 Investment Company Status. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is an “investment company” as defined in, or subject to regulation under, the Investment Company Act of 1940 and shall not register as, conduct its business or take any action which shall cause it to be registered for the purposes of the European Communities (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2007.

SECTION 3.09 Taxes. Each Loan Party and its 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 Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which such Loan Party or such Subsidiary, as applicable, has set aside on its books adequate reserves. No tax liens have been filed and no claims are being asserted with respect to any such taxes. As of the Restatement Date, no Taxes are imposed, by withholdings or otherwise, on any payment to be made by any European Borrower under any Loan Document, or are imposed on, or by virtue of, the execution or delivery by any European Borrower of any Loan Document. As of the Restatement Date, no European Borrower is required to make any deduction for or on account of Tax from any payment it may make under any Loan Document. Each Borrower is resident for Tax purposes only in the jurisdiction of its establishment or incorporation as the case may be.

SECTION 3.10 ERISA; Benefit Plans. (a) Except for Disclosed Matters, 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. Each Loan Party and ERISA Affiliate is in compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and any other federal, state or local laws relating to the Plans, and with all regulations and published interpretations thereunder, except as could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except for Disclosed Matters, the present value of all accumulated benefit obligations under each Plan that is subject to Title IV or Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 or 4971 of the Code (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 the fair market value of the assets of such Plan.

(b) Except for the UK Pension Scheme, (i) neither a UK Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is or has at any time been an employer (for the purposes of Sections 38 to 51 of the UK Pensions Act 2004) of an occupational pension scheme which is not a money purchase scheme (both terms as defined in the UK Pensions Schemes Act 1993) and (ii) neither a UK Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is or has at any time been “connected” with or an “associate” of (as those terms are used in Sections 38 and 43 of the UK Pensions Act 2004) such an employer.

(c) The UK Pension Scheme is either fully funded based on the statutory funding objective of Section 222 of the UK Pensions Act 2004 or has in place a recovery plan that satisfies the requirements of Section 226 of the UK Pensions Act 2004.

(d) Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (i) all employer and employee contributions (including insurance premiums) required by applicable law or by the terms of any Foreign Benefit Arrangement or Foreign Plan (including any policy held thereunder) have been made, or, if applicable, accrued in accordance with normal accounting practices; (ii) other than in relation to the UK Pension Scheme, the accrued benefit obligations of each Foreign Plan (based on those assumptions used to fund such Foreign Plan) with respect to all current and former participants do not exceed the assets of such Foreign Plan; (iii) each Foreign Plan that is required to be registered has been registered and has been maintained in good standing with applicable regulatory authorities; and (iv) each such Foreign Benefit Arrangement and Foreign Plan is in compliance (A) with all material provisions of applicable law and all material applicable regulations and regulatory requirements (whether discretionary or otherwise) and published interpretations thereunder with respect to such Foreign Benefit Arrangement or Foreign Plan and (B) with the terms of such plan or arrangement.

(e) No supplementary pension scheme pursuant to the Supplementary Pension Act has been, or will be, set up within the Luxembourg Borrower until the reimbursement of the Loans. The Luxembourg Borrower warrants that it has complied, and will comply, at all times with its obligation under the statutory provisions of the CAS.

(f) All pension schemes operated or maintained for the benefit of a Loan Party (including in the case of a UK Loan Party, its Subsidiaries or Affiliates) comply with all provisions of the relevant law and employ reasonable actuarial assumptions. Other than in relation to the UK Pension Scheme and other than as set forth on Schedule 3.10, no Loan Party has any unsatisfied liability in respect of any pension scheme and there are no circumstances which may give rise to any such liability which could reasonably be expected to have Material Adverse Effect. Each Loan Party shall ensure that all pension schemes operated by or maintained for the benefit of a Loan Party (including in the case of a UK Loan Party, its Subsidiaries or Affiliates) and/or any of its employees are, to the extent required by applicable law, funded or reserved to the extent failure to do so (or, with the expiry of a grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination under the Loan Documents or any combination of any of the foregoing taking into account all remedies of the Loan Parties under the Loan Documents) could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) No occupational pension scheme within the meaning of Section 2 of the Irish Pensions Act has been, or will be, set up by the Irish Borrower until the reimbursement of the Loans.

SECTION 3.11 Disclosure. Each Borrower has disclosed to the Lenders all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which it or any Subsidiary 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 Confidential Information Memorandum nor any of the other reports, financial statements, certificates or other information furnished by or on behalf of any Loan Party to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document (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, and taken as a whole, not misleading; provided that, with respect to projected financial information, the Borrowers represent only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time delivered and, if such projected financial information was delivered prior to the Restatement Date, as of the Restatement Date.

SECTION 3.12 No Default. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is in default in the performance, observance or fulfillment of any of the obligations, covenants or conditions contained in any

agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound in any respect that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 3.13 Solvency. (a) Immediately after the consummation of the Transactions to occur on the Third Amendment Effective Date, (i) the fair value of the assets of each Loan Party, at a fair valuation, will exceed its debts and liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise; (ii) the present fair saleable value of the property of each Loan Party will be greater than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of its debts and other liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise, as such debts and other liabilities become absolute and matured; (iii) each Loan Party will be able to pay its debts and liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise, as such debts and liabilities become due, absolute and matured; and the Luxembourg Borrower is neither in a situation of illiquidity (*cessation de paiements*) nor has access to credit (*credit ébranlé*) within the meaning of Article 437 of the Luxembourg Commercial Code; and (iv) each Loan Party will not have unreasonably small capital with which to conduct the business in which it is engaged as such business is now conducted and is proposed to be conducted after the Third Amendment Effective Date.

(b) No Loan Party intends to, or will permit any of its Subsidiaries to, and no Loan Party believes that it or any of its Subsidiaries will, incur debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature, taking into account the timing of and amounts of cash to be received by it or any such Subsidiary and the timing of the amounts of cash to be payable on or in respect of its Indebtedness or the Indebtedness of any such Subsidiary.

SECTION 3.14 Insurance. Schedule 3.14 sets forth a description of all insurance maintained by or on behalf of the Loan Parties as of the Third Amendment Effective Date. As of the Third Amendment Effective Date, all premiums in respect of such insurance have been paid. The Borrowers believe that the insurance maintained by or on behalf of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries are adequate.

SECTION 3.15 Capitalization and Subsidiaries. Schedule 3.15 sets forth, as of the Third Amendment Effective Date, (a) a correct and complete list of the name and relationship to the Company of each and all of the Company's subsidiaries, (b) a true and complete listing of each class of authorized Equity Interests of each Borrower (other than the Company), of which all of such issued shares are validly issued, outstanding, fully paid and non-assessable (to the extent such concepts are applicable), and owned beneficially and of record by the Persons identified on Schedule 3.15, and (c) the type of entity of the Company and each of its subsidiaries. All of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests owned by any Loan Party in its subsidiaries has been (to the extent such concepts are relevant with respect to such ownership interests) duly authorized and issued and is fully paid and non assessable.

SECTION 3.16 Security Interest in Collateral. (a) The provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents create legal and valid Liens on all the Collateral in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, and upon filing of UCC financing statements and the taking of actions or making of filings required for perfection under the laws of the relevant Collateral Documents, as necessary, and, if applicable, the taking of actions or making of filings with respect to Intellectual Property registrations or applications issued or pending, such Liens constitute perfected and continuing Liens on the Collateral, securing the Secured Obligations, enforceable against the applicable Loan Party and all third parties, and having priority over all other Liens on the Collateral, except in the case of (a) Permitted Encumbrances, to the extent any such Permitted Liens would have priority over the Liens in favor of the US Collateral Agent or the European Collateral Agent, as applicable, pursuant to any applicable law, (b) Liens created by a UK Loan Party where registration of particulars of such Liens at the (i) Companies House in England and Wales or Scotland is

required under Section 860 or Section 878, as applicable, of the UK Companies Act 2006, (ii) UK Trade Marks Registry at the Patent Office in England and Wales or Scotland is required and (iii) UK Land Registry or UK Land Charges Registry in England and Wales or Scotland is required. As of the Third Amendment Effective Date, the jurisdictions in which the filing of UCC financing statements are necessary are listed on Schedule 3.16.

(b) In relation to Liens created by a Dutch Security Agreement where registration is required with the Dutch tax authorities, each Loan Party which is a party to the Dutch Security Agreement pursuant to which an undisclosed right of pledge over receivables is granted in favor of the European Collateral Agent undertakes:

(i) to execute a supplemental deed of pledge (as described in such Dutch Security Agreement) on a monthly basis or following the commencement of a European Full Cash Dominion Period or the occurrence of a Default on a weekly basis (or with such other frequency as the European Collateral Agent may in its discretion acting reasonably designate in writing to the relevant Loan Party);

(ii) to register such supplemental deed with the tax authorities within two Business Days of its execution; and

(iii) to promptly provide the European Collateral Agent with a copy of any executed supplemental deed of pledge and evidence satisfactory to the European Collateral Agent of registration.

(c) In relation to any Irish Security Agreement, within 21 days of the execution of the deed of charge, each Loan Party which is a party thereto undertakes to file such Irish Security Agreement in the Irish Companies Registration Office as required under Section 99 of the Irish Companies Act 1963.

SECTION 3.17 Employment Matters. As of the Third Amendment Effective Date, there are no strikes, lockouts or slowdowns, and no material unfair labor practice charges, against any Loan Party or its Subsidiaries pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrowers, threatened. The terms and conditions of employment, hours worked by and payments made to employees of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries have not been in material violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, or any other applicable federal, provincial, territorial, state, local or foreign law dealing with such matters. All material payments due from any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or for which any claim may be made against any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, on account of wages, vacation pay and employee health and welfare insurance and other benefits, have been paid or accrued as a liability on the books of the Loan Party or such Subsidiary.

SECTION 3.18 Common Enterprise. The successful operation and condition of each of the Loan Parties is dependent on the continued successful performance of the functions of the group of the Loan Parties as a whole and the successful operation of each of the Loan Parties is dependent on the successful performance and operation of each other Loan Party. Each Loan Party expects to derive benefit (and its board of directors or other governing body has determined that it may reasonably be expected to derive benefit), directly and indirectly, from (i) successful operations of each of the other Loan Parties and (ii) the credit extended by the Lenders to the Borrowers hereunder, both in their separate capacities and as members of the group of companies. Each Loan Party has determined that execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement and any other Loan Documents to be executed by such Loan Party is within its purpose, will be of direct and indirect benefit to such Loan Party, and is in its best interest.

SECTION 3.19 Centre of Main Interests. For the purposes of the Council of the European Union Regulation No. 1346/2000 on Insolvency Proceedings, each European Borrower's centre of main interests (as that term is used in Article 3(1) therein) is situated in its jurisdiction of incorporation and it has no "establishment" (as that term is used in Article 2(h) therein) in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 3.20 Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions. The Company has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Company, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions, and the Company, its Subsidiaries and their respective officers and employees, and to the knowledge of the Company its directors and agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions in all material respects. None of (a) the Company, any Subsidiary or to the knowledge of the Company or such Subsidiary any of their respective directors, officers or employees, or (b) to the knowledge of the Company, any agent of the Company or any Subsidiary that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. The Transactions will not violate Anti-Corruption Laws or applicable Sanctions.

ARTICLE IV

Conditions

SECTION 4.01 Restatement Date. The amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement and the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Banks to issue Letters of Credit under this Agreement shall not become effective until the date on which each of the following conditions is satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.02):

(a) Credit Agreement and Loan Documents. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received (i) from each party hereto either (A) a counterpart of this Agreement signed on behalf of such party or (B) written evidence satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which may include facsimile or .pdf transmission of a signed signature page of this Agreement) that such party has signed a counterpart of this Agreement and (ii) duly executed copies (or facsimile or .pdf copies) of any Loan Documents or any amendments to any Loan Documents as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request and such other certificates, documents, instruments and agreements as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including any promissory notes requested by a Lender pursuant to Section 2.10 payable to the order of each such requesting Lender and written opinions of the Loan Parties' counsel, addressed to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders.

(b) Closing Certificates; Certified Certificate of Incorporation; Good Standing Certificates. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) a certificate of each Loan Party, dated the Restatement Date and executed by its Secretary, Assistant Secretary or authorized manager or director, which shall (A) certify the resolutions of its Board of Directors, Board of Managers, members or other body authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, (B) identify by name and title and bear the signatures of the Financial Officers and any other officers or managers of such Loan Party authorized to sign the Loan Documents to which it is a party, (C) in respect of each UK Loan Party organized under the laws of England and Wales, contain a statement to the effect that its entry into and

performance by it of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents do not and will not exceed any limit on its powers to borrow, grant security or give guarantees or indemnities contemplated by the Loan Documents to which it is a party and (D) contain appropriate attachments, including the certificate or articles of incorporation or organization of each Loan Party certified by the relevant authority of the jurisdiction of organization of such Loan Party and a true and correct copy of its by-laws, memorandum and articles of association or operating, management or partnership agreement (or in the case of the Luxembourg Borrower, consolidated articles of incorporation, if applicable), and in the case of the Luxembourg Borrower an excerpt from the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register not older than one day prior to drawdown; (ii) a long form certificate of good standing, status or compliance, as applicable, for each Loan Party from its jurisdiction of organization (to the extent such concept is relevant or applicable in such jurisdiction); (iii) in relation to the Luxembourg Borrower, a domiciliation certificate issued by the Luxembourg domiciliation agent confirming that (a) it is duly authorized to act as domiciliation agent in Luxembourg in accordance with the Luxembourg law of April 5, 1993, as amended, on the financial sector and has complied with all legal requirements of the Luxembourg law of May 31, 1999, as amended, regarding the domiciliation of companies and the related circulars, (b) a domiciliation agreement has been entered into between MAS International S.à R.L. as domiciliation agent, and the Luxembourg Borrower, as domiciled company, on January 30, 2004 for an unlimited duration, (c) the domiciliation agreement is still in full force and effect as of the date of the domiciliation certificate and any conditions to which the domiciliation agreement is subject have been satisfied; and (d) the domiciled company has complied with all legal requirements of the Luxembourg law of May 31, 1999, as amended, regarding the domiciliation of companies and the related circulars; and (iv) a non-bankruptcy certificate in relation to the Luxembourg Borrower issued not later than one day prior to drawdown by the *2ème Section du Greffe du Tribunal d'Arrondissement de Luxembourg*.

(c) No Default Certificate. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate, signed by the chief financial officer of the Borrower Representative and dated the initial Borrowing date (i) stating that no Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) stating that the representations and warranties contained in Article III are true and correct as of such date, and (iii) certifying any other factual matters as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent.

(d) Fees. The Lenders and the Agents shall have received all fees required to be paid, and all expenses for which invoices have been presented (including the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel), on or before the Restatement Date. All such amounts will be paid with proceeds of Loans made on the Restatement Date and will be reflected in the funding instructions given by the Borrower Representative to the Administrative Agent on or before the Restatement Date.

(e) Lien Searches. The Administrative Agent shall have received the results of a recent lien search in each of the jurisdictions where assets of the Loan Parties (other than the Dutch Loan Parties) are located, and such search report shall reveal no liens on any of the assets of the Loan Parties except for liens permitted by Section 6.02 or discharged on or prior to the Restatement Date pursuant to a pay-off letter or other documentation satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(f) Fees under Existing Credit Agreement. The Lenders and Agents (in each case as defined under the Existing Credit Agreement) shall have received all fees required to be paid on or before the Restatement Date.

(g) Solvency. The Administrative Agent shall have received a solvency certificate from a Financial Officer of each Borrower (other than the Dutch Borrowers, the UK Borrowers and the Irish Borrower, which shall provide a representation as to solvency in a director's or similar certificate) or, in the case of the Luxembourg Borrower, from the authorised signatory of the Luxembourg Borrower.

(h) Acknowledgement and Confirmation. The Administrative Agent shall have received an acknowledgement and confirmation from each of the Loan Parties certifying that (i) all of its obligations and liabilities under each of the Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party remain in full force and effect on a continuous basis after giving effect to the amendment and restatement of this Agreement on the Restatement Date and (ii) all of the Liens and security interests created and arising under each of the Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party remain in full force and effect on a continuous basis, and the perfected status and priority of each such Lien and security interest continues in full force and effect on a continuous basis, unimpaired, uninterrupted and undischarged, after giving effect to the amendment and restatement of this Agreement on the Restatement Date, as collateral security for its obligations, liabilities and Indebtedness under this Agreement and under its Loan Guaranty, as applicable; provided that with respect to any Dutch Loan Party and any Luxembourg Loan Party, such acknowledgement and confirmation shall be solely with respect to its Loan Guaranty.

(i) Closing Availability. After giving effect to all Borrowings to be made on the Restatement Date and the issuance of any Letters of Credit on the Restatement Date and payment of all fees and expenses due hereunder, and with all of the Loan Parties' indebtedness, liabilities and obligations current, the Borrowers' Aggregate Availability shall not be less than \$500,000,000.

(j) Other Documents. The Administrative Agent shall have received such other documents as the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Issuing Bank, any Lender or their respective counsel may have reasonably requested.

The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrowers and the Lenders of the Restatement Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding. After the Restatement Date, the Administrative Agent shall make available to the Lenders executed versions of the Loan Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement and the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of any 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 2:00 p.m., New York time, on June 30, 2011.

SECTION 4.02 Each Credit Event. The obligation of each Lender to make a Loan on the occasion of any Borrowing, and of each 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 Borrowers set forth in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects 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 that such representations and warranties (i) that relate solely to an earlier date shall be true and correct as of such earlier date and (ii) shall be true and correct in all respects if they are qualified by a materiality standard.

(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.

(c) Each Borrowing and each issuance of any Letter of Credit shall be made in accordance with the terms of clauses (i) – (vi) of Section 2.01.

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 Borrowers on the date thereof as to the matters specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section.

Notwithstanding the failure to satisfy the conditions precedent set forth in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this Section, unless otherwise directed by the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, but shall have no obligation to, continue to make (or authorize the European Administrative Agent to make) Loans (which shall be considered Protective Advances hereunder) and an Issuing Bank may, but shall have no obligation to, issue or cause to be issued any Letter of Credit (or amend, renew or extend any Letter of Credit) for the ratable account and risk of Lenders from time to time if the Administrative Agent believes that making such Loans or issuing or causing to be issued (or amending, renewing or extending) any such Letter of Credit is in the best interests of the Lenders.

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 in cash and all Letters of Credit shall have expired or terminated (or have been cash collateralized in accordance with Section 2.06(j) hereof) and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, each Loan Party executing this Agreement covenants and agrees, jointly and severally with all of the Loan Parties, with the Lenders that:

SECTION 5.01 Financial Statements; Borrowing Base and Other Information. The Borrowers will furnish to the Administrative Agent (with copies to be provided to each Lender by the Administrative Agent):

(a) within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, 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 Deloitte & Touche LLP or another registered public accounting firm 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 the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, accompanied by any management letter prepared by said accountants;

(b) within 45 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of the Company, 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 a Financial Officer of the Borrower Representative as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Company 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;

(c) concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under clause (a) or (b) above, a certificate of a Financial Officer of the Borrower Representative in substantially the form of Exhibit C (each, a “Compliance Certificate”) (i) certifying, in the case of the financial statements delivered under clause (b), as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Company 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, (ii) 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, (iii) setting forth reasonably detailed calculations demonstrating compliance with Section 6.15 (to the extent applicable) and (iv) 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;

(d) concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under clause (a) above, a certificate of the accounting firm that reported on such financial statements stating whether they obtained knowledge during the course of their examination of such financial statements of any Event of Default (which certificate may be limited to the extent required by accounting rules or guidelines);

(e) as soon as available, but in any event not more than 30 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, a copy of the plan and forecast (including a projected consolidated and consolidating balance sheet, income statement and funds flow statement in form acceptable to the Administrative Agent) of the Company for each month of the upcoming fiscal year (the “Projections”) in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;

(f) as soon as available, but in any event within 15 Business Days of the end of each calendar month (or within three Business Days of the end of each week at any time during a Level 2 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period), an Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate, a US Borrowing Base Certificate, a UK Borrowing Base Certificate and a Dutch Borrowing Base Certificate, in each case which calculates such Borrowing Base, and supporting information in connection therewith, together with any additional reports with respect to the Aggregate Borrowing Base, the US Borrowing Base, the UK Borrowing Base or the Dutch Borrowing Base of a Borrower as the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent may reasonably request; provided that no UK Borrowing Base Certificate or Dutch Borrowing Base Certificate or additional reports with respect thereto shall be required if the European Sublimit shall have been terminated;

(g) as soon as available but in any event within 15 Business Days of the end of each calendar month (or, except as otherwise provided for on Schedule 5.01(g), within three Business Days of the end of each week at any time during a Level 2 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period) and at such other times as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent, as of the period then ended, all Borrowing Base Supplemental Documentation.

(h) [Reserved]

(i) promptly following any request therefor, such other information regarding the operations, business affairs and financial condition of any Borrower or any subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of this Agreement, as the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent or any Lender (through the Administrative Agent) may reasonably request; and

(j) as soon as available, but in any event within 15 Business Days of the end of each calendar month, a certificate setting forth the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the last day of such calendar month, together with supporting information in connection therewith.

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

(a) the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default;

(b) any actual knowledge of the Loan Parties of, or any receipt of any notice of, any governmental investigation or any litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding (each, an "Action") commenced or, to the knowledge of any Loan Party, threatened against any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries that (i) seeks damages in excess of \$25,000,000 (provided that there is a reasonable likelihood that damages in excess of \$25,000,000 shall be awarded in connection with such Action), (ii) seeks injunctive relief (provided that there is a reasonable likelihood that such injunctive relief shall be granted and, if so granted, such injunctive relief would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on the Borrowers' ability to perform their obligations under the Loan Documents or would have a Material Adverse Effect on the Collateral), (iii) is asserted or instituted against any Plan, its fiduciaries or its assets (provided that such Action has a reasonable likelihood of success and seeks damages, or would result in liabilities, in excess of \$25,000,000), (iv) alleges criminal misconduct by any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries (provided that such criminal misconduct would be reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect), (v) alleges the violation of any law regarding, or seeks remedies in connection with, any Environmental Laws (provided that such Action has a reasonable likelihood of success and seeks damages, or would result in liabilities, in excess of \$25,000,000), (vi) contests any tax, fee, assessment, or other governmental charge in excess of \$25,000,000, or (vii) involves any material product recall;

(c) any Lien (other than Permitted Encumbrances) or claim made or asserted against any of the Collateral; provided that such claim or assertion has a reasonable likelihood of success;

(d) any loss, damage, or destruction to the Collateral in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more per occurrence or related occurrences, whether or not covered by insurance;

(e) any and all default notices received under or with respect to any leased location or public warehouse where Collateral with a fair market value in excess of \$25,000,000 is located (which shall be delivered within 10 Business Days after receipt thereof);

(f) the occurrence of any ERISA Event or breach of the representations and warranties in Section 3.10 that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events or breaches of such representations and warranties that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, whether directly or by virtue of their affiliate with any ERISA Affiliate, in an aggregate amount exceeding \$25,000,000;

(g) the release into the environment of any Hazardous Material that is required by any applicable Environmental Law to be reported to a Governmental Authority and which could reasonably be expected to lead to any material Environmental Liability;

(h) 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 Representative 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. Each Loan Party will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (a) do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its legal existence and, except where any of the following could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the rights, qualifications, licenses, permits, franchises, governmental authorizations, intellectual property rights, licenses and permits used or useful in the conduct of its business, and maintain all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted; provided that the foregoing shall not prohibit any merger, consolidation, liquidation or dissolution permitted under Section 6.03 and (b) carry on and conduct its business in substantially the same manner and in substantially the same fields of enterprise as it is presently conducted.

SECTION 5.04 Payment of Obligations. Each Loan Party will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, pay or discharge all Material Indebtedness and all other material liabilities and obligations, including Taxes, 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) such Loan Party 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. Each Loan Party will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, keep and maintain all property material to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.06 Books and Records; Inspection Rights. Without limiting Sections 5.11 or 5.12 hereof, each Loan Party will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (a) keep proper books of record and account in which full, true and correct entries are made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities and (b) on up to one occasion per calendar year permit any representatives designated by the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent or any Lender (including employees of the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Lender or any consultants, accountants, lawyers and appraisers retained by the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent or any Lender), upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect its properties and to examine and make extracts from its books and records, and the applicable Loan Party or Subsidiary will make its officers and independent accountants available to discuss its affairs, finances and condition with such representatives, all at such reasonable times as are requested; provided, however, that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, there shall be no limitation on the number of such site visits and inspections. For purposes of this Section 5.06, it is understood and agreed that a single site visit and inspection may consist of examinations conducted at multiple relevant sites and involve one or more relevant Loan Parties and their assets. All such site visits and inspections shall be at the sole expense of the Loan Parties. In addition,

after the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, each Loan Party shall provide the Administrative Agent, each Collateral Agent and each Lender with access to its suppliers. The Loan Parties acknowledge that the Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent, after exercising its rights of inspection, may prepare and distribute to the Lenders certain Reports pertaining to the Loan Parties' and their respective Subsidiaries assets for internal use by the Administrative Agent, each Collateral Agent and the Lenders.

SECTION 5.07 Compliance with Laws. (a) Each Loan Party will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (a) comply with all Requirements of Law 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 and (b) maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrowers, their respective Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions. All the legal requirements of the Luxembourg law of May 31, 1999, as amended, regarding domiciliation companies have been complied with by the Luxembourg Borrower.

(b) US and Foreign Plans and Arrangements.

(i) For each existing, or hereafter adopted, Foreign Plan and Foreign Benefit Plan (together, a "Company Plan"), each Loan Party will, and will cause each Subsidiary to, in a timely fashion comply with and perform in all material respects all of its obligations under and in respect of such Company Plan, including under any funding agreements and all applicable laws and regulatory requirements (whether discretionary or otherwise).

(ii) All employer or employee payments, contributions or premiums required to be remitted, paid to or in respect of each Company Plan by a Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof shall be paid or remitted by each Loan Party and each Subsidiary thereof in a timely fashion in accordance with the terms thereof, any funding agreements and all applicable laws.

(iii) The Loan Parties shall deliver to each Lender (A) if requested by such Lender, copies of each annual and other return, report or valuation with respect to each Company Plan, as filed with any applicable Governmental Authority; (B) promptly following receipt thereof, copies of any documents described in Sections 101(k) or 101(l) of ERISA that any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate may request with respect to any Multiemployer Plan; provided, that if the Loan Parties or any of their ERISA Affiliates have not requested such documents or notices from the administrator or sponsor of the applicable Multiemployer Plan, then, upon reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, the Loan Parties and/or their ERISA Affiliates shall promptly make a request for such documents or notices from such administrator or sponsor and the Company shall provide copies of such documents and notices to the Administrative Agent (on behalf of each requesting Lender) promptly after receipt thereof; (C) promptly after receipt thereof, a copy of any material direction, order, notice, ruling or opinion that any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of any Loan Party may receive from any applicable Governmental Authority with respect to any Company Plan; (D) notification within 30 days of any increases having a cost to one or more of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries in excess of \$10,000,000 per annum in the aggregate, in the benefits of any existing Company Plan, or the establishment of any new Company Plan, or the commencement of contributions to any such plan to which any Loan Party was not previously contributing; and (E) notification within 30 days of any voluntary or involuntary termination of, or participation in, a Company Plan.

(c) UK Pension Plans and Benefit Plans.

(i) Each UK Loan Party shall ensure that all pension schemes registered in the UK, operated by, or maintained for the benefit of, it or its Subsidiaries or its Affiliates and/or any of their employees are fully funded based on the statutory funding objective under Section 222 of the UK Pensions Act 2004 or has in place a recovery plan that satisfies the requirements of Section 226 of the UK Pensions Act 2004 and that no action or omission is taken by any UK Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates in relation to such a pension scheme which has or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect (including, without limitation, the termination or commencement of winding-up proceedings of any such pension scheme or any UK Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates ceasing to employ any active member of such a pension scheme).

(ii) Except in relation to the UK Pension Scheme, each UK Loan Party shall ensure that (A) neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is at any time an employer (for the purposes of Sections 38 to 51 of the UK Pensions Act 2004) of an occupational pension scheme which is not a money purchase scheme (both terms as defined in the UK Pension Schemes Act 1993), or is “connected” with or an “associate” of (as those terms are used in Sections 38 and 43 of the UK Pensions Act 2004) such an employer and (B) no Person who becomes a Subsidiary or Affiliate of a UK Loan Party after the date of this Agreement, was formerly an employer (for the purposes of Sections 38 to 51 of the UK Pensions Act 2004) of an occupational pension scheme which is not a money purchase scheme (both terms as defined in the UK Pension Schemes Act 1993) or was formerly “connected” with or an “associate” of (as those terms are used in Sections 38 and 43 of the UK Pensions Act 2004) such an employer.

(iii) Each UK Loan Party shall deliver to the Administrative Agent at such times as those reports are prepared in order to comply with the then current statutory or auditing requirements (as applicable either to the trustees of any relevant schemes or to any UK Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates), actuarial reports in relation to all pension schemes referred to in clause (c)(i) above.

(iv) Each UK Loan Party shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent of any material change in the rate of contributions to any pension schemes referred to in clause (c)(i) above paid or recommended to be paid (whether by the scheme actuary or otherwise) or required (by law or otherwise).

(v) Each UK Loan Party shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent of any investigation or proposed investigation by the Pensions Regulator which may lead to the issue by the Pensions Regulator of a Financial Support Direction or a Contribution Notice to it or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates.

(vi) Each UK Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates shall immediately notify the Administrative Agent if it receives a Financial Support Direction or Contribution Notice from the Pensions Regulator.

(d) European Loan Party Pension Plans and Benefit Plans.

(i) Other than in relation to a money purchase scheme (as defined in the UK Pensions Scheme Act 1993) in the United Kingdom, whose establishment shall be notified to the Administrative Agent as soon as practicable, no European Loan Party shall establish, nor shall it permit any of its Subsidiaries to establish, any voluntary pension scheme and/or any voluntary benefit plan without the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, and shall maintain and operate its obligations under (A) the CAS, if applicable, (B) the benefit plan, if any, and (C) the voluntary pension schemes and/or voluntary benefit plans consented to by the Administrative Agent, if any, in all respects in conformity with the requirements of applicable law or contract.

(ii) All pension schemes applied by a Loan Party comply with all provisions of the relevant law and employ reasonable actuarial assumptions. Except in relation to the UK Pension Scheme, no Loan Party has any unsatisfied liability in respect of any pension scheme and there are no circumstances which may give rise to any liability which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) Environmental Covenant. The Loan Parties and each of their Subsidiaries (i) shall be at all times in compliance with all Environmental Laws and (ii) ensure that their assets and operations are in compliance with all Environmental Laws and that no Hazardous Materials are, contrary to any Environmental Laws, discharged, emitted, released, generated, used, stored, managed, transported or otherwise dealt with, except, in each case in subclauses (i) and (ii), where failure to comply with any of the foregoing could not, either singly or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.08 Use of Proceeds. The proceeds of the Loans will be used only (a) to pay fees and expenses in connection with the Transactions and (b) for working capital needs and general corporate purposes, including to refinance certain existing Indebtedness (including all or a portion of the Existing 2013 Notes). No part of the proceeds of any Loan and no Letter of Credit 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.

SECTION 5.09 Insurance. Each Loan Party will maintain with financially sound and reputable carriers having a financial strength rating of at least A- by A.M. Best Company (a) insurance in such amounts (with no greater risk retention) and against such risks (including loss or damage by fire and loss in transit; theft, burglary, pilferage, larceny, embezzlement, and other criminal activities; business interruption; and general liability) and such other hazards, as is customarily maintained by companies of established repute engaged in the same or similar businesses operating in the same or similar locations and (b) all insurance required pursuant to the Collateral Documents or (in the case of Loan Parties located outside of the United States) such other insurance maintained with other carriers as is satisfactory to the Administrative Agent in its Permitted Discretion. The Borrowers will furnish to the Lenders, upon request of the Administrative Agent, information in reasonable detail as to the insurance so maintained, which may be a Memorandum of Insurance. The Borrowers shall require all such policies to name the US Collateral Agent or the European Collateral Agent (on behalf of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) as additional insured or loss payee, as applicable.

SECTION 5.10 Casualty and Condemnation. The Borrowers (a) will furnish to the Administrative Agent (for delivery to the Lenders) prompt written notice of any casualty or other insured damage to any material portion of the Collateral or the commencement of any action or proceeding for the

taking of any material portion of the Collateral or interest therein under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar proceeding and (b) will ensure that the net proceeds of any such event (whether in the form of insurance proceeds, condemnation awards or otherwise) are collected and applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement and the Collateral Documents.

SECTION 5.11 Appraisals. On no more than one occasion per calendar year, at the request of the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent, the Loan Parties will provide the Administrative Agent or such Collateral Agent with appraisals or updates thereof of their Inventory from an appraiser selected and engaged by the Administrative Agent or such Collateral Agent, and prepared on a basis satisfactory to the Administrative Agent or such Collateral Agent, such appraisals and updates to include, without limitation, information required by applicable law and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in addition to the single Inventory appraisal permitted above (a) during any year when Aggregate Availability is at any time (i) less than the greater of (x) \$400,000,000 and (y) an amount equal to 40% of the Commitments then in effect, but (ii) more than the greater of (x) \$150,000,000 and (y) an amount equal to 15% of the Commitments then in effect, one additional Inventory appraisal shall be permitted per year and (b) during any year when Aggregate Availability is at any time less than the greater of (i) \$150,000,000 and (ii) an amount equal to 15% of the Commitments then in effect, up to two additional Inventory appraisals shall be permitted per year; provided, however that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, there shall be no limitation on the number of Inventory appraisals. For purposes of this Section 5.11, it is understood and agreed that a single Inventory appraisal may consist of examinations conducted at multiple relevant sites and involve one or more relevant Loan Parties and their assets. All such Collateral appraisals shall be at the sole expense of the Loan Parties.

SECTION 5.12 Field Examinations. On no more than one occasion per calendar year, at the request of the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent, the Loan Parties will permit, upon reasonable notice, the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent to conduct a field examination to ensure the adequacy of Collateral included in any Borrowing Base and related reporting and control systems. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in addition to the single annual field examination permitted above (a) during any year when Aggregate Availability is at any time (i) less than the greater of (x) \$400,000,000 and (y) an amount equal to 40% of the Commitments then in effect, but (ii) more than the greater of (x) \$150,000,000 and (y) an amount equal to 15% of the Commitments then in effect, one additional field examination shall be permitted per year and (b) during any year when Aggregate Availability is at any time less than the greater of (i) \$150,000,000 and (ii) an amount equal to 15% of the Commitments then in effect, up to two additional field examinations shall be permitted per year; provided, however that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, there shall be no limitation on the number or frequency of field examinations. For purposes of this Section 5.12, it is understood and agreed that a single field examination may be conducted at multiple relevant sites and involve one or more relevant Loan Parties and their assets. All such field examinations shall be at the sole expense of the Loan Parties.

SECTION 5.13 [Reserved].

SECTION 5.14 Additional Collateral; Further Assurances. (a) Subject to applicable law, the Company and each Subsidiary that is a US Loan Party shall (within five days after such formation or acquisition, or determination that such Subsidiary is no longer an Immaterial Subsidiary, or such longer period as may be agreed to by the Administrative Agent) cause each of their respective Subsidiaries (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary or any Foreign Subsidiary) formed or acquired after the Restatement Date or which cease to be Immaterial Subsidiaries (A) to become a US Loan Party by executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent a Joinder Agreement set forth as Exhibit D hereto (each a "Joinder Agreement") or such other Loan Guaranty in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent

and (B) to execute and deliver such amendments, supplements or documents of accession to any Collateral Documents as the applicable Collateral Agent deems necessary for such new Subsidiary grant to such Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) a perfected first priority security interest in the Collateral described in such Collateral Document with respect to such new Subsidiary. Upon execution and delivery of such documents and agreements, each such Person (i) shall automatically become a Loan Guarantor hereunder and thereupon shall have all of the rights, benefits, duties, and obligations in such capacity under the Loan Documents and (ii) will grant Liens to the applicable Collateral Agent (in each case for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks), in any property of such Loan Party which constitutes Collateral.

(b) Without limiting the foregoing, each Loan Party will execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, to the Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent such documents, agreements and instruments, and will take or cause to be taken such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements and other documents and such other actions or deliveries of the type required by Section 4.01, as applicable), which may be required by law or which the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent may, from time to time, reasonably request to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and to ensure perfection and priority of the Liens created or intended to be created by the Collateral Documents, all at the expense of the Loan Parties. In addition, each Loan Party will execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, to the Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent filings with any governmental recording or registration office in any jurisdiction required by the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent, in the exercise of its Permitted Discretion, in order to perfect or protect the Liens of the applicable Collateral Agent granted under any Collateral Document in any Intellectual Property at the expense of the Lenders.

SECTION 5.15 Financial Assistance. Each European Loan Party shall comply in all respects with applicable legislation governing financial assistance, including Sections 678 to 683 of the UK Companies Act 2006; Section 60 of the Irish Companies Act 1963; Article 49-6 of the Luxembourg Law of August 10, 1915 concerning commercial companies, as amended (the “LSC”); and Section 2:98C and 2:207C of the Dutch Civil Code.

SECTION 5.16 Existing 2013 Notes. In the event that the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Existing 2013 Notes is greater than \$50,000,000 on the 90th day prior to the maturity thereof (such 90th day, the “Trigger Date”), the Company shall be required to maintain Liquidity of \$500,000,000 (including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000) at all times from the Trigger Date through the earlier of (a) the maturity of the Existing 2013 Notes and (b) the date on which the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Existing 2013 Notes is \$50,000,000 or less.

SECTION 5.17 Mexican Joint Venture. On the date that is 30 days after Grupo OMX becomes a wholly owned Subsidiary, Grupo OMX shall cease to be a Specified Excluded Subsidiary; provided, that Indebtedness and Liens incurred, or Investments made, by Grupo OMX prior to the date on which it becomes a wholly owned Subsidiary (other than any such Indebtedness or Liens incurred, or Investments made, in contemplation of Grupo OMX becoming a wholly owned Subsidiary) shall be deemed permitted under Sections 6.01, 6.02 and 6.04 and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not count as usage of any baskets set forth therein (it being understood that such Indebtedness and Liens shall be included for all other purposes hereunder, including calculations of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio).

ARTICLE VI

Negative Covenants

Until the Commitments have expired or terminated and the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees, expenses and other amounts payable under any Loan Document have been paid in full in cash and all Letters of Credit have expired or terminated (or have been cash collateralized in accordance with Section 2.06(j) hereof) and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed, the Loan Parties covenant and agree, jointly and severally, with the Lenders that:

SECTION 6.01 Indebtedness. No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, create, incur or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:

(a) the Secured Obligations;

(b) Indebtedness existing on the Third Amendment Effective Date and set forth on Schedule 6.01 and extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness in accordance with clause (f) hereof;

(c) Indebtedness of any Borrower to any Subsidiary or any other Borrower and of any Subsidiary to any Borrower or any other Subsidiary, provided that (i) Indebtedness of any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party to any Borrower or any Subsidiary that is a Loan Party shall be subject to Section 6.04(d), Section 6.04(f) and Section 6.04(g) and (ii) Indebtedness of any Borrower to any Subsidiary and Indebtedness of any Subsidiary that is a Loan Party to any Borrower or to any other Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party shall be subordinated to the Secured Obligations on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;

(d) Guarantees by any Borrower of Indebtedness of any Subsidiary or any other Borrower and by any Subsidiary of Indebtedness of any Borrower or any other Subsidiary, provided that (i) the Indebtedness so Guaranteed is permitted by this Section 6.01, (ii) Guarantees by any Borrower or any Subsidiary that is a Loan Party of Indebtedness of any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party shall be subject to Section 6.04(e) and (iii) Guarantees permitted under this clause (d) shall be subordinated to the Secured Obligations of the applicable Subsidiary if, and on the same terms as, the Indebtedness so Guaranteed is subordinated to the Secured Obligations;

(e) Indebtedness of any Borrower or any Subsidiary incurred to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of any fixed or capital assets (whether or not constituting purchase money Indebtedness), 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; provided that (i) such Indebtedness is incurred prior to or within 180 days after such acquisition or the completion of such construction or improvement and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (e) shall not exceed (A) in the case of any Capital Lease Obligations incurred or outstanding in respect of the Global Headquarters (together with Capital Lease Obligations outstanding in respect of the Global Headquarters listed on Schedule 6.01), \$250,000,000 and (B) other than as referred to in clause (A) above and Schedule 6.01, \$150,000,000, in each case at any time outstanding;

(f) Indebtedness which represents an extension, refinancing, replacement or renewal of any of the Indebtedness described in paragraphs (b), (e), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m) of this Section

6.01; provided that, unless otherwise expressly permitted by this Section 6.01, (i) the principal amount of such Indebtedness is not increased, (ii) any Liens securing such Indebtedness are not extended to any additional property of any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries, (iii) no Loan Party or Subsidiary of any Loan Party that is not originally obligated with respect to repayment of such Indebtedness is required to become obligated with respect thereto, (iv) such extension, refinancing or renewal does not result in a shortening of the average weighted maturity of the Indebtedness so extended, refinanced or renewed, (v) the terms of any such extension, refinancing, or renewal (taken as a whole) are not more restrictive, taken as a whole, than the terms of this Agreement and (iv) if the Indebtedness that is refinanced, renewed, or extended was subordinated in right of payment to the Secured Obligations, then the terms and conditions of the refinancing, renewal, or extension Indebtedness must include subordination terms and conditions that are at least as favorable to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders as those that were applicable to the refinanced, renewed, or extended Indebtedness;

(g) Indebtedness owed to any Person providing workers' compensation, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance, pursuant to reimbursement or indemnification obligations to such person, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(h) Indebtedness of any Borrower or any Subsidiary in respect of performance bonds, bid bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds and similar obligations, in each case provided in the ordinary course of business;

(i) Indebtedness of the Company or any other US Loan Party; provided that both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) the Company shall be in compliance with Section 6.15 (determined on a Pro Forma Basis in respect of the Test Period in effect at such time, to the extent applicable); provided further the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (i) shall not exceed \$500,000,000 at any time outstanding;

(j) unsecured or subordinated Indebtedness of the Company having no scheduled principal payments or prepayments (other than pursuant to customary change of control or asset sale offer provisions) prior to the Maturity Date; provided that both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) the Company shall be in compliance with Section 6.15 (determined on a Pro Forma Basis in respect of the Test Period in effect at such time, to the extent applicable); provided further the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (j) shall not exceed \$500,000,000 at any time outstanding;

(k) Indebtedness of Foreign Subsidiaries; provided that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (k) shall not exceed \$250,000,000 at any time outstanding; provided further that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness of the European Borrowers permitted by this paragraph (k) shall not exceed \$100,000,000 at any time outstanding;

(l) Indebtedness of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary after the date hereof; provided that (i) such Indebtedness exists at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary or such assets are acquired and is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such Person becoming a Subsidiary or such assets being acquired and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (l) shall not exceed \$250,000,000 at any time outstanding;

(m) intercompany Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary incurred to effectuate the Foreign Reorganization;

(n) Indebtedness incurred pursuant to a Permitted Foreign Subsidiary Factoring Facility; and

(o) (i) other unsecured Indebtedness not otherwise permitted by this Section 6.01 and (ii) Capital Lease Obligations; provided the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (o) shall not exceed \$150,000,000 at any time outstanding; and

(p) Indebtedness of any Loan Party and their respective Subsidiaries with respect to loans made to such Loan Party or Subsidiary on the cash surrender value of life insurance policies of employee and former employees of any Loan Party or Subsidiary or Specified Excluded Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business; provided that the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness permitted by this paragraph (p) shall not exceed the cash surrender value (without giving effect of such loan) of such policies.

SECTION 6.02 Liens. No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries 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) Liens created pursuant to any Loan Document;

(b) Permitted Encumbrances;

(c) any Lien on any property or asset of any Borrower or any Subsidiary existing on the Third Amendment Effective Date and set forth on Schedule 6.02; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or asset of such Borrower or Subsidiary and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the Third Amendment Effective Date and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof that do not increase the outstanding principal amount thereof except to the extent permitted by clause (f) of Section 6.01;

(d) Liens on fixed or capital assets acquired, constructed or improved by any Borrower or any Subsidiary; provided that (i) such security interests secure Indebtedness permitted by clause (e) of Section 6.01, (ii) such security interests and the Indebtedness secured thereby are incurred prior to or within 180 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 such Borrower or Subsidiary or any other Borrower or Subsidiary;

(e) any Lien existing on any property or asset (other than Accounts and Inventory) prior to the acquisition thereof by any Borrower or any Subsidiary or existing on any property or asset (other than Accounts and Inventory) 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

such 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 except to the extent permitted by clause (f) of Section 6.01;

(f) Liens (i) of a collecting bank arising in the ordinary course of business under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in the relevant jurisdiction covering only the items being collected upon or (ii) in favor of a banking institution arising as a matter of law, encumbering amounts credited to deposit or securities accounts (including the right of set-off) and which are within the general parameters customary in the banking industry;

(g) Liens arising out of sale and leaseback transactions;

(h) Liens granted by a Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party in favor of any Borrower or another Loan Party in respect of Indebtedness owed by such Subsidiary;

(i) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01(i) (including second priority Liens on the Collateral); provided that in the event any such Indebtedness is secured on a second priority basis by Liens on the Collateral, the Secured Obligations shall be secured by a perfected second priority Lien in all assets securing such Indebtedness on a first priority basis, subject to documentation (including an intercreditor agreement) satisfactory to the Agents; provided further that to the extent required by the terms thereof (without any modification in contemplation of this clause 6.02(i)), any Existing 2013 Notes that remain outstanding after a partial refinancing thereof with the proceeds from Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 6.01(i) shall be permitted to be secured on an equal and ratable basis by any assets securing such refinancing Indebtedness other than Liens on the Collateral (excluding any Collateral securing the Secured Obligations on a second priority basis as a result of the issuance of the refinancing Indebtedness);

(j) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01(k);

(k) in the case of any Subsidiary that is not a wholly owned Subsidiary, purchase options, calls or similar rights of a third party or customary transfer restrictions with respect to Equity Interests in such Subsidiary set forth in its organizational documents or any related joint venture or similar agreement;

(l) leases, subleases, licenses and sublicenses of assets permitted by Section 6.05(j) or (p);

(m) Liens granted in connection with a Permitted Foreign Subsidiary Factoring Facility;

(n) Liens in favor of Boise White Paper, L.L.C. pursuant to the Boise White Paper Contract not to exceed \$5,000,000;

(o) rights of lenders of Indebtedness under 6.01(p) to set off against the cash surrender value of the life insurance policies referenced to in such Section 6.01(p); and

(p) Liens not otherwise permitted by this Section 6.02 so long as (i) neither (A) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the obligations secured thereby nor (B) the aggregate fair market value (determined as of the date such Lien is incurred) of the assets subject thereto

exceeds (as to the Borrowers and all Subsidiaries) \$100,000,000 at any one time and (ii) such Liens do not cover any ABL Priority Collateral (as defined in that certain Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of March 14, 2012, as amended, modified, restated or supplemented, among the Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent for the Secured Parties, U.S. Bank National Association, as collateral agent for the Notes Secured Parties (as defined therein) and each of the Loan Parties party thereto) other than any non-consensual Liens arising by operation of law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the Liens permitted pursuant to this Section 6.02 may at any time attach to any Loan Party's (i) Accounts, other than those permitted under clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Encumbrance and clause (a) above and (ii) Inventory, in each case other than those permitted under clauses (a), (b) and (h) of the definition of Permitted Encumbrance and clause (a) above and other than as provided in Section 6.02(i). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement or any Collateral Document (including any provision for, reference to, or acknowledgement of, any Lien or Permitted Lien), nothing herein and no approval by the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent or the Lenders of any Lien or Permitted Lien (whether such approval is oral or in writing) shall be construed as or deemed to constitute a subordination by the Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent or the Lenders of any security interest or other right, interest or Lien in or to the Collateral or any part thereof in favor of any Lien or Permitted Lien or any holder of any Lien or Permitted Lien.

SECTION 6.03 Fundamental Changes. (a) No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries 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 Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing (i) any Subsidiary of a Borrower may merge into a Borrower in a transaction in which such Borrower is the surviving entity, (ii) any Loan Party (other than a Borrower) may merge into any Loan Party in a transaction in which the surviving entity is a Loan Party, (iii) any Subsidiary may transfer its assets to a Loan Party and any Subsidiary which is a non-Loan Party may transfer its assets to a non-Loan Party, (iv) any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party may liquidate or dissolve if the Company determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of the Company and is not materially disadvantageous to the Lenders, (v) any non-Loan Party may merge into, or consolidate with, another non-Loan Party; 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, (vi) any Borrower (other than a US Borrower) may merge into or consolidate with any other Borrower located in the same jurisdiction; provided that all actions reasonably required by the Administrative Agent in order to protect or perfect the security interest of the Collateral Agents in the Collateral have been taken, (vii) any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party may merge into or consolidate with any Loan Party in a transaction in which the surviving entity is a Loan Party, (viii) any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party may merge, consolidate, liquidate or dissolve and any Loan Party (other than a Borrower) may merge or consolidate; provided that, with respect to this clause (viii), (1) in each case, any such merger, consolidation, liquidation or dissolution is, or the purpose of which is to effectuate, an investment or acquisition permitted by Section 6.04 or a disposition permitted by Section 6.05 and (2) with respect to any merger or consolidation of any Loan Party (other than with respect to a disposition permitted by Section 6.05), the surviving entity is a Loan Party and (ix) the Irish Borrower may dissolve if the Company determines in good faith that such dissolution is in the best interests of the Company and is not materially disadvantageous to the Lenders, so long as, with respect to this clause (ix), (1) the Irish Borrower is a Removed Borrower and (2) the Irish Borrower has no material assets or operations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the OfficeMax Merger shall be permitted.

(b) No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, engage in any business other than businesses of the type conducted by the Company and its Subsidiaries on the Restatement Date and businesses reasonably related or incidental thereto (including the provision of services).

SECTION 6.04 Investments, Loans, Advances, Guarantees and Acquisitions. No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, purchase, hold or acquire (including pursuant to any merger with any Person that was not a Loan Party and 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 (whether through purchase of assets, merger or otherwise) (collectively, "Investments"), except:

(a) Permitted Investments, subject to, in the case of Loan Parties, control agreements in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent (in each case for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) or otherwise subject to a perfected security interest in favor of the applicable Collateral Agent (in each case for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks);

(b) investments (and commitments (including consummation of any "put" arrangement in connection therewith) in respect thereof) in existence on the Third Amendment Effective Date and described on Schedule 6.04 and renewals, replacements and extensions thereof;

(c) investments by the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries in Equity Interests in their respective Subsidiaries and Specified Excluded Subsidiaries; provided that in the case of any investments made pursuant to this paragraph (c) after the Third Amendment Effective Date by Loan Parties in Subsidiaries that are not Loan Parties or are Specified Excluded Subsidiaries, both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) (A) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Test Period in effect at the time such investment is to occur is at least 1.00 to 1.00 (determined on a Pro Forma Basis in respect of the Test Period in effect at such time) and (B) Aggregate Availability shall be at least \$250,000,000 or (ii) Liquidity shall be at least \$500,000,000, including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000;

(d) loans or advances made by (i) any Borrower to any Subsidiary or Specified Excluded Subsidiary or any other Borrower or (ii) any Subsidiary to any Borrower or any other Subsidiary or Specified Excluded Subsidiary, provided that in the case of any loans and advances made by Loan Parties to Subsidiaries that are not Loan Parties or to Specified Excluded Subsidiaries, both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) (A) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Test Period in effect at the time such investment is to occur is at least 1.00 to 1.00 (determined on a Pro Forma Basis in respect of the Test Period in effect at such time) and (B) Aggregate Availability shall be at least \$250,000,000 or (ii) Liquidity shall be at least \$500,000,000, including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000;

(e) Guarantees constituting Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.01, provided that in the case of any Indebtedness of Subsidiaries or Specified Excluded Subsidiaries that are not Loan

Parties that is Guaranteed by any Loan Party, both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) (A) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Test Period in effect at the time such investment is to occur is at least 1.00 to 1.00 (determined on a Pro Forma Basis in respect of the Test Period in effect at such time) and (B) Aggregate Availability shall be at least \$250,000,000 or (ii) Liquidity shall be at least \$500,000,000, including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000;

(f) investments made by any Loan Party in any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party or which is a Specified Excluded Subsidiary of the types described in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of this Section 6.04; provided that both immediately before and after giving pro forma effect thereto, (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) no Level 4 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period shall be in effect; provided further that the aggregate principal amount of all investments permitted by this paragraph (f) shall not exceed \$150,000,000 at any time outstanding.

(g) investments (including loans and advances) made by any Loan Party in any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party or in a Specified Excluded Subsidiary; provided that (i) such investments are made in the ordinary course of business in connection with the Company's and its Subsidiaries' cash management systems and (ii) both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) no Level 4 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period shall be in effect.

(h) loans or advances made by any Loan Party and the Subsidiaries to their employees on an arms'-length basis in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices for travel and entertainment expenses, relocation costs and similar purposes up to a maximum of \$25,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding;

(i) subject to the applicable provisions of any Security Agreements (including Sections 4.2(a) and 4.4 of the US Security Agreement), notes payable, or stock or other securities issued by Account Debtors to any Loan Party pursuant to negotiated agreements with respect to settlement of such Account Debtor's Accounts in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practices;

(j) investments or other obligations in the form of Swap Agreements permitted by Section 6.08;

(k) investments of any Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary or consolidates or merges with a Borrower or any Subsidiary (including in connection with a Permitted Acquisition), so long as such investments were not made in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary or of such merger;

(l) investments received in connection with the dispositions of assets permitted by Section 6.05;

(m) investments constituting deposits described in clauses (c) and (d) of the definition of the term "Permitted Encumbrances";

(n) Permitted Acquisitions; provided that both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Test Period in effect at the time such

Permitted Acquisition is to occur shall be at least 1.00 to 1.00 (determined on a Pro Forma Basis in respect of the Test Period in effect at such time) and (iii) no Minimum Aggregate Availability Period shall be in effect;

(o) intercompany investments made in connection with the Foreign Reorganization, including any Indebtedness permitted under Section 6.01(m);

(p) option, warrant and similar derivative transactions entered into by the Company in connection with a Permitted Convertible Notes Offering;

(q) Guarantees by any Borrower or any Subsidiary of leases or other obligations of any Borrower or any Subsidiary that do not constitute Indebtedness, in each case entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(r) investments made by Loan Parties in Subsidiaries that are not Loan Parties or in Specified Excluded Subsidiaries; provided that such investments are part of a series of substantially simultaneous investments by Loan Parties in other Loan Parties that results in substantially all the proceeds of the initial investment being invested, loaned or advanced in one or more Loan Parties;

(s) other investments not otherwise permitted by this Section 6.04; provided that both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) no Level 4 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period shall be in effect; provided further that the aggregate principal amount of all investments permitted by this paragraph (s) shall not exceed \$150,000,000 in any fiscal year of the Company; and

(t) the OfficeMax Merger.

SECTION 6.05 Asset Sales. No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of any asset, including any Equity Interest owned by it, nor will any Borrower permit any Subsidiary to issue any additional Equity Interest in such Subsidiary (other than to another Borrower or another Subsidiary in compliance with Section 6.04), except:

(a) sales, transfers and dispositions of (i) inventory in the ordinary course of business and (ii) used, obsolete, worn out or surplus equipment or property in the ordinary course of business;

(b) sales, transfers and dispositions to any Borrower or any Subsidiary or any Specified Excluded Subsidiary, provided that any such sales, transfers or dispositions involving a Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party or a Specified Excluded Subsidiary shall be made in compliance with Section 6.10 and 6.04;

(c) sales, transfers and dispositions of accounts receivable in connection with the compromise, settlement or collection thereof;

(d) sales, transfers and dispositions of investments permitted by clauses (g), (i) and (j) of Section 6.04;

(e) sales, transfers and dispositions of assets in connection with the Foreign Reorganization;

(f) sales, transfers and dispositions of the Company's Equity Interests in the Mexican Joint Venture and Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C.;

(g) sale and leaseback transactions;

(h) dispositions resulting from any casualty or other insured damage to, or any taking under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar proceeding of, any property or asset of any Borrower or any Subsidiary;

(i) sales, transfers and other dispositions of assets that are not permitted by any other paragraph of this Section, provided that the aggregate fair market value of all assets sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of in reliance upon this paragraph (i) shall not exceed an amount equal to 10% of Total Assets; provided further that the aggregate fair market value of all assets sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of by the Loan Parties in reliance upon this paragraph (i) shall not exceed \$200,000,000 during any fiscal year of the Company; provided further that a professional liquidator acceptable to the Administrative Agents shall be engaged in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition or related series of sales, transfers or other dispositions of more than 10% of the Company's and its Subsidiaries' retail store base; provided, further that dispositions required by the Federal Trade Commission in connection with the OfficeMax Merger (i) shall not count against the \$200,000,000 per fiscal year limit above and (ii) shall not be subject to the 10% of Total Assets threshold above; provided, that if such sale, transfer or other disposition or related series of sales, transfers or other dispositions consists of more than 10% of the Company's and its Subsidiaries' retail store base, the Administrative Agent shall be able to request an additional inventory appraisal; provided, further, that (i) the net proceeds from any disposition required by the Federal Trade Commission shall be used to prepay any outstanding Revolving Loans (with no corresponding reduction in Commitments) to the extent the Commitments are more than 20% drawn (excluding the effect of outstanding Letters of Credit);

(j) licenses of Intellectual Property that are in furtherance of, or integral to, other business transactions entered into by the Company or a Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

(k) Restricted Payments permitted by Section 6.09;

(l) dispositions of cash and Permitted Investments in the ordinary course of business or in connection with a transaction otherwise permitted under this Agreement;

(m) dispositions of cash and property permitted by Section 6.04(g);

(n) the dispositions described on Schedule 6.05(n);

(o) sales of inventory to an Original Vendor in connection with any Consignment Transaction; provided that the aggregate amount of Consignment Transactions (based on amount paid to the Company or its subsidiaries for the subject inventory by the Original Vendor) shall not exceed \$100,000,000 in any fiscal year of the Company;

(p) leases, subleases, licenses and sublicenses of assets entered into by any Borrower or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business that do not materially interfere with the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; and

(q) sales, transfers and dispositions of accounts receivable pursuant to a Permitted Foreign Subsidiary Factoring Facility;

provided that all sales, transfers, leases and other dispositions permitted hereby (other than those permitted by paragraphs (b) (to the extent the applicable transaction is solely among Loan Parties), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j) and (k) above) shall be made for fair value and for at least 75% cash consideration.

SECTION 6.06 Use of Proceeds. The Borrowers will not request any Borrowing or Letter of Credit, and the Borrowers shall not use, and shall procure that their respective Subsidiaries and their or their Subsidiaries' respective directors and officers and, to their and their Subsidiaries' knowledge, 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 in the United States or in 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 6.07 [Reserved].

SECTION 6.08 Swap Agreements. No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, enter into any Swap Agreement, except (a) Swap Agreements entered into to hedge or mitigate risks to which any Borrower or any Subsidiary has actual exposure (other than those in respect of Equity Interests of any Subsidiary of the Company), (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 any Borrower or any Subsidiary and (c) Swap Agreements entered into in connection with a Permitted Convertible Notes Offering.

SECTION 6.09 Restricted Payments; Certain Payments of Indebtedness. (a) No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, declare or make, or agree to pay or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, or incur any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to do so, except (i) each Loan Party and its Subsidiaries may declare and pay dividends or other distributions with respect to its common stock payable solely in additional shares of its common stock, and, with respect to its preferred stock, payable solely in additional shares of such preferred stock or in shares of its common stock; (ii) Subsidiaries may declare and pay dividends ratably with respect to their Equity Interests; (iii) the Company may make Restricted Payments, not exceeding \$20,000,000 during any fiscal year, pursuant to and in accordance with equity incentive plans or other benefit plans for management or employees of the Company and the Subsidiaries and for deceased and terminated employees and present and former directors (including from their estates), (iv) the Company may enter into option, warrant and similar derivative transactions in connection with a Permitted Convertible Notes Offering and may settle such transactions in accordance with the terms thereof, (v) the Company may declare and pay dividends payable in cash with respect to its capital stock and may make payments, including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any Equity Interests in the Company or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any Equity Interests in the Company in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$125,000,000 during any fiscal year of the Company; provided that, with respect to this clause (v), both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (A) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (B) Liquidity shall be at least \$500,000,000, including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000; (vi) Restricted Payments in respect of Permitted Convertible Notes permitted under

Section 6.09(b); (vii) the Company may make Restricted Payments (other than in cash) pursuant to any shareholder rights plan or similar arrangement; (viii) the Company may make other Restricted Payments; provided that, with respect to this clause (viii), both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (A) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (B) Liquidity shall be at least \$500,000,000, including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000 and; (ix) upon receipt of requisite approval by the Company's shareholders of the OfficeMax Merger, Restricted Payments to the holders of preferred stock of the Company (the "Preferred Stockholders") to redeem up to and including 175,000 shares of preferred stock; and (x) immediately prior to consummation of the OfficeMax Merger, Restricted Payments (A) to the Preferred Stockholders to redeem any outstanding preferred shares of the Company and (B) to repurchase any outstanding common shares of the Preferred Stockholders such that immediately following consummation of the OfficeMax Merger, the Preferred Stockholders hold less than 5% of the undiluted common stock of the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company may purchase, redeem or retire Equity Interests of the Company with (x) the net cash proceeds of the sale of its Equity Interests in the Mexican Joint Venture or in Boise Cascade Holdings, L.L.C.; provided that, both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (2) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Test Period in effect at the time such Restricted Payment is to occur shall be at least 1.00 to 1.00 (determined on a Pro Forma Basis in respect of the Test Period in effect at such time) and (3) no Minimum Aggregate Availability Period shall be in effect or (y) up to 50% of the net cash proceeds resulting from any asset sales, transfers or dispositions under Section 6.05(g) or 6.05(i), provided that, such Restricted Payments are made within six months of the applicable asset sale, transfer or disposition and, both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (2) Liquidity shall be at least \$500,000,000, including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000.

(b) No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, make or agree to pay or make, directly or indirectly, any payment or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) of or in respect of principal of or interest on any Indebtedness, or any payment or other distribution (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 Indebtedness, except:

(A) payment of Indebtedness created under the Loan Documents;

(B) payment of regularly scheduled interest and principal payments as and when due in respect of any Indebtedness, other than payments in respect of the Subordinated Indebtedness prohibited by the subordination provisions thereof;

(C) refinancings of Indebtedness to the extent permitted by Section 6.01;

(D) payment of secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness;

(E) payment of Indebtedness owed to the Company or any wholly owned Subsidiary;

(F) payment of Indebtedness owed by non-Loan Parties;

(G) distributions of shares of common stock of the Company, together with cash payments in lieu of the issuance of fractional shares, in connection with the conversion settlement of any Permitted Convertible Notes;

(H) payment on account of the tender, redemption, prepayment or repurchase of all or any portion of the Existing 2013 Notes, the OMX Existing 2016 Notes and the loans referred to in Section 6.01)(p); provided that both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) Liquidity shall be at least \$600,000,000, including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000; and

(I) other payments or distributions in respect of Indebtedness (including, without limitation, any cash conversion settlement or repurchase of any Permitted Convertible Notes); provided that both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) (x) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Test Period in effect at the time such payment is to occur shall be at least 1.10 to 1.00 (determined on a Pro Forma Basis in respect of the Test Period in effect at such time) and (y) Aggregate Availability shall be at least \$250,000,000 or (ii) Liquidity shall be at least \$500,000,000, including Aggregate Availability of at least \$400,000,000.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 6.09, nothing in this Section 6.09 shall prohibit any Loan Party or any of the Subsidiaries from issuing Permitted Convertible Notes as otherwise permitted under this Agreement.

SECTION 6.10 Transactions with Affiliates. No Loan Party will, nor will it 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) transactions that are at prices and on terms and conditions not less favorable to such Borrower or such Subsidiary than could be obtained on an arm's-length basis from unrelated third parties, (b) transactions between or among any Borrower and any Subsidiary that is a Loan Party not involving any other Affiliate, (c) transactions between or among any Subsidiaries that are not Loan Parties not involving any other Affiliate, (d) transactions permitted by Section 6.03, (e) transactions that are entered into in connection with the Foreign Reorganization, (f) any loans, advances, Guarantees and other investments permitted by Sections 6.04(c), (d), (e) or (i), (g) any Indebtedness permitted under Section 6.01(c), (d) or (i), (h) any Restricted Payment permitted by Section 6.09, (i) loans or advances to employees permitted under Section 6.04, (j) the payment of reasonable fees to directors of any Borrower or any Subsidiary who are not employees of such Borrower or Subsidiary, and compensation and employee benefit arrangements paid to, and indemnities provided for the benefit of, directors, officers or employees of the Borrowers or their Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and (k) any issuances of securities or other payments, awards or grants in cash, securities or otherwise pursuant to, or the funding of, employment agreements, stock options, equity incentive and stock ownership plans approved by a Borrower's or Subsidiary's board of directors.

SECTION 6.11 Restrictive Agreements. No Loan Party will, nor will it 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 such Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries to create, incur or permit to exist any Lien upon any of its property or assets to secure the Secured Obligations under this Agreement, or (b) the ability of any Subsidiary to pay dividends or other distributions with respect to any shares of its Equity Interests or to make or repay loans or

advances to any Borrower or any other Subsidiary or to Guarantee Indebtedness of any Borrower or any other Subsidiary; provided that (i) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions imposed by law or by any Loan Document, (ii) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions imposed on the Loan Parties existing on the Third Amendment Effective Date identified on Schedule 6.11 (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 or assets pending such sale, provided such restrictions and conditions apply only to the Subsidiary or assets that is to be sold and such sale is permitted hereunder, (iv) the foregoing shall not apply to any restriction in any agreement of any Person in effect at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary so long as such restriction is not entered into in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary, (v) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions or conditions imposed by any agreement relating to secured or unsecured high yield Indebtedness otherwise permitted by this Agreement or otherwise, so long as such restrictions or conditions (x) in the case of clause (a) above, do not impair the rights or benefits of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, any Issuing Bank or the Lenders with respect to the Collateral (subject to the provisions of any intercreditor arrangements with respect to Collateral which secures the Secured Obligations on a second priority or junior basis) or (y) in the case of clause (b) above with respect to (i) the ability of any Subsidiary to pay dividends or other distributions with respect to any shares of its Equity Interests, consist solely of requirements that such dividends or distributions by a non wholly owned Subsidiary be made on a pro rata basis, and (ii) to the making or repayment of loans or advances or the ability to Guarantee Indebtedness, consist solely of subordination requirements with respect to such intercompany obligations and that such underlying Indebtedness is otherwise permitted.

SECTION 6.12 Amendment of Material Documents. No Loan Party will, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, amend, modify or waive any of its rights under (a) (i) any agreement relating to any Subordinated Indebtedness or the Existing 2013 Senior Notes or (ii) its certificate of incorporation, by-laws, operating, management or partnership agreement or other organizational documents, in each case to the extent any such amendment, modification or waiver would be materially adverse to the Lenders or (b) any agreement relating to any Indebtedness permitted pursuant to Section 6.01(i) or (j) to the extent that after giving effect to any such amendment, modification or waiver, such Indebtedness would not be permitted under Section 6.01(i) or (j), as applicable.

SECTION 6.13 [Reserved].

SECTION 6.14 Capital Expenditures. During any Level 4 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period, the Loan Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Subsidiaries to, incur or make any Capital Expenditures during any fiscal year of the Company set forth below in an amount exceeding the amount set forth opposite such period:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Maximum Capital Expenditures</u>
2011	\$400,000,000
2012	\$450,000,000
2013 and thereafter	\$600,000,000

SECTION 6.15 Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio. During any Level 1 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period the Loan Parties will not permit the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the last day of any Test Period (including the last Test Period prior to the commencement of such Minimum Aggregate Availability Period for which financial statements for the quarter or fiscal year then ended have been (or have been required to be) delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(a) or 5.01(b), as applicable) to be less than 1.00 to 1.00.

ARTICLE VII

Events of Default

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

(a) the Borrowers shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or any reimbursement obligation in respect of any LC Disbursement 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;

(b) the Borrowers shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount (other than an amount referred to in paragraph (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 three Business Days;

(c) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary in or in connection with this Agreement or any Loan Document or any amendment or modification thereof or waiver thereunder, or in any report, certificate, financial statement or other document furnished pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement or any Loan Document or any amendment or modification thereof or waiver thereunder, shall prove to have been incorrect in any respect when made or deemed made (or in any material respect if such representation or warranty is not by its terms already qualified as to materiality);

(d) any Loan Party shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in (i) Section 5.02(a), 5.03 (with respect to a Loan Party's existence) or 5.08 or in Article VI or (ii) Section 5.16;

(e) any Loan Party shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than those which constitute a default under another Section of this Article), and such failure shall continue unremedied (i) for a period of one day after the earlier of any Loan Party's knowledge of such breach or notice thereof from the Administrative Agent (which notice will be given at the request of any Lender) if such breach relates to terms or provisions of Section 5.01(f) or 5.01(g), in each case during a Level 3 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period, (ii) for a period of five days after the earlier of any Loan Party's knowledge of such breach or notice thereof from the Administrative Agent (which notice will be given at the request of any Lender) if such breach relates to terms or provisions of Section 5.01, 5.02 (other than Section 5.02(a)), 5.03 through 5.07, 5.09, 5.10 or 5.12 of this Agreement, (iii) for a period of 30 days after the earlier of any Loan Party's knowledge of such breach or notice thereof from the Administrative Agent (which notice will be given at the request of any Lender) if such breach relates to terms or provisions of any other Section of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or (iv) for a period beyond any period of grace (if any) provided in such other Loan Document.

(f) any Loan Party 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;

(g) 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 paragraph (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;

(h) (i) an involuntary proceeding (including the filing of any notice of intention in respect thereof) shall be commenced or an involuntary petition shall be filed (other than against an Immaterial Subsidiary) seeking (A) bankruptcy, liquidation, winding-up, dissolution, reorganization, examination, suspension of general operations or other relief in respect of a Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party (other than any member of the European Group) or its debts, or of a substantial part of its assets, under any Insolvency Law now or hereafter in effect, (B) the composition, rescheduling, reorganization, examination, arrangement or readjustment of, or other relief from, or stay of proceedings to enforce, some or all of the debts or obligations of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party (other than a member of the European Group), (C) the appointment of a receiver, interim receiver, receiver and manager, liquidator, provisional liquidator, administrator, examiner, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator, examiner, agent or similar official for any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party (other than a member of the European Group) or for any substantial part of its assets or (E) possession, foreclosure, seizure or retention, sale or other disposition of, or other proceedings to enforce security over any substantial part of the assets of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party (other than a member of the European Group) 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;

(ii) any corporate action, legal proceedings or other procedure or step is taken in relation to:

(A) the suspension of payments, a moratorium of any indebtedness, winding-up, dissolution, administration, examination or reorganisation (by way of voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) of any member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary);

(B) a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with any creditor of any member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary);

(C) the appointment of a liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, examiner, compulsory manager or other similar officer in respect of any member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary) or any of its assets; or

(D) enforcement of any Lien over any assets of any member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary),

or any analogous procedure or step is taken with respect to any member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary) or its assets in any applicable jurisdiction;

(iii) any expropriation, attachment, sequestration, distress or execution or any analogous process in any jurisdiction affects any asset or assets of a member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary) having an aggregate value of \$10,000,000 and is not discharged within 30 days;

(i) (i) any Loan Party or any Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) of a Loan Party (other than a member of the European Group) shall (A) voluntarily commence any proceeding, file any petition, pass any resolution or make any application seeking liquidation, reorganization, administration or other relief under any Insolvency Law now or hereafter in effect, (B) consent to the institution of, or fail to contest in a timely and appropriate manner, any proceeding or petition described in paragraph (h) of this Article, (C) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, interim receiver, receiver and manager, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, administrator, examiner, conservator or similar official for such Loan Party or any such Subsidiary of a Loan Party or for a substantial part of its assets, (D) file an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, (E) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or (F) take any action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing;

(ii) any member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary) is unable or admits inability to pay its debts as they fall due or is deemed to or declared to be unable to pay its debts under applicable law, suspends or threatens to suspend making payments on any of its debts or, by reason of actual or anticipated financial difficulties, commences negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its indebtedness;

(iii) the value of the assets of any member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary) is less than its liabilities (taking into account contingent and prospective liabilities);

(iv) a moratorium is declared in respect of any indebtedness of any member of the European Group (other than any Immaterial Subsidiary) (if a moratorium occurs, the ending of the moratorium will not cure any Event of Default caused by that moratorium);

(v) the Luxembourg Borrower is in a situation of illiquidity (*cessation de paiements*) and absence of access to credit (*credit ébranlé*) within the meaning of Article 437 of the Luxembourg Commercial Code or is subject to (i) insolvency proceedings (*faillite*) within the meaning of Articles 437 ff. of the Luxembourg Commercial Code or any other insolvency proceedings pursuant to the Council Regulation (EC) N° 1346/2000 of May 29, 2000 on insolvency proceedings, (ii) controlled management (*gestion contrôlée*) within the meaning of the grand ducal regulation of May 24, 1935 on controlled management, (iii) voluntary arrangement with creditors (*concordat préventif de faillite*) within the meaning of the law of April 14, 1886 on arrangements to prevent insolvency, as amended, (iv) suspension of payments (*sursis de paiement*) within the meaning of Articles 593 ff. of the Luxembourg Commercial Code or (v) voluntary or compulsory winding-up pursuant to the law of August 10, 1915 on commercial companies, as amended; or

(vi) the appointment of an ad hoc director (*administrateur provisoire*) by a court in respect of the Luxembourg Borrower or a substantial part of its assets.

(j) any Loan Party or any Subsidiary (other than an Immaterial Subsidiary) of a Loan Party shall become unable, admit in writing its inability or fail generally to pay its debts as they become due;

(k) one or more judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$25,000,000 (to the extent not covered by insurance as to which the relevant insurance company has acknowledged coverage) shall be rendered against any Loan Party, any Subsidiary of any Loan Party 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 Loan Party or any Subsidiary of any Loan Party to enforce any such judgment or any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of any Loan Party shall fail within 30 days to discharge one or more non-monetary judgments or orders which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, which judgments or orders, in any such case, are not stayed on appeal by proper proceedings diligently pursued;

(l) (i) 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 a Material Adverse Effect;

(ii) the Pensions Regulator issues a Financial Support Direction or a Contribution Notice to any UK Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or its Affiliates unless the aggregate liability of any such UK Loan Party, Subsidiary or Affiliate under all Financial Support Directions and Contribution Notices is less than \$10,000,000;

(iii) in relation to the UK Pension Scheme, a statutory debt for the purposes of Section 75 or Section 75A of the Pensions Act 1995 is triggered, of an amount greater than \$10,000,000 (or in aggregate with all such other debts within a period of two years is greater than \$10,000,000);

(m) a Change in Control shall occur;

(n) the Loan Guaranty shall fail to remain in full force or effect or any action shall be taken to discontinue or to assert the invalidity or unenforceability of the Loan Guaranty, or any Loan Guarantor shall fail to comply with any of the terms or provisions of the Loan Guaranty to which it is a party, or any Loan Guarantor shall deny that it has any further liability under the Loan Guaranty to which it is a party, or shall give notice to such effect;

(o) any Collateral Document shall for any reason fail to create a valid and perfected first priority security interest in any Collateral purported to be covered thereby, except as permitted by the terms of any Collateral Document, or any Collateral Document shall fail to remain in full force or effect or any action shall be taken to discontinue or to assert the invalidity or unenforceability of any Collateral Document;

(p) any material provision of any Loan Document for any reason ceases to be valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with its terms (or any Loan Party shall challenge the enforceability of any Loan Document or shall assert in writing, or engage in any action or inaction based on any such assertion, that any provision of any of the Loan Documents has ceased to be or otherwise is not valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with its terms); or

(q) all the legal requirements of the Luxembourg law of May 31, 1999, as amended, regarding the domiciliation companies have not been complied with by the Luxembourg Borrower;

then, and in every such event (other than an event with respect to the Borrowers described in paragraph (d)(ii), (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 Representative, 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 Borrowers 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 Borrowers; and in case of any event with respect to the Borrowers described in paragraph (d)(ii), (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 Borrowers 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 Borrowers. Upon the occurrence and the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent may, and at the request of the Required Lenders shall, exercise any rights and remedies provided to such Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent under the Loan Documents or at law or equity, including all remedies provided under the UCC.

ARTICLE VIII

The Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent and Collateral Agents

Each of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks hereby irrevocably appoints the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent as its agent and authorizes the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent to take such actions on its behalf, including execution of the other Loan Documents, and to exercise such powers as are delegated to such Agent by the terms of the Loan Documents, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto.

Any bank serving as the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent or a Collateral 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, the European Administrative Agent or a Collateral Agent, and such bank and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, invest in and generally engage in any kind of business with the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party or other Affiliate thereof as if it were not the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent or a Collateral Agent hereunder.

Neither the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent nor either Collateral Agent shall have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth in the Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (a) neither the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent nor either Collateral Agent shall be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing, (b) neither the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent nor either Collateral Agent shall have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated by the Loan Documents that such 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 in the Loan Documents, neither the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent nor either Collateral Agent shall have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries that is communicated to or obtained by the bank serving as the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity. Neither the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent nor either Collateral Agent shall be liable for any action taken or not taken by it with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary under the circumstances as provided in Section 9.02) or in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Neither the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent nor either Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice thereof is given to such Agent by the Borrower Representative or a Lender, and neither the Administrative Agent nor any Collateral Agent shall be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with any Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or in connection with any Loan Document, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth in any Loan Document, (iv) the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of any information (whether oral or written) set forth or in connection with any Loan Document, (v) the legality, validity, enforceability, effectiveness, adequacy or genuineness of any Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document, (vi) the creation, perfection or priority of Liens on the Collateral or the existence of the Collateral, or (vii) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere in any Loan Document, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent or any Collateral Agent.

The Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent shall each be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, (i) any representation, notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing or communication believed by it to be genuine, correct and to have been authorized, signed or sent by the proper Person, (ii) any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to be made or authorized by the proper Person or (iii) any statement made by a director, authorized signatory or employee of any Person regarding any matters which may reasonably be assumed to be within his or her knowledge or within his or her power to verify. The Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrowers), 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, the European Administrative Agent and each Collateral 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 European Administrative Agent or each Collateral Agent, as the case may be. The Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent and each

Collateral 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, the European Administrative Agent and each Collateral 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 The Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent, as the case may be.

Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent, as the case may be, as provided in this paragraph, of the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent and each Collateral Agent, may resign at any time by notifying the Lenders, the Issuing Banks and the Borrower Representative. Upon any such resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrowers, to appoint a successor (which shall, in the case of the European Collateral Agent only, be an Affiliate acting through an office in the United Kingdom). If no successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, appoint its successor in such capacity, which shall be a commercial bank or an Affiliate of any such commercial bank or a Lender (and in the case of the European Collateral Agent only, be an Affiliate acting through an office in the United Kingdom). Upon the acceptance of its appointment as Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or a Collateral Agent hereunder by a successor, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges, obligations and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent, and the retiring Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent shall be discharged from its duties and any further obligations hereunder. The retiring Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent shall, at its own cost, make available to the successor Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent any documents and records and provide any assistance which the successor Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent may reasonably request for the purposes of performing its functions as Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent under the Loan Documents. The fees payable by the Borrowers to a successor Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrowers and such successor. After the Administrative Agent's, European Administrative Agent's or Collateral Agent's resignation hereunder, the provisions of this Article and Section 9.03 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while it was acting as Administrative Agent, European Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent.

Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral 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, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral 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 other Loan Document or related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

Each Lender hereby agrees that (a) as of the Restatement Date, it has been provided access to each Report prepared by or on behalf of the Administrative Agent; (b) neither the

Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent nor either Collateral Agent (i) makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the completeness or accuracy of any Report or any of the information contained therein or any inaccuracy or omission contained in or relating to a Report and (ii) shall be liable for any information contained in any Report; (c) the Reports are not comprehensive audits or examinations, and that any Person performing any field examination will inspect only specific information regarding the Loan Parties and will rely significantly upon the Loan Parties' books and records, as well as on representations of the Loan Parties' personnel and that neither the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent nor either Collateral Agent undertakes any obligation to update, correct or supplement the Reports; (d) it will keep all Reports confidential and strictly for its internal use, and it will not share the Report with any other Person except as otherwise permitted pursuant to Section 9.12 of this Agreement; and (e) without limiting the generality of any other indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, it will pay and protect, and indemnify, defend, and hold the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, each Collateral Agent and any such other Person preparing a Report harmless from and against, the claims, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, and other amounts (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred by as the direct or indirect result of any third parties who might obtain all or part of any Report through the indemnifying Lender (except as permitted pursuant to Section 9.12 of this Agreement).

The US Collateral Agent shall act as the secured party, on behalf of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, with respect to all Collateral of each Loan Party that is organized in any jurisdiction, other than any Participating Member State, and the European Collateral Agent shall act as the secured party, on behalf of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks, with respect to all Collateral of a Loan Party that is organized in any Participating Member State.

Each Lender, each Issuing Bank, the US Collateral Agent, the European Administrative Agent and the Administrative Agent appoints the European Collateral Agent to act as security trustee under and in connection with the UK Security Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth on Schedule 8.

The Syndication Agent and Documentation Agents shall not have any right, power, obligation, liability, responsibility or duty under this Agreement other than those applicable to all Lenders as such.

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 facsimile, as follows:

(i) if to any Loan Party, to the Borrower Representative at:

Office Depot, Inc.
6600 North Military Trail
Boca Raton, FL 33496
Attention: Vice President and Treasurer
Telephone: 561-438-3796
Facsimile: 561-438-3353

with a copy to the General Counsel
6600 North Military Trail
Boca Raton, FL 33496

Telephone: 561-438-1837

(ii) if to the Administrative Agent, the US Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent or the US Swingline Lender, to:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
270 Park Avenue, Floor 04
New York, NY 10017
Attention: Barry Bergman
Facsimile: 212-270-6637

(iii) if to the European Collateral Agent, to:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., London Branch
10 Aldermanbury
London EC2V 7RF
United Kingdom
Attention: Tim Jacob
Facsimile: +44 20 7325 6813

(iv) if to the European Administrative Agent or the European Swingline Lender, to:

J.P. Morgan Europe Limited
Loans Agency 9th floor
125 London Wall
London EC2Y 5AJ
United Kingdom
Attention: Sue Dalton
Facsimile: + 44 20 7777 2542

(v) if to any Issuing Bank, as notified to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower Representative.

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

All such notices and other communications (i) sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received or (ii) sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been given when sent, provided that if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient.

(b) Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communications (including e-mail and internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to notices

pursuant to Article II or to compliance and no Event of Default certificates delivered pursuant to Section 5.01(d) unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the applicable Lender. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower Representative (on behalf of the Loan Parties) 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. All such notices and other communications (i) sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), provided that if not given during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient, and (ii) posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (b)(i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(c) Any party hereto may change its address or facsimile number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

SECTION 9.02 Waivers; Amendments. (a) No failure or delay by any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender in exercising any right or power hereunder or under any other Loan Document 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 Agents, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders hereunder and under any other Loan Document are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of any Loan Document or consent to any departure by any Loan Party 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 any Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank may have had notice or knowledge of such Default at the time.

(b) Neither this Agreement nor any other Loan Document nor any provision hereof or thereof may be waived, amended or modified except (i) in the case of this Agreement, pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Borrowers and the Required Lenders or (ii) in the case of any other Loan Document, pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Administrative Agent, the applicable Collateral Agent (to the extent it is a party to such Loan Document) and each Loan Party that is a party thereto, 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 or forgive the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement or reduce the rate of interest thereon, or reduce or forgive any interest or fees payable hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby, (iii) postpone any scheduled date of payment of the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement, or any date for the payment of any interest, fees or other Obligations payable hereunder, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment, postpone the scheduled date of expiration of any Commitment or increase the advance rates set forth in the definition of US Borrowing Base, UK Borrowing Base or Dutch Borrowing Base, without the written consent of each Lender affected thereby, (iv) change Section 2.10(b) or Section 2.18(b) or (d) in a manner that would alter the manner in which payments are shared or the relative priorities of such payments, in each case, without the written consent of each Lender, (v) modify eligibility criteria, as such eligibility criteria are in effect on the Restatement Date (including adding new categories of eligible assets or reserves), in any

manner that has the effect of weakening or eliminating any applicable eligibility criteria or increasing the amounts available to be borrowed hereunder without the written consent of the Supermajority Lenders, (vi) change the definition of "Dilution Reserve" or "Rent Reserve" without the written consent of the Supermajority Lenders, (vii) change any of the provisions of this Section or the definition of "Required Lenders" or "Supermajority Lenders" or any other provision of any Loan Document specifying the number or percentage of Lenders (or Lenders of any Class) required to waive, amend or modify any rights thereunder or make any determination or grant any consent thereunder, without the written consent of each Lender, (viii) release any Loan Guarantor from its obligation under its Loan Guaranty (except as otherwise permitted herein or in the other Loan Documents), without the written consent of each Lender, (ix) except as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section or in any Collateral Document, release all or substantially all of the Collateral, without the written consent of each Lender or (x) subordinate the Obligations to any other Indebtedness or the Liens securing the Obligations to any other Liens without the written consent of each Lender; provided further that no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Swingline Lender hereunder without the prior written consent of such Agent, such Issuing Bank or such Swingline Lender, as the case may be. The Administrative Agent may also amend the Commitment Schedule to reflect assignments entered into pursuant to Section 9.04.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Administrative Agent may, with the consent of the Company only, amend, modify or supplement this Agreement or any other Loan Document to (i) cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency or (ii) provide for a materiality standard relating to delivery or notice requirements in any Security Agreement (other than the US Security Agreement), so long as such amendment, modification or supplement does not adversely affect the rights of any Lender or the Lenders shall have received, at least five Business Days' prior written notice thereof and the Administrative Agent shall not have received, within five Business Days of the date of such notice to the Lenders, a written notice from the Required Lenders stating that the Required Lenders object to such amendment.

(c) The Lenders hereby irrevocably authorize each Collateral Agent, at its option and in its sole discretion, to release any Liens granted to either Collateral Agent by the Loan Parties on any Collateral (i) upon the termination of the all Commitments, payment and satisfaction in full in cash of all Secured Obligations (other than Unliquidated Obligations), and the cash collateralization of all Unliquidated Obligations in a manner reasonably satisfactory to each affected Lender, (ii) constituting property being sold or disposed of if the Loan Party disposing of such property certifies to the applicable Collateral Agent that the sale or disposition is made in compliance with the terms of this Agreement (and each Collateral Agent may rely conclusively on any such certificate, without further inquiry), (iii) constituting property leased to a Loan Party under a lease which has expired or been terminated in a transaction permitted under this Agreement or (iv) as required to effect any sale or other disposition of such Collateral in connection with any exercise of remedies by a Collateral Agent or the Lenders pursuant to Article VII or (v) if such Liens were granted by any Loan Party with respect to which 100% of its Equity Interests have been sold in a transaction permitted pursuant to Section 6.05. Except as provided in the preceding sentence or in Section 9.02(b), neither Collateral Agent will release any Liens on Collateral without the prior written authorization of the Required Lenders. The Lenders hereby irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent, at its option and in its sole discretion, to (A) release any Loan Guarantor from its obligation under its Loan Guaranty if 100% of the Equity Interests of such Loan Guarantor have been sold in a transaction permitted pursuant to Section 6.05 and (B) release the Irish Borrower from its obligation under its Loan Guaranty if the Irish Borrower is being dissolved in a transaction permitted pursuant to Section 6.03(a)(ix). Any such release shall not in any manner discharge, affect, or impair the Obligations or any Liens (other than those expressly being released) upon (or obligations of the Loan Parties in respect of) all interests retained by the Loan Parties, including the proceeds of any sale, all of which shall continue to constitute part of the Collateral.

(d) If, in connection with any proposed amendment, waiver or consent requiring the consent of “each Lender” or “each Lender affected thereby,” the consent of the Required Lenders is obtained, but the consent of other necessary Lenders is not obtained (any such Lender whose consent is necessary but not obtained being referred to herein as a “Non-Consenting Lender”), then the Borrowers may elect to replace a Non-Consenting Lender as a Lender party to this Agreement, provided that, concurrently with such replacement, (i) another bank or other entity which is reasonably satisfactory to the Borrowers and the Administrative Agent shall agree, as of such date, to purchase for cash the Loans and other Obligations (other than Obligations paid by the Borrowers in accordance with clause (ii) below) due to the Non-Consenting Lender pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption and to become a Lender for all purposes under this Agreement and to assume all obligations of the Non-Consenting Lender to be terminated as of such date and to comply with the requirements of paragraph (b) of Section 9.04, and (ii) the Borrowers shall pay to such Non-Consenting Lender in same day funds on the day of such replacement (1) all interest, fees and other amounts then accrued but unpaid to such Non-Consenting Lender by the Borrowers hereunder to and including the date of termination, including without limitation payments due to such Non-Consenting Lender under Sections 2.15 and 2.17, and (2) an amount, if any, equal to the payment which would have been due to such Lender on the day of such replacement under Section 2.16 had the Loans of such Non-Consenting Lender been prepaid on such date rather than sold to the replacement Lender.

SECTION 9.03 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver. (a) Borrowers shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, each Collateral Agent, each Bookrunner and their respective Affiliates, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, each Collateral Agent and each Bookrunner (limited, in the absence of an actual conflict of interest, to one counsel and one third party appraiser and/or field examiner in each relevant jurisdiction), as the case may be, in connection with the syndication and distribution (including, without limitation, via the internet or through a service such as Intralinks) of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation and administration of the Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions of the Loan Documents (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any 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 out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Agent, any Bookrunner, any Issuing Bank or any Lender, including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender, in connection with the enforcement, collection or protection of its rights in connection with the Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section, or in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit. Expenses being reimbursed by the Borrowers under this Section include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, costs and expenses incurred in connection with:

(i) appraisals and insurance reviews;

(ii) field examinations and the preparation of Reports based on the fees charged by a third party retained by the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent or the internally allocated fees for each Person employed by the Administrative Agent or either Collateral Agent with respect to each field examination, together with the reasonable fees and expenses associated with collateral monitoring services performed by

the Specialized Due Diligence Group of the Administrative Agent (and the Borrowers agree to modify or adjust the computation of the Borrowing Base—which may include maintaining additional Reserves, modifying the advance rates or modifying the eligibility criteria for the components of the Borrowing Base—to the extent required by the Administrative Agent as a result of any such evaluation, appraisal or monitoring);

(iii) background checks regarding senior management and/or key investors, as deemed necessary or appropriate in the sole discretion of the Administrative Agent;

(iv) taxes, fees and other charges for (A) lien and title searches and title insurance and (B) recording the Collateral Documents, filing financing statements and continuations, and other actions to perfect, protect, and continue the Liens of each Collateral Agent;

(v) sums paid or incurred to take any action required of any Loan Party under the Loan Documents that such Loan Party fails to pay or take; and

(vi) forwarding loan proceeds, collecting checks and other items of payment, and establishing and maintaining the accounts and lock boxes, and costs and expenses of preserving and protecting the Collateral.

All of the foregoing costs and expenses may be charged when due to the Borrowers as Revolving Loans or to another deposit account, all as described in Section 2.18(c).

(b) The Borrowers shall, jointly and severally, indemnify the Agents, the Issuing Banks 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, penalties, liabilities and related 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 the Loan Documents or any agreement or instrument contemplated thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations thereunder 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 any 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 any Borrower or any of their Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to any Borrower or any of their 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, penalties, 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 such Indemnitee.

(c) To the extent that the Borrowers fail to pay any amount required to be paid by it to any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Swingline Lender under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, each Lender severally agrees to pay to such Agent, such Issuing Bank or such 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) of such unpaid amount; provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, penalty, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against such Agent, such Issuing Bank or such Swingline Lender in its capacity as such.

(d) To the extent permitted by applicable law, no Loan Party shall assert, and each 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 any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), except that (i) the Borrowers may not assign or otherwise transfer any of their rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each Lender (and any attempted assignment or transfer by the Borrowers without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder except in accordance with this Section. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), Participants (to the extent provided in paragraph (c) of this Section) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Agents, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) Subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph (c)(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 Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) of:

(i) the Borrower Representative, provided that no consent of the Borrower Representative 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; and provided, further, that the Borrower Representative shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless the Borrower Representative shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within five Business Days after having received notice thereof; and

(ii) the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Banks; provided that no consent of the Administrative Agent or the Issuing Banks shall be required for an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; provided further that no consent of any Issuing Bank (other than JPMCB) shall be required if such Issuing Bank does not have outstanding Letters of Credit issued by it with an aggregate face value in excess of \$1,000,000.

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.

(c) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(i) 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 Representative and the Administrative Agent otherwise consent, provided that no such consent of the Borrower Representative shall be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

(ii) in order to comply with the Dutch Act on the Financial Supervision (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), the amount transferred under this Section 9.04(c)(ii) shall include an outstanding portion of at least €50,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) per Lender or such other amount as may be required from time to time by the Dutch Act on the Financial Supervision (or implementing legislation) or if less, the new Lender shall confirm in writing to the Borrowers that it is a professional market party within the meaning of the Dutch Act on the Financial Supervision;

(iii) 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;

(iv) 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 to be paid by the assignee or the assignor; and

(v) 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 Company, the Loan 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, provincial, territorial and state securities laws.

(d) 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 (g) of this Section.

(e) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as an agent of the Borrowers, shall maintain at one of its offices a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitment of, and principal amount of the Loans and LC Disbursements owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, and the Borrowers, the Administrative Agent, each Collateral Agent, the Issuing Banks 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 Borrowers, the Issuing Banks and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(f) 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 (c)(iv) 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, 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.

(g) (i) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrowers, any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any 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 Commitment and the Loans owing to it); provided that (A) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (B) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (C) the Borrowers, the Agents, the Issuing Banks 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 (g)(ii) of this Section, the Borrowers agree that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.15, 2.16 and 2.17 to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 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 Borrowers, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under this Agreement (the "Participant Register"). 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.

(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, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Borrower Representative's prior written consent. A Participant that would be a Foreign Lender if it were a Lender shall not be entitled to the benefits of Section 2.17 unless the Borrower Representative is notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the benefit of the Borrowers, to comply with Section 2.17(g) as though it were a Lender.

(h) 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.

(i) In case of assignment, transfer or novation by the assigning Lender of all or any part of its rights and obligations under any of the Loan Documents, the assigning Lender and its assignee shall agree that, for the purposes of Article 1278 of the Luxembourg Civil Code (to the extent applicable), the Liens created under the Loan Documents, securing the rights assigned, transferred or novated thereby, will be preserved for the benefit of the assignee.

SECTION 9.05 Survival. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in the Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of any 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 any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement is outstanding and unpaid or any Letter of Credit is outstanding (unless the same has been cash collateralized in accordance with Section 2.06(j) hereof) 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, the other Loan Documents 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 facsimile shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

SECTION 9.07 Severability. Any provision of any Loan Document held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions thereof; and the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 9.08 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 Borrowers or any Loan Guarantor against any and all of the Secured Obligations held by such Lender, irrespective of whether or not such Lender shall have made any demand under the Loan Documents and although such obligations may be unmatured; provided that no amounts set off with respect to any Loan Guarantor shall be applied to any Excluded Swap Obligations of such Loan Guarantor. The applicable Lender shall promptly notify the Borrower Representative and the Administrative Agent of such set-off or application, provided that any failure to give or any delay in giving such notice shall not affect the validity of any such set-off or application under this Section. The rights of each Lender 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) The Loan Documents (other than those containing a contrary express choice of law provision) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, but giving effect to federal laws applicable to national banks.

(b) Each Loan Party hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submits, for itself and its property, to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of any US Federal or New York State court sitting in the Borough of Manhattan, New York in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to any Loan Documents, 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 or any other Loan Document shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, the European Administrative Agent, either Collateral Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document against any Loan Party or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(c) Each Loan Party hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent it may legally and effectively do so, any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document in any court referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section. Each 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 or any other Loan Document 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, ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 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 Agents, the Issuing Banks 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 Requirement of Laws or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party to this Agreement, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or any suit, action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (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 Loan Parties and their obligations, (g) with the consent of the Borrower Representative 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 Borrowers. For the purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Borrowers relating to the Borrowers or their business, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrowers; provided that, in the case of information received from the Borrowers 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 SECTION 9.12 FURNISHED TO IT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT MAY INCLUDE MATERIAL NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COMPANY AND ITS AFFILIATES AND THEIR 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, PROVINCIAL, TERRITORIAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

ALL INFORMATION, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS, FURNISHED BY THE BORROWERS 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 COMPANY, THE LOAN PARTIES AND THEIR RELATED PARTIES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SECURITIES. ACCORDINGLY, EACH LENDER REPRESENTS TO THE BORROWERS 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, INCLUDING FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL, TERRITORIAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

SECTION 9.13 Several Obligations; Nonreliance; Violation of Law. The respective obligations of the Lenders hereunder are several and not joint and the failure of any Lender to make any Loan or perform any of its obligations hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender from any of its obligations hereunder. Each Lender hereby represents that it is not relying on or looking to any margin stock for the repayment of the Borrowings provided for herein. Anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, neither any Issuing Bank nor any Lender shall be obligated to extend credit to the Borrowers in violation of any Requirement of Law.

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)) hereby notifies the Borrowers that pursuant to the requirements of such Act, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrowers, which information includes the names and addresses of the Borrowers and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Borrowers in accordance with such Act.

SECTION 9.15 Disclosure. Each Loan Party and each Lender hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Administrative Agent and/or its Affiliates from time to time may hold investments in, make other loans to or have other relationships with any of the Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates.

SECTION 9.16 Appointment for Perfection. Each Lender hereby appoints each other Lender as its agent for the purpose of perfecting Liens (in each case for the benefit of the Agents, the Lenders and the Issuing Banks) in assets which, in accordance with Article 9 of the UCC or any other applicable law can be perfected only by possession. Should any Lender (other than either Collateral Agent) obtain possession of any such Collateral, such Lender shall notify the Administrative Agent and, promptly upon the request of the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such Collateral to the applicable Collateral Agent or otherwise deal with such Collateral in accordance with the instructions of the applicable Collateral Agent.

SECTION 9.17 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 9.18 Waiver of Immunity. To the extent that any Borrower has, or hereafter may be entitled to claim or may acquire, for itself, any Collateral or other assets of the Loan Parties, any immunity (whether sovereign or otherwise) from suit, jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process (whether through service of notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution or otherwise) with respect to itself, any Collateral or any other assets of the Loan Parties, such Borrower hereby waives such immunity in respect of its obligations hereunder and under any promissory notes evidencing the Loans hereunder and any other Loan Document to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Requirements of Law and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, agrees that the waivers set forth in this Section 9.18 shall be effective to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976 (as amended, and together with any successor legislation) and are, and are intended to be, irrevocable for purposes thereof.

SECTION 9.19 Currency of Payment. Each payment owing by any Borrower hereunder shall be made in the relevant currency specified herein or, if not specified herein, specified in any other Loan Document executed by the Administrative Agent, the US Collateral Agent or the European Collateral Agent (the "Currency of Payment") at the place specified herein (such requirements are of the essence of this Agreement). If, for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court, it is necessary to convert a sum due hereunder in a Currency of Payment into another currency, the parties hereto agree that the rate of exchange used shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Administrative Agent could purchase such Currency of Payment with such other currency at the Spot Selling Rate on the Business Day preceding that on which final judgment is given. The obligations in respect of any sum due hereunder to any Lender or any Issuing Bank shall, notwithstanding any adjudication expressed in a currency other than the Currency of Payment, be discharged only to the extent that, on the Business Day following receipt by such Lender or Issuing Bank of any sum adjudged to be so due in such other currency, such Lender or Issuing Bank may, in accordance with normal banking procedures, purchase the Currency of Payment with such other currency. Each Borrower agrees that (a) if the amount of the Currency of Payment so purchased is less than the sum originally due to such Lender or Issuing Bank in the Currency of Payment, as a separate obligation and notwithstanding the result of any such adjudication, such Borrower shall immediately pay the shortfall (in the Currency of Payment) to such Lender or Issuing Bank and (b) if the amount of the Currency of Payment so purchased exceeds the sum originally due to such Lender or Issuing Bank, such Lender or Issuing Bank shall promptly pay the excess over to such Borrower in the currency and to the extent actually received.

SECTION 9.20 Conflicts. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of any other Loan Document, the terms of this Agreement shall, to the extent of such conflict, prevail.

SECTION 9.21 Parallel Debt. To grant the security pursuant to any Dutch Security Agreement to the European Collateral Agent, each European Loan Party irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes (and to the extent necessary undertakes in advance (*bij voorbaat*)) to pay to the European Collateral Agent amounts equal to any amounts owing from time to time by a European Loan Party to any Guaranteed Party under any Loan Document as and when those amounts are due.

Each European Loan Party and the Administrative Agent and the Guaranteed Parties acknowledge that the obligations of each Loan Party under this Section 9.21 are several and are separate and independent (*eigen zelfstandige verplichtingen*) from, and shall not in any way limit or affect, the corresponding obligations of that Loan Party to any Guaranteed Party under any Loan Document (its "Corresponding Debt") nor shall the amounts for which each Loan Party is liable under Section 9.21 (its "Parallel Debt") be limited or affected in any way by its Corresponding Debt provided that:

(a) the Parallel Debt of each Loan Party shall be decreased to the extent that its Corresponding Debt has been irrevocably paid or (in the case of guarantee obligations) discharged; and

(b) the Corresponding Debt of each Loan Party shall be decreased to the extent that its Parallel Debt has been irrevocably paid or (in the case of guarantee obligations) discharged; and

(c) the amount of the Parallel Debt of each Loan Party shall at all times be equal to the amount of its Corresponding Debt.

(a) For the purpose of this Section 9.21, the European Collateral Agent acts in its own name and on behalf of itself and not as agent, representative or trustee of any Guaranteed Party, and its claims in respect of each Parallel Debt shall not be held on trust.

(b) The Liens granted under the Dutch Security Agreements to the European Collateral Agent to secure each Parallel Debt is granted to the European Collateral Agent in its capacity as sole creditor of each Parallel Debt.

(c) All monies received or recovered by the European Collateral Agent pursuant to this Section 9.21, and all amounts received or recovered by the European Collateral Agent from or by the enforcement of any Lien granted to secure each Parallel Debt, shall be applied in accordance with Section 2.18(b).

(d) Without limiting or affecting the European Collateral Agent's rights against the Loan Parties (whether under this Section 9.21 or under any other provision of the Loan Documents), each Loan Party acknowledges that:

(a) nothing in this Section 9.21 shall impose any obligation on the European Collateral Agent to advance any sum to any Loan Party or otherwise under any Loan Document, except in its capacity as Guaranteed Party; and

(b) for the purpose of any vote taken under any Loan Document, the European Collateral Agent shall not be regarded as having any participation or commitment other than those which it has in its capacity as a Guaranteed Party.

For the avoidance of doubt:

(a) the Parallel Debt of each Loan Party will become due and payable (*opeisbaar*) at the same time its Corresponding Debt becomes due and payable; and

(b) a Loan Party may not repay or prepay its Parallel Debt unless directed to do so by the European Collateral Agent or the Lien pursuant to a Dutch Security Agreement is enforced by the European Collateral Agent.

SECTION 9.22 [Reserved].

SECTION 9.23 Removal of Borrowers; Actions to Release Collateral. (a) Any European Borrower shall be removed as a Borrower (each, a “Removed Borrower”) upon delivery by such Borrower to the Administrative Agent of a written notification to such effect, repayment in full of all Loans made to such Borrower, cash collateralization of all Obligations in respect of Letters of Credit issued for the account of such Borrower and repayment in full of all other amounts owing by such Borrower under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (it being agreed that any such repayment shall be in accordance with the other terms of this Agreement); provided that both immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect thereto, (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (ii) no Level 4 Minimum Aggregate Availability Period shall be in effect, provided that this clause (ii) shall not apply to the Irish Borrower so long as the Irish Borrower has no material assets or operations.

(b) Upon any removal pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section 9.23, (i) the applicable Removed Borrower shall be released from its obligations with respect to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (other than its obligations under its Loan Guaranty which shall not be released except in accordance with clause (viii) of the proviso in Section 9.02(b) or, with respect to the Irish Borrower, in accordance with Section 9.02(c)), (ii) all Liens granted to any Collateral Agent on the Collateral of the applicable Removed Borrower shall be automatically released and (iii) such Removed Borrower shall no longer constitute a “Dutch Borrower”, “UK Borrower”, “Irish Borrower” or “Luxembourg Borrower”, as applicable, a “European Borrower” or a “Borrower” for purposes of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, but shall continue to constitute a “Loan Guarantor” for purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents until released from its obligations under its Loan Guaranty in accordance with clause (viii) of the proviso in Section 9.02(b).

(c) In connection with any removal pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section 9.23 and notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents to the contrary, the Administrative Agent or the applicable Collateral Agent, upon receipt of any certificates or other documents reasonably requested by it to confirm compliance with this Agreement, shall promptly execute and deliver to such Borrower, at such Borrower’s expense, all documents that such Borrower shall reasonably request to evidence release of such Borrower from its obligations with respect to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents; provided, however, that no Removed Borrower shall be permitted to be released from its obligation under its Loan Guaranty except in accordance with clause (viii) of the proviso in Section 9.02(b).

(d) At such time as any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 6.01(i) (including any Indebtedness incurred prior to the Third Amendment Effective Date pursuant to Section 6.01(i) (as in effect prior to the Third Amendment Effective Date)) shall have been repaid in full and the holders thereof shall have released the Liens securing the obligations thereunder in accordance with the terms of such Indebtedness, any Liens created by the Loan Documents as a consequence of the issuance of such Indebtedness shall be automatically released.

(e) In connection with any release of Collateral pursuant to this Section 9.23 or any other release of Collateral in connection with any sale or disposition of Collateral permitted under this Agreement, the Administrative Agent or the applicable Collateral Agent, upon receipt of any certificates or other documents reasonably requested by it to confirm compliance with this Agreement, shall promptly execute and deliver to any Loan Party, at such Loan Party’s expense, all documents that such Loan Party shall reasonably request to evidence such release.

SECTION 9.24 Specified Tax Restructuring Transactions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement (including Article V or VI) or any other Loan Document, each Specified Tax Restructuring Transaction shall, to the extent not otherwise permitted under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, be permitted.

ARTICLE X

Loan Guaranty.

SECTION 10.01 Guaranty. (a) Each Loan Guarantor and any of its successors or assigns (other than those that have delivered a separate Loan Guaranty) hereby agrees that it is jointly and severally liable for, and, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, absolutely and unconditionally guarantees, to the extent permissible under the laws of the country in which such Loan Guarantor is located or organized, to the Lenders, the Agents and the Issuing Banks (collectively, the "Guaranteed Parties") the prompt payment when due, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration or otherwise, and at all times thereafter, of the Secured Obligations (excluding with respect to any Loan Guarantor, any Excluded Swap Obligations of such Loan Guarantor) and all costs and expenses including, without limitation, all court costs and attorneys' and paralegals' fees (including allocated costs of in-house counsel and paralegals) and expenses paid or incurred by the Agents, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders in endeavoring to collect all or any part of the Secured Obligations from, or in prosecuting any action against, any Borrower, any other Loan Guarantor or any other guarantor of all or any part of the Secured Obligations (such costs and expenses, together with the Secured Obligations, collectively the "Guaranteed Obligations"). Each Loan Guarantor further agrees that the Guaranteed Obligations may be extended or renewed in whole or in part without notice to or further assent from it, and that it remains bound upon its guarantee notwithstanding any such extension or renewal. All terms of this Loan Guaranty apply to and may be enforced by or on behalf of any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of any Lender that extended any portion of the Guaranteed Obligations. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, in no event shall the Guarantee Obligations of any European Loan Party include the Obligations of the US Loan Parties.

If any payment by a Loan Guarantor or any discharge given by a Guaranteed Party (whether in respect of the obligations of any Loan Guarantor or any security for those obligations or otherwise) is avoided or reduced as a result of insolvency or any similar event: (a) the liability of each Loan Guarantor shall continue as if the payment, discharge, avoidance or reduction had not occurred; and (b) each Guaranteed Party shall be entitled to recover the value or amount of that security or payment from each Loan Guarantor, as if the payment, discharge, avoidance or reduction had not occurred.

The obligations of each Loan Guarantor under this Article X will not be affected by an act, omission, matter or thing which, but for this Article X, would reduce, release or prejudice any of its obligations under this Article X (without limitation and whether or not known to it or any Guaranteed Party) including: (a) any time, waiver or consent granted to, or composition with, any Loan Guarantor or other person; (b) the release of any other Loan Guarantor or any other person under the terms of any composition or arrangement with any creditor of any member of the European Group; (c) the taking, variation, compromise, exchange, renewal or release of, or refusal or neglect to perfect, take up or enforce, any rights against, or security over assets of, any Loan Guarantor or other person or any non-presentation or non-observance of any formality or other requirement in respect of any instrument or any failure to realise the full value of any security; (d) any incapacity or lack of power, authority or legal personality of or dissolution or change in the members or status of an Loan Guarantor or any other person; (e) any amendment, novation, supplement, extension (whether of maturity or otherwise) or restatement (in each case, however fundamental and of whatsoever nature) or replacement of a Loan Document or any other document or security; (f) any unenforceability, illegality or invalidity of any obligation of any person under any Loan Document or any other document or security; or (g) any insolvency or similar proceedings.

Without prejudice to the generality of the above, each Loan Guarantor expressly confirms, as permissible under applicable law, that it intends that this guarantee shall extend from time to time to any (however fundamental) variation, increase, extension or addition of or to any of the Loan Documents and/or any amount made available under any of the Loan Documents for the purposes of or in connection with any of the following: acquisitions of any nature; increasing working capital; enabling investor distributions to be made; carrying out restructurings; refinancing existing facilities; refinancing any other indebtedness; making facilities available to new borrowers; any other variation or extension of the purposes for which any such facility or amount might be made available from time to time; and any fees, costs and/or expenses associated with any of the foregoing.

Each Loan Guarantor waives any right it may have of first requiring any Guaranteed Party (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) to proceed against or enforce any other rights or security or claim payment from any person before claiming from that Loan Guarantor under this Article X. This waiver applies irrespective of any law or any provision of a Loan Document to the contrary.

This guarantee is in addition to and is not in any way prejudiced by any other guarantee or security now or subsequently held by any Guaranteed Party.

This guarantee does not apply to any liability to the extent that it would result in this guarantee constituting unlawful financial assistance within the meaning of Section 678 of the UK Companies Act 2006, or section 60 of the Irish Companies Act 1963, or any equivalent and applicable provisions under the laws of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the relevant Loan Guarantor.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Credit Agreement, the aggregate obligations and liabilities of any entity incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (a "Luxembourg Guarantor") with respect to the repayment under a joint and several liability clause of any borrowing, costs or expenses, and the granting of any guarantee, indemnity or security under this Agreement:

(i) shall not include any payment which, if made, would either constitute a misuse of corporate assets as defined under article 171-1 of the LSC or amount to prohibited financial assistance as provided in article 49-6 of the LSC; and

(ii) shall be limited to the aggregate of:

(A) any sums borrowed by such Luxembourg Guarantor or any obligation or liability of such Luxembourg Guarantor's direct or indirect subsidiaries incurred under the Credit Agreement; and

(B) ninety-five percent (95%) of the net assets of such Luxembourg Guarantor, where the net assets means the shareholder's equity (*capitaux propres*, as referred to in article 34 of the Luxembourg law of December 19, 2002 on the commercial register and annual accounts) of such Luxembourg Guarantor as (i) shown in the latest financial statements (*comptes annuels*) available at the date of the relevant payment hereunder and approved by the shareholders of such Luxembourg Guarantor or (ii) existing as of the Closing Date.

SECTION 10.02 Guaranty of Payment. This Loan Guaranty is a guaranty of payment and not of collection. Each Loan Guarantor waives any right to require any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender to sue any Borrower, any other Loan Guarantor, any other guarantor, or any other Person obligated for all or any part of the Guaranteed Obligations (each, an "Obligated Party"), or otherwise to enforce its payment against any collateral securing all or any part of the Guaranteed Obligations.

As an original and independent obligation under this Loan Guaranty, each Loan Guarantor shall:

(a) indemnify each Guaranteed Party and its successors, endorsees, transferees and assigns and keep the Guaranteed Parties indemnified against all costs, losses, expenses and liabilities of whatever kind resulting from the failure by the Loan Parties or any of them, to make due and punctual payment of any of the Secured Obligations (excluding, with respect to any Loan Guarantor, any Excluded Swap Obligations of such Loan Guarantor) or resulting from any of the Secured Obligations being or becoming void, voidable, unenforceable or ineffective against any Loan Party (including, but without limitation, all legal and other costs, charges and expenses incurred by each Guaranteed Party, or any of them, in connection with preserving or enforcing, or attempting to preserve or enforce, its rights under this Loan Guaranty); and

(b) pay on demand the amount of such costs, losses, expenses and liabilities whether or not any of the Guaranteed Parties has attempted to enforce any rights against any Loan Party or any other Person or otherwise.

SECTION 10.03 No Discharge or Diminishment of Loan Guaranty. (a) Except as otherwise provided for herein, the obligations of each Loan Guarantor hereunder are unconditional and absolute and not subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination for any reason (other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations), including: (i) any claim of waiver, release, extension, renewal, settlement, surrender, alteration, or compromise of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, by operation of law or otherwise; (ii) any change in the corporate existence, structure or ownership of any Borrower or any other guarantor of or other person liable for any of the Guaranteed Obligations; (iii) any insolvency, bankruptcy, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization or other similar proceeding affecting any Obligated Party, or their assets or any resulting release or discharge of any obligation of any Obligated Party; or (iv) the existence of any claim, setoff or other rights which any Loan Guarantor may have at any time against any Obligated Party, any Agent, any Issuing Bank, any Lender, or any other person, whether in connection herewith or in any unrelated transactions.

(b) The obligations of each Loan Guarantor hereunder are not subject to any defense or setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, or termination whatsoever by reason of the invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any of the Guaranteed Obligations or otherwise, or any provision of applicable law or regulation purporting to prohibit payment by any Obligated Party, of the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof.

(c) Further, the obligations of any Loan Guarantor hereunder are not discharged or impaired or otherwise affected by: (i) the failure of any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any remedy with respect to all or any part of the Guaranteed Obligations; (ii) any waiver or modification of or supplement to any provision of any agreement relating to the Guaranteed Obligations; (iii) any release, non-perfection, or invalidity of any indirect or direct security for the obligations of any Borrower for all or any part of the Guaranteed Obligations or any obligations of any other guarantor of or other person liable for any of the Guaranteed Obligations; (iv) any action or failure to act by any Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender with respect to any collateral securing any part of the Guaranteed Obligations; or (v) any default, failure or delay, willful or otherwise, in the payment or performance of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, or any other circumstance, act, omission or delay that might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of such Loan Guarantor or that would otherwise operate as a discharge of any Loan Guarantor as a matter of law or equity (other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations).

SECTION 10.04 Defenses Waived. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Loan Guarantor hereby waives any defense based on or arising out of any defense of any Borrower or any other Loan Guarantor or the unenforceability of all or any part of the Guaranteed Obligations from any cause, or the cessation from any cause of the liability of any Borrower or any other Loan Guarantor, other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Loan Guarantor irrevocably waives acceptance hereof, presentment, demand, protest and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any notice not provided for herein, as well as any requirement that at any time any action be taken by any person against any Obligated Party, or any other person. Each Collateral Agent may, at its election, foreclose on any Collateral held by it by one or more judicial or nonjudicial sales, accept an assignment of any such Collateral in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise act or fail to act with respect to any collateral securing all or a part of the Guaranteed Obligations, compromise or adjust any part of the Guaranteed Obligations, make any other accommodation with any Obligated Party or exercise any other right or remedy available to it against any Obligated Party, without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of such Loan Guarantor under this Loan Guaranty except to the extent the Guaranteed Obligations have been fully and indefeasibly paid in cash. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Loan Guarantor waives any defense arising out of any such election even though that election may operate, pursuant to applicable law, to impair or extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or other right or remedy of any Loan Guarantor against any Obligated Party or any security.

SECTION 10.05 Rights of Subrogation. No Loan Guarantor will assert any right, claim or cause of action, including, without limitation, a claim of subrogation, contribution or indemnification that it has against any Obligated Party, or any collateral, until the Loan Parties and the Loan Guarantors have fully performed all their obligations to the Agents, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders.

SECTION 10.06 Reinstatement; Stay of Acceleration. If at any time any payment of any portion of the Guaranteed Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned upon the insolvency, bankruptcy, or reorganization of any Borrower or otherwise, each Loan Guarantor's obligations under this Loan Guaranty with respect to that payment shall be reinstated at such time as though the payment had not been made and whether or not the Agents, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders are in possession of this Loan Guaranty. If acceleration of the time for payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations is stayed upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of any Borrower, all such amounts otherwise subject to acceleration under the terms of any agreement relating to the Guaranteed Obligations shall nonetheless be payable by the Loan Guarantors forthwith on demand by the Lender.

SECTION 10.07 Information. Each Loan Guarantor assumes all responsibility for being and keeping itself informed of the Borrowers' financial condition and assets, and of all other circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Guaranteed Obligations and the nature, scope and extent of the risks that each Loan Guarantor assumes and incurs under this Loan Guaranty, and agrees that neither any Agent, any Issuing Bank nor any Lender shall have any duty to advise any Loan Guarantor of information known to it regarding those circumstances or risks.

SECTION 10.08 Termination. The Lenders may continue to make loans or extend credit to the Borrowers based on this Loan Guaranty until five days after it receives written notice of termination from any Loan Guarantor. Notwithstanding receipt of any such notice, each Loan Guarantor will continue to be liable to the Lenders for any Guaranteed Obligations created, assumed or committed to prior to the fifth day after receipt of the notice, and all subsequent renewals, extensions, modifications and amendments with respect to, or substitutions for, all or any part of that Guaranteed Obligations.

SECTION 10.09 Taxes. (a) All payments of the Guaranteed Obligations will be made by each Loan Guarantor free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for any Taxes or Other Taxes; provided that if any Loan Guarantor shall be required to withhold or deduct any Taxes or Other Taxes from such payments, then (i) the sum payable shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required withholdings or deductions (including withholdings or deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agents, Lender or Issuing Bank (as the case may be) receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholdings or deductions been made, (ii) such Loan Guarantor shall make such withholdings or deductions, (iii) such Loan Guarantor shall pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and (iv) such Loan Guarantor shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, and a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 10.10 Luxembourg Registration Duties. The Luxembourg Borrower shall not be required to pay or indemnify any Lender or the Agents for any registration duties (*droits d'enregistrements*) pertaining to the registration of a Loan Document if such registration is not required to preserve the rights of any such Lender or Agent.

SECTION 10.11 Maximum Liability. The provisions of this Loan Guaranty are severable, and in any action or proceeding involving any corporate law, or any provincial, state, federal or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other law affecting the rights of creditors generally, if the obligations of any Loan Guarantor under this Loan Guaranty would otherwise be held or determined to be void, voidable, avoidable, invalid or unenforceable on account of the amount of such Loan Guarantor's liability under this Loan Guaranty, then, notwithstanding any other provision of this Loan Guaranty to the contrary, the amount of such liability shall, without any further action by the Loan Guarantors or the Lenders, be automatically limited and reduced to the highest amount that is valid and enforceable as determined in such action or proceeding (such highest amount determined hereunder being the relevant Loan Guarantor's "Maximum Liability"). This Section with respect to the Maximum Liability of each Loan Guarantor is intended solely to preserve the rights of the Lenders to the maximum extent not subject to avoidance under applicable law, and no Loan Guarantor nor any other person or entity shall have any right or claim under this Section with respect to such Maximum Liability, except to the extent necessary so that the obligations of any Loan Guarantor hereunder shall not be rendered voidable under applicable law. Each Loan Guarantor agrees that the Guaranteed Obligations may at any time and from time to time exceed the Maximum Liability of each Loan Guarantor without impairing this Loan Guaranty or affecting the rights and remedies of the Lenders hereunder, provided that, nothing in this sentence shall be construed to increase any Loan Guarantor's obligations hereunder beyond its Maximum Liability.

SECTION 10.12 Contribution. In the event any Loan Guarantor (a "Paying Guarantor") shall make any payment or payments under this Loan Guaranty or shall suffer any loss as a result of any realization upon any collateral granted by it to secure its obligations under this Loan Guaranty, each other Loan Guarantor (each a "Non-Paying Guarantor") shall contribute to such Paying Guarantor an amount equal to such Non-Paying Guarantor's "Applicable Percentage" of such payment or payments made, or losses suffered, by such Paying Guarantor. For purposes of this Article X, each Non-Paying Guarantor's "Applicable Percentage" with respect to any such payment or loss by a Paying Guarantor shall be determined as of the date on which such payment or loss was made by reference to the ratio of (i) such Non-Paying Guarantor's Maximum Liability as of such date (without giving effect to any right to receive,

or obligation to make, any contribution hereunder) or, if such Non-Paying Guarantor's Maximum Liability has not been determined, the aggregate amount of all monies received by such Non-Paying Guarantor from the Borrowers after the date hereof (whether by loan, capital infusion or by other means) to (ii) the aggregate Maximum Liability of all Loan Guarantors hereunder (including such Paying Guarantor) as of such date (without giving effect to any right to receive, or obligation to make, any contribution hereunder), or to the extent that a Maximum Liability has not been determined for any Loan Guarantor, the aggregate amount of all monies received by such Loan Guarantors from the Borrowers after the date hereof (whether by loan, capital infusion or by other means). Nothing in this provision shall affect any Loan Guarantor's several liability for the entire amount of the Guaranteed Obligations (up to such Loan Guarantor's Maximum Liability). Each of the Loan Guarantors covenants and agrees that its right to receive any contribution under this Loan Guaranty from a Non-Paying Guarantor shall be subordinate and junior in right of payment to the payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations. This provision is for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agents, the Issuing Banks, the Lenders and the Loan Guarantors and may be enforced by any one, or more, or all of them in accordance with the terms hereof.

SECTION 10.13 Liability Cumulative. The liability of each Loan Party as a Loan Guarantor under this Article X is in addition to and shall be cumulative with all liabilities of each Loan Party to the Agents, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party or in respect of any obligations or liabilities of the other Loan Parties, without any limitation as to amount, unless the instrument or agreement evidencing or creating such other liability specifically provides to the contrary.

SECTION 10.14 Effective Agreement. On the Fourth Amendment Effective Date, the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended and restated in its entirety by this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (i) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, whether executed and delivered in connection herewith or otherwise, do not constitute a novation, payment and reborrowing, or termination of the "Obligations" (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) under the Existing Credit Agreement as in effect prior to the Fourth Amendment Effective Date and (ii) such "Obligations" are in all respects continuing (as amended and restated hereby) with only the terms thereof being modified as provided in this Agreement.

SECTION 10.15 Keepwell. Each Qualified Keepwell Provider hereby jointly and severally absolutely, unconditionally, and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support as may be needed from time to time by each other Loan Party to honor all of its obligations under this guarantee in respect of any Swap Obligation (provided, however, that each Qualified Keepwell Provider shall only be liable under this Section 10.15 for the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering its obligations under this Section 10.15, or otherwise under this guarantee, voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount). The obligations of each Qualified Keepwell Provider under this Section 10.15 shall remain in full force and effect until the payment in full of the Guaranteed Obligations and the release of such Qualified Keepwell Provider from its obligations hereunder pursuant to Section 9.02 of the Credit Agreement. Each Qualified Keepwell Provider intends that this Section 10.15 constitute, and this Section 10.15 shall be deemed to constitute, a "keepwell, support, or other agreement" for the benefit of each other Loan Party for all purposes of section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

ARTICLE XI

The Borrower Representative

SECTION 11.01 Appointment; Nature of Relationship. The Company is hereby appointed by each of the Borrowers as its contractual representative (herein referred to as the “Borrower Representative”) hereunder and under each other Loan Document, and each of the Borrowers irrevocably authorizes the Borrower Representative to act as the contractual representative of such Borrower with the rights and duties expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents. The Borrower Representative agrees to act as such contractual representative upon the express conditions contained in this Article XI. Additionally, each Borrower hereby appoints, to the extent the Borrower Representative requests any Loan on behalf of such Borrower, the Borrower Representative as its agent to receive all of the proceeds of such Loan in the Funding Account(s), at which time the Borrower Representative shall promptly disburse such Loan to such Borrower. Neither the Agents, the Lenders nor the Issuing Banks and their respective officers, directors, agents or employees, shall not be liable to the Borrower Representative or any Borrower for any action taken or omitted to be taken by the Borrower Representative or the Borrowers pursuant to this Section 11.01.

SECTION 11.02 Powers. The Borrower Representative shall have and may exercise such powers under the Loan Documents as are specifically delegated to the Borrower Representative by the terms of each thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The Borrower Representative shall have no implied duties to the Borrowers, or any obligation to the Lenders to take any action thereunder except any action specifically provided by the Loan Documents to be taken by the Borrower Representative.

SECTION 11.03 Employment of Agents. The Borrower Representative may execute any of its duties as the Borrower Representative hereunder and under any other Loan Document by or through authorized officers.

SECTION 11.04 Notices. Each Borrower shall immediately notify the Borrower Representative of the occurrence of any Default hereunder, each such notice to refer to this Agreement describing such Default and stating that such notice is a “notice of default.” In the event that the Borrower Representative receives such a notice, the Borrower Representative shall give prompt notice thereof to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agents and the Lenders. Any notice provided to the Borrower Representative hereunder shall constitute notice to each Borrower on the date received by the Borrower Representative.

SECTION 11.05 Successor Borrower Representative. Upon the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, the Borrower Representative may resign at any time, such resignation to be effective upon the appointment of a successor Borrower Representative acceptable to the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall give prompt written notice of such resignation to the Lenders.

SECTION 11.06 Execution of Loan Documents; Borrowing Base Certificate. The Borrowers hereby empower and authorize the Borrower Representative, on behalf of the Borrowers, to execute and deliver to the Agents and the Lenders the Loan Documents and all related agreements, certificates, documents, or instruments as shall be necessary or appropriate to effect the purposes of the Loan Documents, including without limitation, the any Borrowing Base Certificate and any certificates required pursuant to Article V. Each Borrower agrees that any action taken by the Borrower Representative or the Borrowers in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, and the exercise by the Borrower Representative of its powers set forth therein or herein, together with such other powers that are reasonably incidental thereto, shall be binding upon all of the Borrowers.

SECTION 11.07 Reporting. Each Borrower hereby agrees that such Borrower shall furnish promptly after each fiscal month to the Borrower Representative a copy of its Borrowing Base Certificate and any other certificate or report required hereunder or requested by the Borrower Representative on which the Borrower Representative shall rely to prepare the Aggregate Borrowing Base Certificate and the Borrowing Base Certificate of each Borrower and Compliance Certificates required pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

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.

BORROWERS:

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

By _____
Name: Michael D. Newman
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

OFFICE DEPOT INTERNATIONAL (UK) LTD.

By _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT UK LTD.

By _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT INTERNATIONAL B.V.

By _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT B.V.

By _____
Name:
Title:

OFFICE DEPOT FINANCE B.V.

By _____
Name:
Title:

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OD INTERNATIONAL (LUXEMBOURG) FINANCE S.À
R.L.

By _____
Name:
Title:

By _____
Name:
Title:

VIKING FINANCE (IRELAND) LTD.

By _____
Name:
Title:

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LOAN GUARANTORS:

4SURE.COM, INC.

By _____
Name: Richard Leland
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

OD AVIATION, INC.

By _____
Name: Richard Leland
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

OD INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By _____
Name: Richard Leland
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

OD OF TEXAS, LLC

By _____
Name: Richard Leland
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

SOLUTIONS4SURE.COM, INC.

By _____
Name: Richard Leland
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

THE OFFICE CLUB, INC.

By _____
Name: Richard Leland
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

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VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC.

By _____

Name: Richard Leland

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., individually, as
Administrative Agent, US Collateral Agent and Lender

By _____
Name:
Title:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., LONDON BRANCH, as
European Administrative Agent and European Collateral
Agent

By _____
Name:
Title:

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Syndication Agent and Lender

By _____

Name:

Title:

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SCHEDULE 1.01(c)

MANDATORY COST FORMULA

1. The Mandatory Cost is an addition to the interest rate to compensate Lenders for the cost of compliance with (a) the requirements of the Bank of England and/or the Financial Services Authority (or, in either case, any other authority which replaces all or any of its functions) or (b) the requirements of the European Central Bank.
2. On the first day of each Interest Period (or as soon as possible thereafter) the European Administrative Agent shall calculate, as a percentage rate, a rate (the "Additional Cost Rate") for each Lender, in accordance with the paragraphs set out below. The Mandatory Cost will be calculated by the European Administrative Agent as a weighted average of the Lenders' Additional Cost Rates (weighted in proportion to the percentage participation of each Lender in the relevant Loan) and will be expressed as a percentage rate per annum.
3. The Additional Cost Rate for any Lender lending from a Facility Office in a Participating Member State will be the percentage notified by that Lender to the European Administrative Agent. This percentage will be certified by that Lender in its notice to the European Administrative Agent to be its reasonable determination of the cost (expressed as a percentage of that Lender's participation in all Loans made from that Facility Office) of complying with the minimum reserve requirements of the European Central Bank in respect of loans made from that Facility Office.
4. The Additional Cost Rate for any Lender lending from a Facility Office in the United Kingdom will be calculated by the European Administrative Agent as follows:

- (a) in relation to a Loan denominated in Sterling:

$$\frac{AB + C(B - D) + E \times 0.01}{100 - (A + C)} \quad \text{per cent.per annum}$$

- (b) in relation to a Loan in any currency other than Sterling:

$$\frac{E \times 0.01}{300} \quad \text{per cent.per annum}$$

Where:

A. is the percentage of Eligible Liabilities (assuming these to be in excess of any stated minimum) which that Lender is from time to time required to maintain as an interest free cash ratio deposit with the Bank of England to comply with cash ratio requirements.

B. is the percentage rate of interest (excluding the Applicable Spread and the Mandatory Cost and, if the Loan is an Unpaid Sum, the additional rate of interest specified in Section 2.10(c) of the Credit Agreement) payable for the relevant Interest Period on the Loan.

C. is the percentage (if any) of Eligible Liabilities which that Lender is required from time to time to maintain as interest bearing Special Deposits with the Bank of England.

D. is the percentage rate per annum payable by the Bank of England to the European Administrative Agent (or such other bank as may be designated by the European Administrative Agent in consultation with the Borrower Representative) on interest bearing Special Deposits.

E. is designed to compensate Lenders for amounts payable under the Fees Rules and is calculated by the European Administrative Agent as being the average of the most recent rates of charge supplied by the Reference Banks to the European Administrative Agent pursuant to paragraph 7 below and expressed in Sterling per £1.0 million.

5. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) “Eligible Liabilities” and “Special Deposits” have the meanings given to them from time to time under or pursuant to the Bank of England Act 1998 or (as may be appropriate) by the Bank of England;

(b) “Facility Office” means the office or offices notified by a Lender to the European Administrative Agent in writing on or before the date it becomes a Lender (or, following that date, by not less than five Business Days’ written notice) as the office or offices through which it will perform its obligations under this Agreement;

(c) “Fees Rules” means the rules on periodic fees contained in the FSA Supervision Manual or such other law or regulation as may be in force from time to time in respect of the payment of fees for the acceptance of deposits;

(d) “Fee Tariffs” means the fee tariffs specified in the Fees Rules under the activity group A.1 Deposit acceptors (ignoring any minimum fee or zero rated fee required pursuant to the Fees Rules but taking into account any applicable discount rate);

(e) “Reference Banks” means, in relation to each of the Eurodollar Base Rate and the Eurodollar Rate and Mandatory Cost, the principal office in London, England of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., London Branch, or such other bank or banks as may be designated by the European Administrative Agent in consultation with Borrower Representative;

(f) “Tariff Base” has the meaning given to it in, and will be calculated in accordance with, the Fees Rules; and

(g) “Unpaid Sum” means any sum due and payable but unpaid by any Loan Party under the Loan Documents.

6. In application of the above formulae, A, B, C and D will be included in the formulae as percentages (i.e. 5 per cent. will be included in the formula as 5 and not as 0.05). A negative result obtained by subtracting D from B shall be taken as zero. The resulting figures shall be rounded to four decimal places.

7. If requested by the European Administrative Agent, each Reference Bank shall, as soon as practicable after publication by the Financial Services Authority, supply to the European Administrative Agent, the rate of charge payable by that Reference Bank to the Financial Services

Authority pursuant to the Fees Rules in respect of the relevant financial year of the Financial Services Authority (calculated for this purpose by that Reference Bank as being the average of the Fee Tariffs applicable to that Reference Bank for that financial year) and expressed in Sterling per £1.0 million of the Tariff Base of that Reference Bank.

8. Each Lender shall supply any information required by the European Administrative Agent for the purpose of calculating its Additional Cost Rate. In particular, but without limitation, each Lender shall supply the following information on or prior to the date on which it becomes a Lender:

(c) the jurisdiction of its Facility Office; and

(d) any other information that the European Administrative Agent may reasonably require for such purpose.

Each Lender shall promptly notify the European Administrative Agent of any change to the information provided by it pursuant to this paragraph.

9. The percentages of each Lender for the purpose of A and C above and the rates of charge of each Reference Bank for the purpose of E above shall be determined by the European Administrative Agent based upon the information supplied to it pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 above and on the assumption that, unless a Lender notifies the European Administrative Agent to the contrary, each Lender's obligations in relation to cash ratio deposits and Special Deposits are the same as those of a typical bank from its jurisdiction of incorporation with a Facility Office in the same jurisdiction as its Facility Office.

10. The European Administrative Agent shall have no liability to any person if such determination results in an Additional Cost Rate which over or under compensates any Lender and shall be entitled to assume that the information provided by any Lender or Reference Bank pursuant to paragraphs 3, 7 and 8 above is true and correct in all respects.

11. The European Administrative Agent shall distribute the additional amounts received as a result of the Mandatory Cost to the Lenders on the basis of the Additional Cost Rate for each Lender based on the information provided by each Lender and each Reference Bank pursuant to paragraphs 3, 7 and 8 above.

12. Any determination by the European Administrative Agent pursuant to this Schedule in relation to a formula, the Mandatory Cost, an Additional Cost Rate or any amount payable to a Lender shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties to this Agreement.

The European Administrative Agent may from time to time, after consultation with Borrower Representative and the Lenders, determine and notify to all parties to this Agreement any amendments which are required to be made to this Schedule 1.01(c) in order to comply with any change in law, regulation or any requirements from time to time imposed by the Bank of England, the Financial Services Authority or the European Central Bank (or, in any case, any other authority which replaces all or any of its functions) and any such determination shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties to this Agreement.

SCHEDULE 5.01(g)

[To be attached]

SCHEDULE 8

EUROPEAN COLLATERAL AGENT UK SECURITY TRUST PROVISIONS

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Terms defined in the Credit Agreement

Terms defined in the Credit Agreement but not in this Schedule shall have the same meanings in this Schedule as in the Credit Agreement.

1.2 Definitions

In addition, in this Schedule:

“Administrator” means any administrator appointed to manage the affairs, business and assets of any Loan Party under the Collateral Documents.

“Facility Office” means the office or offices notified by a Lender to the Administrative Agent in writing on or before the date it becomes a Lender (or, following that date, by not less than five Business Days’ written notice) as the office or offices through which it will perform its obligations under the Credit Agreement;

“Finance Party” means, individually and collectively, each Lender, each Issuing Bank and each Agent.

“Losses” means losses (including loss of profit), claims, demands, actions, proceedings, damages and other payments, costs, expenses and other liabilities of any kind.

“Obligor” means any Borrower or any other Loan Party.

“Receiver” means any receiver, receiver and manager or administrative receiver appointed by the European Collateral Agent over all or any of the Collateral under the Collateral Documents whether solely, jointly, severally or jointly and severally with any other person and includes any substitute for any of them appointed from time to time.

2. SECURITY TRUSTEE PROVISIONS

2.1 Role of the European Collateral Agent

The European Collateral Agent shall not be subject to the duty of care imposed on trustees by the Trustee Act 2000.

2.2 No fiduciary duties

The European Collateral Agent shall not be bound to account to any other Finance Party for any sum or the profit element of any sum received by it for its own account.

2.3 Discretions of the European Collateral Agent

- (a) The European Collateral Agent may assume that:
 - (i) no Default has occurred (unless it has actual knowledge of a Default arising under Article VII of the Credit Agreement); and
 - (ii) any right vested in any other Finance Party has not been exercised.
- (b) Notwithstanding that the European Collateral Agent and one or more of the other Finance Parties may from time to time be the same entity, that entity has entered into the Loan Documents in those separate capacities. However, where the Loan Documents provide for the European Collateral Agent and the other Finance Parties to provide instructions to or otherwise communicate with one or more of the others of them, then for so long as they are the same entity it will not be necessary for there to be any formal instructions or other communication, notwithstanding that the Loan Documents provide in certain cases for the same to be in writing.

2.4 Required Lenders instructions

- (a) Unless a contrary indication appears in a Loan Document:
 - (i) the European Collateral Agent shall act in accordance with any instructions given to it by the Required Lenders (or, if so instructed by the Required Lenders or in the absence of an instruction from them, refrain from acting or exercising any power, authority, discretion or other right vested in it as European Collateral Agent); and
 - (ii) any instructions given by the Required Lenders will be binding on all the Lenders.
- (b) The European Collateral Agent may refrain:
 - (i) from acting (in accordance with the instructions of the Required Lenders (or, if appropriate, the Lenders) or otherwise) until it has received such security and/or indemnity as it may require for any Losses (including any associated irrevocable VAT) which it may incur in complying with the instructions; and
 - (ii) from doing anything which may in its opinion be a breach of any law or duty of confidentiality or be otherwise actionable at the suit of any person.
- (c) In the absence of instructions from the Required Lenders (or, if appropriate, the Lenders), the European Collateral Agent may act (or refrain from taking action) as it considers to be in the best interest of the Required Lenders.
- (d) The European Collateral Agent is not authorised to act on behalf of a Lender (without first obtaining that Lender's consent) in any legal or arbitration proceedings relating to any Loan Document.

2.5 Exclusion of liability

- (a) The European Collateral Agent will not be liable for any delay (or any related consequences) in crediting an account with an amount required under the Loan Documents to be paid by the European Collateral Agent if the European Collateral Agent has taken all necessary steps as soon as reasonably practicable to comply with the regulations or operating procedures of any recognised clearing or settlement system used by the European Collateral Agent for that purpose.
- (b) The European Collateral Agent shall not be under any obligation to insure any of the Collateral or any certificate, note, bond or other evidence in respect of any of them or to require any other person to maintain that insurance and shall not be responsible for any Losses which may be suffered as a result of the lack or inadequacy of that insurance.
- (c) The European Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for any Losses occasioned to the Collateral, however caused, by any Obligor or any other person by any act or omission on the part of any person (including any bank, broker, depository, warehouseman or other intermediary or any clearing system or the operator of it), or otherwise, unless those Losses are occasioned by the European Collateral Agent's own gross negligence or wilful misconduct. In particular the European Collateral Agent shall be not responsible for any Losses which may be suffered as a result of any assets comprised in the Collateral, or any deeds or documents of title to them, being uninsured or inadequately insured or being held by it or by or to the order of any custodian or by clearing organisations or their operators or by any person on behalf of the European Collateral Agent.
- (d) The European Collateral Agent shall have no responsibility to any Obligor as regards any deficiency which might arise because such Obligor is subject to any tax in respect of the Collateral or any income or any proceeds from or of them.
- (e) The European Collateral Agent shall not be liable for any failure, omission or defect in giving notice of, registering or filing, or procuring registration or filing of, or otherwise protecting or perfecting, the security constituted over the Collateral.

2.6 Lenders' Indemnity to the European Collateral Agent

- (a) The European Collateral Agent may, in priority to any payment to the Lenders, indemnify itself out of the Collateral in respect of, and pay and retain, all sums necessary to give effect to this indemnity and to all other indemnities given to it in the other Loan Documents in its capacity as European Collateral Agent. The European Collateral Agent shall have a Lien on the security constituted over the Collateral and the proceeds of enforcement of any Collateral Documents for all such sums.

2.7 Additional European Collateral Agent

The European Collateral Agent may at any time appoint (and subsequently remove) any person to act as a separate security trustee or as a co-trustee jointly with it (any such person, an "Additional European Collateral Agent"):

- (a) if it is necessary in performing its duties and if the European Collateral Agent considers that appointment to be in the interest of the Finance Parties; or

- (b) for the purposes of complying with or confirming to any legal requirements, restrictions or conditions which the European Collateral Agent deems to be relevant; or
- (c) for the purposes of obtaining or enforcing any judgment or decree in any jurisdiction, and the European Collateral Agent will give notice to the other Parties of any such appointment.

2.8 Confidentiality

- (a) In acting as security trustee for the Finance Parties, the European Collateral Agent shall be regarded as acting through its syndication or agency division which shall be treated as a separate entity from any other of its divisions or departments.
- (b) If information is received by another division or department of the European Collateral Agent, it may be treated as confidential to that division or department and the European Collateral Agent shall not be deemed to have notice of it.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of any Loan Document to the contrary, the European Collateral Agent is not obliged to disclose to any other person:
 - (i) any confidential information; or
 - (ii) any other information if the disclosure would or might in its reasonable opinion constitute a breach of any law or a breach of a fiduciary duty.

2.9 Relationship with the Lenders

The European Collateral Agent may treat each Lender as a Lender, entitled to payments under the Collateral Documents and acting through its Facility Office unless it has received not less than five Business Days' prior notice from that Lender to the contrary in accordance with the terms of relevant Collateral Document.

2.10 Credit Appraisal by the Lenders

Without affecting the responsibility of each Obligor for information supplied by it or on its behalf in connection with any Loan Document, each Lender confirms to the European Collateral Agent that it has been, and will continue to be, solely responsible for making its own independent appraisal and investigation of all risks arising under or in connection with any Loan Document, including:

- (a) the financial condition, status and nature of each Obligor;
- (b) the legality, validity, effectiveness, adequacy or enforceability of any Loan Document and any other agreement, arrangement or document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of, under or in connection with any Loan Document;
- (c) whether that Lender has recourse, and the nature and extent of that recourse, against any party or any of its respective assets under or in connection with any Loan Document, the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents or any other agreement, arrangement or other document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of, under or in connection with any Loan Document; and
- (d) the adequacy, accuracy and/or completeness of any information provided by the European Collateral Agent, any other party or any other person under or in connection with any Loan Document, the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents or any other agreement, arrangement or other document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of, under or in connection with any Loan Document.

2.11 Security Documents

- (a) The European Collateral Agent shall accept without investigation, requisition or objection whatever title any person may have to the assets which are subject to the Collateral Documents and shall not:
 - (i) be bound or concerned to examine or enquire into the title of any person; or
 - (ii) be liable for any defect or failure in the title of any person, whether that defect or failure was known to the European Collateral Agent or might have been discovered upon examination or enquiry and whether it is capable of remedy or not.
- (b) Upon the appointment of any successor European Collateral Agent under Article VIII of the Credit Agreement, the resigning European Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver any documents and do any other acts and things which may be necessary to vest in the successor European Collateral Agent all the rights vested in the resigning European Collateral Agent under the Collateral Documents.
- (c) Each of the other Finance Parties:
 - (i) authorises the European Collateral Agent to hold each mortgage or charge created pursuant to any Loan Document in its sole name as security trustee for the Finance Parties; and
 - (ii) requests the Land Registry to register the European Collateral Agent as the sole proprietor of any mortgage or charge so created.

2.12 Distribution of proceeds of enforcement

- (a) To the extent that the Collateral Documents provide for the net proceeds of any enforcement to be applied against the Secured Obligations, the European Collateral Agent shall pay them to the European Administrative Agent and the European Administrative Agent shall apply them in payment of any amounts due but unpaid under the Loan Documents, if applicable in the order set out in Section 2.19(b) of the Credit Agreement. This shall override any appropriation made by any Obligor.
- (b) The European Collateral Agent may, at its discretion, accumulate proceeds of enforcement in an interest bearing account in its own name.

2.13 No obligation to remain in possession

If the European Collateral Agent, any Receiver or any delegate takes possession of all or any of the Collateral, it may from time to time in its absolute discretion relinquish such possession.

2.14 European Collateral Agent's obligation to account

The European Collateral Agent shall not in any circumstances (either by reason of taking possession of the Collateral or for any other reason and whether as mortgagee in possession or on any other basis):

- (a) be liable to account to any Obligor or any other person for anything except the European Collateral Agent's own actual receipts which have not been distributed or paid to that Obligor or the persons entitled or at the time of payment believed by the European Collateral Agent to be entitled to them; or
- (b) be liable to any Obligor or any other person for any principal, interest or Losses from or connected with any realisation by the European Collateral Agent of the Collateral or from any act, default, omission or misconduct of the European Collateral Agent, its officers, employees or agents in relation to the Collateral or from any exercise or non-exercise by the European Collateral Agent of any right exercisable by it under the European Security Agreements unless they shall be caused by the European Collateral Agent's own gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

2.15 Receiver's and delegate's obligation to account

All the provisions of Clause 2.14 (above) shall apply in respect of the liability of any Receiver or Administrator or delegate in all respects as though every reference in Clause 2.14 (above) to the European Collateral Agent were instead a reference to the Receiver or, as the case may be, Administrator or delegate.

Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification

I, Roland C. Smith, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Office Depot, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any 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 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.

/s/ Roland C. Smith

Roland C. Smith
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Board of Directors

Date: May 5, 2015

Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification

I, Stephen E. Hare, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Office Depot, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any 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 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.

/s/ Stephen E. Hare

Stephen E. Hare

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 5, 2015

Office Depot, Inc.**Certification of CEO and CFO Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Office Depot, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarterly period ended March 28, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Roland C. Smith, as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Stephen E. Hare, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to each officer's knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Roland C. Smith

Name: Roland C. Smith

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 5, 2015

/s/ Stephen E. Hare

Name: Stephen E. Hare

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 5, 2015

The foregoing certification is being furnished as an exhibit to the Report pursuant to Item 601(b)(32) of Regulation S-K and Section 1350 of Title 18 of the United States Code and, accordingly, is not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of the Report and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (whether made before or after the date of the Report, irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing).