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For the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022

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As of March 15, 2022, there were 15,124,910 shares of common stock, \$0.00001 par value per share, outstanding.

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# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

As of August 1, 2021 (last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter), the aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by

Certain portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement relating to its 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or the 2022 Proxy Statement, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Such 2022 Proxy Statement will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates. Except with respect to information specifically incorporated by reference in this Form 10-K, the proxy statement is not deemed to be filed as part of this Form 10-K.

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# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other legal authority. Forward-looking statements generally relate to future events or our future financial or operating performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements because they contain words such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "could," "intends," "target," "projects," "contemplates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential," or "continue" or the negative of these words or other similar terms or expressions that concern our expectations, strategy, plans, or intentions.

You should not place undue reliance on forward looking statements. We cannot assure you that the events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur. The cautionary statements set forth in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere, identify important factors which you should consider in evaluating our forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

- our ability to sustain recent growth rates;
- our ability to sustain the increase in our Internet sales;
- our ability to manage the growth of our operations over time;
- our ability to maintain, grow and enforce our brand and trademark rights;
- our ability to improve our products and develop new products;
- our ability to obtain, grow and enforce intellectual property related to our business and avoid infringement or other violation of the intellectual property rights of others:
- our ability to successfully open and operate new showrooms;
- the impact of any systems interruptions that impair customer access to our sites or other performance failures in our technology infrastructure;
- any decline in consumer spending including due to negative impact from economic conditions;
- our ability to compete and succeed in a highly competitive and evolving industry; and
- the effect and consequences of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") public health crisis or related variants on our business operations and continuity.

We caution you that the foregoing list may not contain all the forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. We have based the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K primarily on our current expectations and projections about future events and trends that we believe may affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects. The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors described in the section titled "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks and uncertainties emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all risks and uncertainties that could have an impact on the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We cannot assure you that the results, events, and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur, and actual results, events, or circumstances could differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements made in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or to reflect new information or the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law. We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions, or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements, and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures, or investments we may make.

# PART I.

#### Item 1. Business.

When used in this report, the terms "we," "us," "our," "Lovesac" and the "Company" mean The Lovesac Company.

# **Company Overview**

We are a technology driven company that designs, manufactures and sells unique, high quality furniture derived through our proprietary Designed for Life philosophy which results in products that are built to last a lifetime and designed to evolve as our customers' lives do. Our current product offering is comprised of modular couches called Sactionals, premium foam beanbag chairs called Sacs, and their associated home decor accessories. Innovation is at the center of our design philosophy with all of our core products protected by a robust portfolio of utility patents. The Company markets and sells its products through modern and efficient showrooms and, increasingly, through online sales directly at www.lovesac.com, supported by direct-to-consumer touch-feel points in the form of our own showrooms, which include our newly created mobile concierge and kiosks, as well as through shop-in-shops and online pop-up-shops with third party retailers. We believe that our ecommerce centric approach, coupled with our ability to deliver our large upholstered products through express couriers, is unique to the furniture industry.

The name "Lovesac" was derived from our original innovative product, a premium foam beanbag chair, the Sac. The Sac was developed in 1995 and provided the foundation for the Company. We believe that the large size, comfortable foam filling and irreverent branding of our Sacs products have been instrumental in growing a loyal customer base and our positive, fun image. Our Sacs represented 10.5%, 14.0% and 17.0% of our sales for fiscal years 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Our Sactionals product line currently represents a majority of our sales. Sactionals are a couch system that consists of two components, seats and sides, which can be arranged, rearranged and expanded into thousands of configurations easily and without tools. Our Sactional products include a number of patented features relating to their geometry and modularity, coupling mechanisms and other features. We believe that these high quality premium priced products enhance our brand image and customer loyalty and expect them to continue to garner a significant share of our sales.

Our Sactionals represented 87.6%, 84.5% and 80.7% of our sales for fiscal years 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Sacs and Sactionals come in a wide variety of colors and fabrics that allow consumers to customize their purchases in numerous configurations and styles. We provide lifetime warranties on our Sactionals frames and the foam used in both product lines, and 3-year warranties on our covers. Our Designed for Life trademark reflects our dynamic product line that is built to last and evolve throughout a customer's life. Customers can continually update their Sacs and Sactionals with new covers, additions and configurations to accommodate changes in their family and housing situations.

The Company was formed in the State of Delaware on January 3, 2017, in connection with a corporate reorganization with SAC Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the predecessor entity to the Company. Our common stock began trading on Nasdaq under the symbol "LOVE" on June 27, 2018 and we consummated our initial public offering of shares of our common stock, or our IPO, on June 29, 2018.

# **Product Overview**

Our products serve as a set of building blocks that can be rearranged, restyled and re-upholstered with any new setting, mitigating constant changes in fashion and style. They are built to last and evolve throughout a customer's life.

• Sactionals. Our Sactional product line currently represents a majority of our net sales. We believe our Sactionals platform is unlike competing products in its adaptability yet is comparable aesthetically to similarly priced premium couches and sectionals. Our Sactional products include a number of patented features relating to their geometry and modularity, coupling mechanisms and other features. Utilizing only two, standardized pieces, "seats" and "sides," and approximately 200 high quality, tight-fitting covers that are removable, washable, and changeable, customers can create numerous permutations of a sectional couch with minimal effort. Customization is further enhanced with our specialty-shaped modular offerings, such as our wedge seat and roll arm side. In October 2021 StealthTech Sound + Charge product line was introduced that features immersive surround sound by Harman Kardon and convenient wireless charging, all seamlessly embedded and hidden inside the adaptable Sactionals platform. Our custom features and accessories can be added easily and quickly to a Sactional to meet endless design, style, storage and utility preferences, reflecting our Designed for Life philosophy. Sactionals are built to meet the highest durability and structural standards applicable to fixed couches. Sactionals are comprised

of standardized units and we guarantee their compatibility over time, which we believe is a major pillar of their value proposition to the consumer.

- Sacs. We believe that our Sacs product line is a category leader in oversized beanbags. The Sac product line offers 6 different sizes ranging from 25 pounds to 95 pounds with capacity to seat 3+ people on the larger model Sacs. Filled with Durafoam, a blend of shredded foam, Sacs provide serene comfort and guaranteed durability. Their removable covers are machine washable and may be easily replaced with a wide selection of cover offerings.
- Accessories. Our accessories complement our Sacs and Sactionals by increasing their adaptability to meet evolving consumer demands and preferences. Our current
  product line offers Sactional-specific drink holders, Footsac blankets, decorative pillows, fitted seat tables and ottomans in varying styles and finishes and our unique
  Sactionals Power Hub, providing our customers with the flexibility to customize their furnishings with decorative and practical add-ons to meet evolving style
  preferences.

# Sales Channels

We offer our products through an omni-channel platform that provides a seamless and meaningful experience to our customers online and in-store. Our distribution strategy allows us to reach customers through four distinct, brand-enhancing channels.

- Showrooms. We market and sell our products through 146 showrooms at top tier malls, lifestyle centers, kiosks, mobile concierges, and street locations in 39 states in the U.S. We carefully select the best small-footprint retail locations in high-end malls and lifestyle centers for our showrooms. Compared to traditional retailers, our showrooms require significantly less square footage because of our need to have only a few in-store sample configurations for display and our ability to stack our inventory for immediate sale. The architecture and layout of these showrooms is designed to communicate our brand personality and key product features. Our goal is to educate first-time customers, creating an environment where people can touch, feel, read, and understand the technology behind our products. We are updating and remodeling many of our showrooms to reflect our new showroom concept, which emphasizes our unique product platform, and will be the standard for future showrooms. Our showroom concept utilizes technology in more experiential ways to increase traffic and sales. Our net sales completed through this channel accounted for 60.0%, 45.6% and 63.4% of total net sales for fiscal years 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively.
- Ecommerce. Through our ecommerce channel, we believe we are able to significantly enhance the consumer shopping experience for home furnishings, driving deeper brand engagement and loyalty, while also realizing more favorable margins than our showroom locations. We believe our robust technological capabilities position us well to benefit from the growing consumer preference to transact at home and via mobile devices. With furniture especially suited to ecommerce applications, our net sales completed through this channel accounted for 30.2%, 47.1% and 23.9% of total net sales for fiscal years 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively.
- Other touchpoints. We augment our showrooms with other touchpoint strategies including online and in store pop-up-shops, shop-in-shops, and barter inventory transactions. We utilize in store pop-up-shops to increase the number of locations where customers can experience and purchase our products, a low cost alternative to drive brand awareness, in store sales, and ecommerce sales. These in store pop-up-shops are staffed similarly to our showrooms with associates trained to demonstrate and sell our products and promote our brand. Unlike the in store pop-up-shops which are typically 10-day shows, and pop-up locations, shop-in-shops are designed to be in permanent locations carrying the same digital technology of our showrooms and are also staffed with associates trained to demonstrate and sell our products. Shop-in-shops require less capital expenditure to open a productive space to drive brand awareness and touchpoint opportunities for demonstrating and selling our products. During fiscal year 2022, we operated 21 shop-in-shops at Best Buy and online at Best Buy.com as compared to 3 shop-in-shops in fiscal 2021. We hosted 7 online pop-ups and no in store pop-up-shops in fiscal year 2022 as compared to 5 online pop-ups and 153 in store pop-up-shops in fiscal year 2021. We expect to continue hosting online pop-ups on Costco.com and do not currently expect any further contribution from Costco in store pop-up-shops. Other sales which includes pop-up-shop sales, shop-in-shop sales and inventory barter transactions accounted for 9.8%, 7.3% and 12.7% of our total sales for the fiscal years ended 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### Customers

Our Designed for Life products provide flexibility, upgradeability and sustainability, elements that attract a wide customer base and can change as their life changes. Our customers have different tastes, styles, purchasing goals and budgets when shopping for couches, and our Sactionals platform's modularity addresses this array of needs.

- Target Demographics. Based on our internal data, our typical customer is 25 to 45 years in age with an annual household income of over \$100,000. We consider this to be an attractive demographic because of its higher than average rates of household formation and furniture purchasing. Since 2020, we have experienced accelerated growth in new customer transactions from our target customers and beyond, demonstrating the expansive relatability and demand of our products.
- Robust customer lifetime value. The fiscal 2022 cohort had an average first year value of \$2,840 per new customer, and this is the highest first year value of all cohorts we have tracked since fiscal 2015 and 105.0% higher than the 3 year benchmark fiscal 2015 cohort whose Customer Lifetime Value (CLV) is currently \$1,385, which increased from \$1,346 in fiscal 2021. We believe this is an outcome of our decision to focus on driving penetration of Sactionals. We calculated our fiscal 2022 cohort CLV by dividing the aggregate gross profits through fiscal 2022 attributed to the fiscal 2022 cohort (approximately \$342 million) by the total number of new customers from fiscal 2022 (120,351).

In addition, our Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC) was \$548.74 for fiscal 2022. This is an increase from our fiscal 2021 CAC which was \$434.61. This increase is attributable to our increase in marketing spend targeted at Sactional customers and we expect our CAC to continue to increase as we continue to target Sactional customers. We also expect this increase in CAC to correspond with a continued increase in CLV. Our CLV/CAC ratio for fiscal 2022 was 5.17 compared to 4.70 for fiscal 2021.

# **Growth Strategies**

To position Lovesac for future growth, in the last several years we have made significant investments in overhead, optimized and integrated our business technologies and processes, and further developed our marketing strategies. In addition, we have refocused our strategy regarding our showrooms, moving to higher end malls and lifestyle centers while testing new showroom concept such as kiosks and mobile concierge, to support ecommerce sales, our primary growth channel. We have also moved to fixed versus variable rent structures in many of our lease arrangements and have introduced a new interactive technology driven showroom experience that has resulted in higher traffic levels and conversion.

We are also focused on the following key strategies to drive sales growth:

#### Continue to Build on Our Brand

We aggressively invest in brand building and direct marketing efforts through a robust and diverse marketing mix. Our focus on building the Lovesac and Sactional brands has led to an increase in our new Sactional customer base, which grew by 33.1% in fiscal 2022. Through our ecommerce channel, we believe we are able to significantly enhance the consumer shopping experience, driving deeper brand engagement and loyalty, while also realizing more favorable margins than our showroom locations. We continue to invest into this digital channel to improve user experience, enhancing their research, understanding and confidence in their purchase decision.

Our commitment to sustainability is central to our stated purpose and strategy. Our Designed For Life philosophy calls for products that are built to last a lifetime and designed to evolve with our customers' lives. Sactionals represent our Designed For Life philosophy in action and customers generally invest in them with a long-term focus. We believe this is a competitive advantage and has helped us establish a unique brand and a successful culture.

# New Strategy on Innovation

Innovation and test-and-learn are engrained within our Company, from product to operations to marketing and distribution. From inception, we have focused on developing unique, innovative and proprietary product platforms. We deploy a dual strategy of continuously researching and product invention and designing. We are continuously expanding and introducing new extensions to these platforms to broaden the appeal, grow the addressable market of our product offerings and ultimately continue to grow and evolve with our customers' needs. We continually evaluate new products to complement our Sactionals and Sac lines and are currently developing accessories for the techsavyy consumer. During October 2021,

we introduced the Sactionals StealthTech Sound + Charge product line. This unique innovation features immersive surround sound by Harman Kardon and convenient wireless charging, all seamlessly embedded and hidden inside the adaptable Sactionals platform. The System includes two Sound + Charge Sides each with embedded front- and rearfiring Harman Kardon speakers, a Subwoofer that easily integrates into a Sactionals Seat Frame and a Center Channel, all working in unison to deliver captivating surround sound that is completely hidden from view.

As we continue to grow our business and add additional showrooms in strategic locations across the United States, we seek the ability to service more customers locally with area-designated representatives who will shift their efforts between our showrooms and customers' homes. Our concierge operators in the field will be able to assist customers via online chat services from home thereby creating more touchpoints customers in new and existing locations, contributing to our efficient approach to growing our footprint and services to suit the evolving needs of our customers.

# **Increase Sales and Operating Margins**

We seek to increase sales and operating margins through our premium market position and pricing strategy and omni-channel platform, which we believe will require relatively small near term increases in fixed overhead.

- Premium Market Position and Pricing. Our products are positioned in the premium couch segment of the furniture market. We market as premium products because of our proprietary foam fillings, higher quality materials and unique modularity requiring a distinct level of manufacturing capability. At our price point, we offer a unique value proposition that combines both beautiful aesthetics and utility to our customers that we believe our competitors cannot offer. Additionally, our high-end branding strategy, further enhanced by our unsolicited celebrity endorsements and large social media following, commands premium pricing, as we feel lowering prices may negatively affect the perception of our products. The difference is explained by our platform approach, where once a customer buys their first couch, the cost of expanding and adding to it over time is much less expensive than the traditional method of purchasing another new couch to replace the old one.
- Omni-channel Platform. By leveraging our omni-channel platform, we cost-effectively drive traffic to our ecommerce channel, resulting in increased web-based sales and improved operating margins. We continually seek to improve our ecommerce capabilities to drive sales and take advantage of the lower cost of this channel. Our showrooms and other direct marketing efforts work in concert to drive customer conversion in ecommerce. In addition, our shop-in-shops provide a low cost alternative to drive brand awareness and both in-store and ecommerce sales.

# **Supply Chain and Sourcing**

We manage a global supply chain of highly vetted and qualified, third-party manufacturing partners to produce our products. Our partners operate facilities located in the United States, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan, Indonesia, and India. We do not currently own or operate any manufacturing facilities as we believe our partners' facilities are sufficient to meet our current demand and will be able to meet any additional demand in the future. We do, however, expect to invest in additional domestic manufacturing capabilities to support supply chain redundancy for certain of our products. Additionally, we work closely with our manufacturing partners regarding product quality and manufacturing process efficiency. To mitigate the concentration risk in our supply chain, we have and continue to pursue a higher diversification of manufacturing partners, with both sourcing, tariff, and geographical advantages.

### **Logistics and Distribution**

We are able to efficiently distribute and ship our products to our customers. Due to the unique modularity of our Sactionals products and the shrinkability of our Sacs, we are able to distribute our products through nationwide express couriers and efficiently utilize warehouse space and international shipping routes. We believe our Sactionals are the only product in its category that enjoys this logistical advantage.

# Seasonality

We experience seasonal fluctuations in our sales. A larger percentage of our sales occur in the fourth quarter of our fiscal year, which coincides with Cyber Monday (the first Monday after Thanksgiving, when online retailers typically offer holiday discounts), the holiday season and our related promotional and marketing campaigns. Our fiscal 2022 quarters in sequential order equaled 16.6%, 20.6%, 23.4% and 39.4% of total net sales, respectively.

#### **Intellectual Property**

We own 31 U.S. federal trademark registrations, 177 foreign trademark registrations, and a number of U.S. and foreign trademark applications and common law trademark rights. Our registered U.S. trademarks include registrations for the Lovesac<sup>®</sup>, Lovesoft<sup>®</sup>, Sactionals<sup>®</sup>, Durafoam<sup>®</sup>, SAC<sup>®</sup>, SACS<sup>®</sup>, Moviesac<sup>®</sup>, Supersac<sup>®</sup>, Squattoman<sup>®</sup>, Total Comfort<sup>®</sup>, Gamersac<sup>®</sup>, Citysac<sup>®</sup>, Footsac<sup>®</sup>, Always Fits. Forever New<sup>®</sup>, The World's Most Comfortable Seat<sup>®</sup>, and Designed For Life<sup>®</sup> trademarks. Our trademarks, if not renewed, are scheduled to expire between 2022 and 2031.

In order to maintain our U.S. trademark registrations, we must continue to use the marks in commerce on the goods and services identified in the registrations and must make required filings with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at intervals specified by applicable statutes and regulations. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in abandonment or cancellation of the registrations.

We have 26 issued U.S. utility patents and 38 issued foreign utility patents, that are scheduled to expire between 2022 and 2039. We have 15 pending U.S. utility patent applications, 35 pending foreign utility patent applications and 2 pending international patent applications. Our Sactional technology patents include our proprietary geometric modular system and segmented bi-coupling technology. We also have multiple patents pending and expect to file patent applications for future innovations. We believe that our patent portfolio, combined with our innovative design approach may deter others from attempting to imitate or replicate our products.

#### Competition

Our business is rapidly evolving and intensely competitive. Retailers compete based on a variety of factors, including design, quality, price and customer service. Levels of competition and the ability of our competitors to attract customers through competitive pricing or other factors may impact our results of operations. Our competition includes furniture stores, big box retailers, department stores, specialty retailers and online furniture retailers and marketplaces.

We believe our combination of proprietary products, brand strength, loyal customer base, omni-channel approach, technological platform, unique consumer experience, logistical advantages and seasoned management team allow us to compete effectively against and differentiate ourselves from the competition.

# **Environmental Sustainability and Social Responsibility**

Our business is purpose driven, pursuing continued economic growth alongside environmental and social responsibility through innovative and lasting programs. We have incorporated social, environmental, health and safety procedures into our global manufacturing standards. Additionally, we are taking an enhanced inventory of our carbon footprint and constructing new operational processes to reduce waste throughout our value chain.

Our environmental and social initiatives include but are not limited to the following: We are committed to provide a fulfilling and inclusive workplace, cultivating a diverse workforce and continuous opportunities to learn new skills. We have increased training hours by 25 percent since fiscal 2020, recognizing the positive value of professional development for our associates. As of December 31, 2021, 55 percent of our workforce was made up of racial or ethnic minority groups, and 60 percent were women. In fiscal 2021, we founded a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) council and steering committee, that will lead the continued growth of programs supporting underrepresented groups and empowering employees to be responsive equality leaders. Delivering innovative solutions to support a sustainable, low carbon future is anchored in our guiding principles. By 2040, we hope to achieve a one-hundred percent circular and sustainable business model, reaching targets of zero waste and zero emissions. In the coming year, we plan to report scope 1 and 2 emissions in alignment with Green House Gas Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard and share the roadmap intended to help us achieve our zero waste and zero emissions goals.

We monitor our sourcing facilities that manufacture Lovesac products for implementation of safe and ethical business practices in the areas of working hours, wages, benefits, forced labor, discrimination, and child labor. These facilities are also required to manage their environmental impacts, provide a safe and healthy environment in all workspaces, comply with all local wage and hour laws and regulations, and comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. Ethical and environmental practices are confirmed through agreements with our manufacturers to submit to third party auditing and authorized monitoring. We work to ensure our products are safe for our customers and their homes with strict safety standards and responsible use of chemicals. To achieve these standards, we strive for all of our products to meet or exceed performance requirements for product durability, safety, and consumer satisfaction through rigorous safety inspections.

At the end of fiscal 2022, we published our first annual Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) report aligned with the guidance of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB). We believe that transparently disclosing the goals and metrics pertinent to our ESG programs will grant our stakeholders continued visibility of our progress. To that end, we expect to update this report on an annual basis for consistent transparency of our evolving ESG strategy and related efforts. Our most recent ESG report is available at: https://investor.lovesac.com/esg. The content of our website is not incorporated by reference in this Form 10-K.

#### **Environmental Compliance**

Our manufacturing operations are subject to a variety of U.S. and international environmental protection measures. We believe that our operations comply in all material respects with applicable environmental laws and regulations. Our compliance with these requirements is not expected to have a material effect upon our capital expenditures, cash flows, earnings, or competitive position.

#### **Human Capital**

The long-term success of our business depends on attracting, developing and retaining top talent to drive our growth strategy and support our guiding principles. These principles are the foundation of our business and grounded in true sustainability, a singular focus on high quality execution of fewer core products, consideration of all stakeholder perspectives in our decision-making, and championing meaningful relationships through the development of products that bring people together.

Our corporate culture celebrates our associates at online rallies and annual events designed to engage our associates and reward them for exemplary work and embodiment of our values. We support our associates' professional development through annual training programs on topics relevant to our business, functional areas, or policies and procedures. Our associates participate in quarterly coaching sessions with their managers where they are evaluated on their performance relative to certain key performance indicators and alignment with our values and given actionable feedback. We engage our associates on many levels to share learnings, educate, and foster community and connection.

Our talent acquisition strategy is to attract top talent and become a sought-after U.S. employer focused on our Designed For Life philosophy and a culture of diversity, equity and inclusivity. We have initiated this strategy by expanding the areas from which we source talent and offering flexible remote working opportunities for eligible associates. We will continue to build on this strategy, working in parallel with our evolving future work strategy. We also offer a robust and immersive onboarding plan to create a strong foundation for our new associates and timely, effective integration.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in fiscal 2022 a majority of our workforce continued to work remotely. To support our headquarters-based associates, we took measures to ensure our associates had the technology to support remote work and are redefining our future working environment to offer flexible working solutions. For associates supporting our showrooms, we implemented specific protocols to ensure the safety of our associates and our customers.

As of January 30, 2022, we had 607 full-time associates and 578 part-time associates, and we contracted with 20 independent contractors. Our workforce was 58% female, and women hold 53% of the available leadership roles within the Company.

All associates and contractors are subject to contractual agreements that specify, among other things, requirements for confidentiality, ownership of newly developed intellectual property and restrictions on working for competitors as well as other matters.

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

In fiscal 2022, we prioritized developing a strategic diversity, equity and inclusion plan to ensure a diverse workforce composition, operating in an inclusive and transparent workplace culture, to leverage all of our talents. We engaged with partners to guide our diversity, equity and inclusion strategy, and elicited feedback from our associates on factors affecting diverse individuals and communities. We also established a steering committee of senior leaders and a Diversity and Inclusion Council of associates to drive our program's objectives. We have expanded our diversity recruiting practices, deployed training programs to increase awareness of diversity, equity and inclusion issues, and are developing tools to drive accountability toward achieving the Company's goals.

#### **Product Development**

We design and sell non-seasonally driven, Designed For Life products, that are focused on driving incremental value for our customer. The process leverages numerous inputs to shape our product roadmap, sequencing of product launches, and prioritization of product projects. A few examples of these sources of information are consumer insights generated by research commissioned by Lovesac, patterning our category and key competitors, and product opportunities developed to address customer satisfaction. All products that we bring to market must adhere to our Designed For Life design philosophy which calls for products that are built to last a lifetime and designed to evolve as life changes. This ensures that our products not only leverage responsible inputs when possible, but also create a sustainable product that is built to last and designed to evolve.

# **Government Regulation**

We are subject to numerous U.S. and international trade laws and regulations, and U.S. federal, state and foreign laws and regulations covering a variety of subject matters, many of which are evolving. These laws and regulations involve matters including privacy, data use, data protection and personal information, intellectual property, product liability, ecommerce, taxation, economic or other trade prohibitions or sanctions, anti-corruption and political law compliance, securities law compliance, and online payment services. Our compliance with these laws and regulations may be onerous and could, individually or in the aggregate, increase our cost of doing business and/or otherwise have an adverse impact on our business, reputation, financial condition, and operating results.

For additional information about government regulation applicable to our business, see Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

# **Available Information**

Copies of our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, our Proxy Statements and amendments to these reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act") are available, free of charge, on our investor relations website (https://investor.lovesac.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after we file such materials electronically with or furnish it to the SEC. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website does not constitute part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the inclusion of our website address in this Annual Report is for reference only. The SEC also maintains a website that contains our SEC filings at www.sec.gov.

# Item 1A. Risk Factors.

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, together with all of the other information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including our financial statements and the related notes thereto. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or that we currently believe are not material, also may become important factors that affect us and impair our business operations. The occurrence of any of the events or developments discussed in the risk factors below could have a material and adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows, and in such case, our future prospects would likely be materially and adversely affected. If any of such events or developments were to happen, the trading price of our common stock could decline.

# Summary

Our business is subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, as described below, that may prevent us from achieving our business objectives or may adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and prospects. The principal factors and uncertainties that make investing in our common stock risky include, among others:

- the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on our business, sales, results of operations and financial condition;
- · our ability to sustain profitability, and raise capital;
- · our ability to accurately forecast our operating results and growth rate or manage our growth effectively;
- · our ability to maintain our brand image, engage new and existing customers and gain market share;
- our ability to compete successfully;

- our ability to effectively market and launch our products and increase customer traffic;
- our ability to attract, develop, motivate and maintain well-qualified associates;
- systems interruptions that impair customer access to our sites or other performance failures in our technology infrastructure, including significant disruptions of or breach in security of information technology systems and violation of data privacy laws;
- any decline in consumer spending including due to negative impact from economic conditions;
- · our dependence on a small number of suppliers, including international suppliers and those in developing countries, foreign manufacturing and imports;
- · the impact of increases in demand for, or the price of, raw materials used to manufacture our products;
- our inability to manage our inventory levels and products, including the complexities created by our omni-channel operations, and sustain our Internet sales levels;
- · our ability to successfully open and operate new showrooms and continue to achieve showroom growth rates that we have achieved in the past;
- our ability to successfully adapt to consumer shopping preferences;
- · unfavorable changes to government regulation of the Internet and ecommerce; and
- our ability to protect our trademarks, brand image, or other intellectual property rights.

#### **COVID-19 Risks**

The impact of COVID-19 continues to create uncertainty for our business and may have a significant negative impact on our business, sales, results of operations and financial condition.

The global outbreak of COVID-19 has led to severe disruptions in general economic activities, particularly retail operations, as businesses and federal, state, and local governments take increasingly broad actions to mitigate this public health crisis. We have experienced significant disruption to our business, both in terms of disruption of our operations and the adverse effect on overall economic conditions. On March 18, 2020, the Company closed all showroom locations. All of our showrooms have since fully reopened to the walk-in phase; however, there is no guarantee that there will not be additional closures. We have seen and may continue to see changes in consumer demand as a result of COVID-19, including the inability of consumers to purchase our products due to factors such as quarantine or other restrictions, store closures, or financial hardship. To help mitigate the impact of the pandemic on showroom and in-person sales, we have increased marketing of our website and ecommerce platform as we believe that the pandemic has contributed to an acceleration in the shift of commerce to online sales. However, it is possible that this increased ecommerce demand may not continue in future periods and may even recede as the effects of the pandemic subside, which could adversely affect our revenue growth. Our business is also dependent on the continued health and productivity of our associates, including store, region and corporate management teams, throughout this crisis. Although we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our associates, our employees may be exposed to COVID-19, and we may face claims by such employees or regulatory authorities that we have not provided adequate protection to our employees with respect to the spread of COVID-19 at our physical locations, which may affect our business, results of operations, and reputation. Our global supply chain and manufacturing operations may also be impacted by COVID-19 outbreak could have a material adverse effect on our business, sales, results of

Additionally, our liquidity could be negatively impacted if these conditions continue for a significant period of time and we may be required to pursue additional sources of financing to obtain working capital, maintain appropriate inventory levels, and meet our financial obligations. The capital and credit markets have been disrupted by the crisis and our ability to obtain any required financing is not guaranteed and largely dependent upon evolving market conditions and other factors. Depending on the continued impact of the crisis, further actions may be required.

The extent to which COVID-19 ultimately impacts our business, sales, results of operations and financial condition will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including, but not limited to, the duration and spread of the virus and any variants, its severity, the vaccination rates among the population and its

effectiveness, the actions to contain the virus or treat its impact, and how quickly and to what extent normal economic and operating conditions can resume. Even after the COVID-19 outbreak has subsided, we may continue to experience significant impacts to our business as a result of its global economic impact, including any economic downturn or recession that has occurred or may occur in the future. For example, significant shifts in consumer spending behavior resulting from the outbreak, especially around key purchase triggers like moving into new dwellings, remodeling spaces, or replacing or upgrading home furnishings, which we believe increased our sales during the pandemic, may decline after the pandemic has abated and cause a significant impact on our business and operations.

# The various United States federal government orders and regulations directing employers to require their employees to be vaccinated could lead to labor disruptions, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

On November 4, 2021, the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") issued an emergency temporary standard ("ETS") requiring private employers with 100 or more employees to enforce vaccination mandates for its employees or, alternatively, require weekly testing. On January 13, 2022, the United States Supreme Court issued an opinion staying enforcement of the ETS. Then, effective January 26, 2022, OSHA withdrew the ETS as an enforceable ETS, but did not withdraw the ETS as a proposed rule. The ultimate outcome of this proposed rule and related litigation cannot be determined at this time. We are continuing to closely monitor and update our practices in response to developments or changes in the COVID-19 vaccination policies established by various federal agencies as well as the several state-specific COVID-19 vaccine mandates that provide expanded exemptions, modifications, or restrictions regarding employee vaccinations. Given current information, it is not possible to assess with certainty the impact such vaccine mandates would have on us. These mandates may result in increased costs, labor disruptions or employee attrition. If we lose employees, it will be difficult in the current competitive labor market to find qualified replacement employees, and this could have an adverse effect on future revenues and costs, which could be material. Additional uncertainty could also be caused by competing and potentially conflicting laws and regulations, such as the recent executive orders issued by certain states prohibiting vaccine mandates. Accordingly, such mandates could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

#### **Business Risks**

# Our inability to maintain our brand image, engage new and existing customers and gain market share could have a material adverse effect on our growth strategy and our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Our ability to maintain our brand image and reputation is integral to our business and implementation of our growth strategy. Maintaining, promoting and growing our brand will depend largely on the success of our design, merchandising and marketing efforts and our ability to provide a consistent, high-quality product and customer experience. Our reputation could be jeopardized if we fail to maintain high standards for product quality and integrity and any negative publicity about these types of concerns may reduce demand for our products. There is also increased focus by governmental and non-governmental organizations, customers, and other stakeholders, on corporate social responsibility and sustainability matters. Our reputation could be damaged if we do not (or are perceived not to) act responsibly with respect to any social or sustainability matters, which could negatively impact our business and results of operations. While we believe our brand enjoys a loyal customer base, the success of our growth strategy depends, in part, on our ability to keep existing customers engaged and attract new customers to our brand. If we experience damage to our reputation or loss of consumer confidence, we may not be able to retain existing customers or acquire new customers, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# If we fail to acquire new customers, or fail to do so in a cost-effective manner, we may not be able to achieve revenue growth or profitability.

To acquire new customers, we must appeal to prospects who have historically used other means of commerce to purchase furniture, such as traditional furniture retailers. To date, we have reached new customers primarily through our showroom presence in various markets, and through social media, digital content, third-party advocates for our brand and products and by word of mouth, and now through national television advertisements. Until now, these efforts have allowed us to acquire new customers at what we believe is a reasonable cost and rate. However, there is no guarantee that these methods will continue to be successful, will not be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, or will drive customer acquisition rates necessary for us to achieve revenue growth or profitability.

#### Our business is highly competitive. Competition presents an ongoing threat to the success of our business.

Our business is rapidly evolving and intensely competitive, and we have many competitors in different industries. We compete with furniture stores, big box retailers, department stores, specialty retailers and online furniture retailers and marketplaces.

We expect competition in both retail stores and ecommerce to continue to increase. Our ability to compete successfully depends on many factors both within and beyond our control, including:

- · the size and composition of our customer base;
- · our selling and marketing efforts;
- the quality, price, reliability and uniqueness of products we offer;
- · the convenience of the shopping experience that we provide;
- · our ability to distribute our products and manage our operations; and
- · our reputation and brand strength.

Many of our current and potential competitors have longer operating histories, greater brand recognition, larger fulfillment infrastructures, greater technological capabilities, faster and less costly shipping, significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources and larger customer bases than we do. These factors may allow our competitors to, among other things, derive greater sales from their existing customer base, acquire customers at lower costs and respond more quickly than we can to new or emerging technologies and changes in consumer habits. These competitors may engage in more extensive research and development efforts, undertake more far-reaching marketing campaigns and adopt more aggressive pricing policies. If we are unable to successfully compete, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects could be materially adversely affected.

# We rely on the performance of members of management and highly skilled personnel. If we are unable to attract, develop, motivate and retain well-qualified associates, our business could be harmed.

We believe our success has depended, and continues to depend, on the efforts and talents of Shawn Nelson, our founder, member of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, Mary Fox, our President and Chief Operating Officer, Jack Krause, our Chief Strategy Officer and a member of the Board of Directors, Donna Dellomo, our Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary and other members of our management team. Our future success depends on our continuing ability to attract, develop, motivate and retain highly qualified and skilled associates. The market for such associates in the cities in which we operate is competitive. Qualified individuals are in high demand, and we may incur significant costs to attract and retain them. The loss of any of our key associates, including members of our senior management team, could materially adversely affect our ability to execute our business plan, and we may not be able to find adequate replacements. Our inability to recruit and develop mid-level managers could have similar adverse effects on our ability to execute our business plan.

Some of our officers and other key associates are employed at-will, meaning that they may terminate their employment relationship with us at any time, and their knowledge of our business and industry would be extremely difficult to replace. While others have employment agreements with stated terms, they could still leave our employ. If we do not succeed in retaining and motivating existing associates or attracting well-qualified associates, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects may be materially adversely affected.

System interruptions that impair customer access to our sites or other performance failures in our technology infrastructure could damage our business, reputation and brand, and substantially harm our business and results of operations.

The satisfactory performance, reliability and availability of our website, transaction processing systems and technology infrastructure are critical to our reputation, and our ability to acquire and retain customers and maintain adequate customer service levels. We currently rely on a variety of third party service providers to support mission critical systems and the efficient flow of merchandise from and between warehouses and showrooms to customers. For example, we rely on common carriers for the delivery of merchandise purchased by customers through our website and in our showrooms, and the systems we employ to communicate delivery schedules and update customers about order tracking interface with the information systems of these common carriers. Our own systems, which are customized versions of ecommerce, customer

relationship management, payment processing, and inventory management software technologies deployed by numerous retailers and wholesalers in a variety of industries, must work seamlessly in order for information to flow correctly and update accurately across these systems. Any failure in this regard could result in negative customer experiences, putting our brand and growth at risk.

Through third parties that underwrite customer risk, we offer financing options in order to increase the market demand for our products among customers who may not be able to buy them using cash. The systems of these third parties must work efficiently in order to give customers real-time credit availability. Changes in the risk underwriting or technologies of these third parties may result in lower credit availability to our potential customers and therefore reduced sales. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could substantially harm our business and results of operations.

# Unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or confidential information, whether through a breach of our computer system or otherwise, could severely hurt our business.

Certain aspects of our business involve the receipt, storage and transmission of customers' personal information and consumer preferences, as well as confidential information about our associates, our suppliers and our Company, some of which is entrusted to third-party service providers and vendors. Despite the security measures we have in place, our facilities and systems, and those of third parties with which we do business, may be vulnerable to security breaches, acts of vandalism and theft, computer viruses, misplaced or lost data, programming and/or human errors, or other similar events.

An electronic security breach in our systems (or in the systems of third parties with which we do business) that results in the unauthorized release of individually identifiable information about customers or other sensitive data could occur and have a material adverse effect on our reputation, lead to substantial financial losses from remedial actions, and lead to a substantial loss of business and other liabilities, including possible punitive damages. In addition, as the regulatory environment relating to retailers and other companies' obligation to protect such sensitive data becomes increasingly rigorous, with new and constantly changing requirements applicable to our business, compliance with those requirements could result in additional costs, and a material failure on our part to comply could subject us to fines, other regulatory sanctions and lawsuits.

# Our business is sensitive to economic conditions and consumer spending.

We face numerous business risks relating to macroeconomic factors. Consumer purchases of discretionary items, including our products, generally decline during recessionary periods and other times when disposable income is lower. Factors impacting discretionary consumer spending include general economic conditions, inflation, wages and employment, consumer debt, reductions in net worth based on severe market declines, residential real estate and mortgage markets, taxation, volatility of fuel and energy prices, interest rates, consumer confidence, political and economic uncertainty and other macroeconomic factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict between Russia and the Ukraine. Deterioration in economic conditions, increasing inflation or increasing unemployment levels may reduce the level of consumer spending and inhibit consumers' use of credit, which may adversely affect our sales. In recessionary periods and other periods where disposable income is adversely affected, we may have to increase the number of promotional sales or otherwise dispose of inventory for which we have previously paid to manufacture, which could further adversely affect our financial performance. It is difficult to predict when or for how long any of these conditions could affect our business and a prolonged economic downturn could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

A substantial portion of our business is dependent on a small number of suppliers. A material disruption or labor shortage at any of our suppliers' manufacturing facilities could impede our ability to meet customer demand, reduce our sales, and/or negatively affect our financial results.

We do not own or operate any manufacturing facilities and therefore depend on third-party suppliers for the manufacturing of all of our products. Moreover, a substantial portion of our business is dependent on a small number of suppliers. Sacs, which represented approximately 10.5% of our revenues in fiscal 2022, 14.0% of our revenues in fiscal 2021, and 17.0% of our revenues in fiscal 2020, are currently manufactured by a single manufacturer in Texas, which has previously experienced, and may experience in the future, disruptions to its manufacturing operations. Sactionals, which represented approximately 87.6% of our revenues in fiscal 2022, 84.5% of our revenues in fiscal 2021, and 80.7% of our revenues in fiscal 2020, are manufactured by suppliers in the United States, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan, Indonesia, and India.

Some of our third-party suppliers are currently experiencing a shortage of qualified labor at their manufacturing facilities in certain geographies, particularly within the United States, due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic and related government relief programs and general macroeconomic factors. A prolonged shortage of qualified labor could decrease our third-party

suppliers' ability to effectively produce and meet our demands and efficiently operate their facilities. A prolonged labor shortage could also lead to increased labor costs from higher overtime, the need to hire temporary help to meet demand and higher wages rates in order to attract and retain employees. Any of these developments or manufacturing disruptions could materially increase our sourcing costs and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Certain of our suppliers' manufacturing facilities, and machines within an otherwise operational facility, have previously ceased temporarily, and could in the future cease, operations unexpectedly due to a number of events, which could materially and adversely impact our business, operations and financial condition. These events include but are not limited to:

- · equipment failure;
- public health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes;
- unscheduled maintenance outages;
- · utility and transportation infrastructure disruptions;
- · labor difficulties;
- · other operational problems;
- · war or terrorism;
- · political, social or economic instability; or
- · financial instability or bankruptcy of any such supplier.

Our reliance on international suppliers increases our risk of supply chain disruption, which could materially increase the cost and reduce or delay the supply of our products, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Our current suppliers are located in China, Vietnam, Taiwan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and the United States. Our reliance on international suppliers increases our risk of supply chain disruption. Events that could cause disruptions to our supply chain include but are not limited to:

- · the imposition of additional trade laws or regulations;
- · public health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- · the imposition of additional duties, tariffs and other charges on imports and exports;
- foreign currency fluctuations;
- · theft; and
- · restrictions on the transfer of funds.

The occurrence of any of the foregoing could materially increase the cost and reduce or delay the supply of our products, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# We are subject to risks associated with our dependence on foreign manufacturing and imports for our products.

Our business highly depends on global trade, as well as trade and other factors that impact the specific countries where our vendors' production facilities are located. Our future success will depend in large part upon our ability to maintain our existing foreign vendor relationships and to develop new ones based on the requirements of our business and any changes in trade dynamics that might dictate changes in the locations for sourcing of products. While we rely on long-term relationships with many of our vendors, we have no long-term contracts with them and generally transact business with them on an order-by-order basis.

Many of our imported products are subject to existing duties, tariffs, anti-dumping duties and quotas that may limit the quantity or affect the price of some types of goods that we import into the United States. In addition, substantial regulatory uncertainty exists regarding international trade and trade policy, both in the United States and abroad.

All of our goods imported from China are subject to additional tariffs. In September 2018, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative began imposing a 10 percent ad valorem duty on a subset of products imported from China, inclusive of various furniture product categories. In addition, effective May 10, 2019, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative began imposing an additional 15 percent ad valorem duty on a subset of products imported from China, inclusive of various furniture product categories. We believe that nearly all of our products sourced from China are, and will continue to be, affected by the tariffs. While we are continuing to assess these proposed tariffs on Chinese imports and are evaluating strategies to mitigate the effects of the tariffs, there can be no assurance that we will not experience disruption in our business.

Further, these changes to tariffs or other rules related to cross border trade, could materially increase our cost of goods sold with respect to products that we purchase from vendors who manufacture products in China, which could in turn require us to increase our prices and, in the event consumer demand declines as a result, negatively impact our financial performance. Certain of our competitors may be better positioned than us to withstand or react to these kinds of changes including border taxes, tariffs or other restrictions on global trade and as a result we may lose market share to such competitors. In addition, while we may be able to continue to expand and shift our sourcing options, such expansion is time consuming and would be difficult or impracticable for many products and may result in an increase in our manufacturing costs. Due to broad uncertainty regarding the timing, content and extent of any regulatory changes in the United States or abroad, we cannot predict the impact, if any, that these changes could have to our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our reliance on suppliers in developing countries increases our risk with respect to available manufacturing infrastructure, labor and employee relations, political and economic stability, corruption, and regulatory, environmental, health and safety compliance.

Our reliance on suppliers in developing countries increases our risk with respect to infrastructure available to support manufacturing, labor and employee relations, political and economic stability, corruption, and regulatory, environmental, health and safety compliance. Any failure of our suppliers to comply with ethical sourcing standards or labor or other local laws in the country of manufacture, or the divergence of a supplier's labor practices from those generally accepted as ethical in the United States, could disrupt the shipment of products, force us to locate alternative manufacturing sources, reduce demand for our products, damage our reputation and/or expose us to potential liability for their wrongdoings. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Most of our products are shipped from our suppliers by ocean vessel. If a disruption occurs in the operation of ports through which our products are imported, we may incur increased costs and suffer delays, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Most of our products are shipped from our suppliers by ocean vessel. If a disruption occurs in the operation of ports through which our products are imported, for instance, as a result of port congestion, adverse weather, natural disasters or climate change, we may incur increased costs related to air freight or use of alternative ports. Shipping by air is significantly more expensive than shipping by ocean and our margins could be reduced. Shipping to alternative ports could also lead to delays in receipt of our products. We rely on third-party shipping companies to deliver our products to us; as a result, we are subject to various risks that are beyond our control, including labor disputes, union organizing activity, the closure of such shipping companies' offices or a reduction in operational capacity due to an economic slowdown or the inability to sufficiently ramp up operational capacity during an economic recovery or upturn, outbreaks of diseases (such as the COVID-19 pandemic), increased fuel costs and costs associated with any regulations to address climate change, and other factors affecting the shipping industry's capacity or ability to deliver our products to us.

In addition, due to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, ocean freight capacity issues continue to persist worldwide as there is much greater demand for shipping and reduced capacity and equipment, which has resulted in recent price increases per shipping container. Streamline ships are charging priority booking fees to allocate space as they have less ships and workers operating. While we continue to manage and evaluate our freight carriers, there is no indication that shipping container rates will return to historical levels in the near-term and these increases could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations. Our third-party shipping companies have experienced transportation disruptions and restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic and delays stemming from delayed shipments from Asian ports, congestion at west coast ports, more extensive travel restrictions, closures or disruptions of businesses and facilities and a shortage of shipping containers needed to ship our products, which has adversely impacted our inventory levels and

resulted in elevated, and sometimes lengthy, customer backorders. Any of these developments could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Increases in the demand for, or the price of, raw materials used to manufacture our products or other fluctuations in sourcing or distribution costs could increase our costs and negatively impact our gross margin.

We believe that we have strong supplier relationships, and we work with our suppliers to manage cost increases. Our gross margin depends, in part, on our ability to mitigate rising costs or shortages of raw materials used to manufacture our products. Raw materials used to manufacture our products are subject to availability constraints and price volatility impacted by a number of factors, including supply and demand for fabrics, weather, government regulations, economic conditions, economic and political instability, and other unpredictable factors. In addition, our sourcing costs may fluctuate due to labor conditions, transportation or freight costs, energy prices, currency fluctuations, public health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, or other unpredictable factors. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could increase our costs, delay or reduce the availability of our products and negatively impact our gross margin.

Although we have instituted measures to ensure our supply chain remains open to us, we experienced raw material supply chain challenges related to suppliers negatively impacted by COVID-19 shutdowns and shipping delays. These global supply chain challenges could continue and in turn materially adversely impact our manufacturing production and fulfillment of backlog. While we strive to maintain a number of sources for our raw materials, the impact of COVID-19 on raw materials and increased demand on our supply chain, has created additional pricing and availability pressures. During fiscal 2021, certain raw material prices, such as foam, springs and fabrics, significantly increased and in some instances, limited our production due to sourcing delays. Continued higher raw material prices and costs of sourced products could have an adverse effect on our future margins. We expect raw material prices to remain at historically high levels in many categories during fiscal 2022 due to price inflation in certain raw materials and global supply chain complexities. COVID-19 related issues will continue to introduce uncertainty into many markets, especially with respect to freight and labor availability. To the extent that we experience incremental costs in any of these areas, we may increase our selling prices or assess material surcharges to offset the impact. However, increases in selling prices, or surcharges, may not fully mitigate the impact of raw material cost increases which would adversely impact operating income.

# Our inability to manage our inventory levels and products, including with respect to our omni-channel operations, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Inventory levels in excess of customer demand may result in lower than planned financial performance. Alternatively, if we underestimate demand for our products, we may experience inventory shortages resulting in delays in fulfilling customer demands and replenishing to appropriate inventory levels, missed sales and lost revenues. Continued or lengthy delays in fulfilling customer demand could cause our customers to shop with our competitors instead of us, which could harm our business. Either of these events could significantly affect our operating results and brand image and loyalty. Our financial performance may also be impacted by changes in our products and pricing. These changes could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# Our business depends on effective marketing and increased customer traffic.

We rely on a variety of marketing strategies to compete for customers and increase sales. If our competitors increase their spending on marketing, if our marketing is less effective than that of our competitors, or if we do not adequately leverage the technology and data analytics needed to generate concise competitive insight, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects could be adversely affected.

# Our increased use of social media poses reputational risks.

As use of social media becomes more prevalent, our susceptibility to risks related to social media increases. The immediacy of social media precludes us from having real-time control over postings made regarding us via social media, whether matters of fact or opinion. Information distributed via social media could result in immediate unfavorable publicity we may not be able to reverse. This unfavorable publicity could result in damage to our reputation and therefore have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# Our efforts to launch new products may not be successful.

We plan to expand our product line in the future. We may not be able to develop products which are attractive to our customers, and our costs to develop new products may be significant. It may take longer than we might expect for a product, even if ultimately successful, to achieve attractive sales results. Failure to successfully develop or market new

products or delays in the development of new products could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and business.

Our inability to manage the complexities created by our omni-channel operations may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Our omni-channel operations create additional complexities in our ability to manage inventory levels, as well as certain operational issues, including timely shipping and returns. Accordingly, our success depends to a large degree on continually evolving the processes and technology that enable us to plan and manage inventory levels and fulfill orders, address any related operational issues and further align channels to optimize our omni-channel operations. If we are unable to successfully manage these complexities, it may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Our ability to attract customers to our showrooms depends heavily on successfully locating our showrooms in suitable locations. Any impairment of a showroom location, including any decrease in customer traffic, could cause our sales to be lower than expected.

We plan to open new showrooms in high traffic street and urban locations and historically we have favored top tier mall locations near luxury and contemporary retailers that we believe are consistent with our key customers' demographics and shopping preferences. Sales at these showrooms are derived, in part, from the volume of foot traffic in these locations. Showroom locations may become unsuitable due to, and our sales volume and customer traffic generally may be harmed by, among other things:

- · economic downturns in a particular area;
- · competition from nearby retailers selling similar products;
- · changing consumer demographics in a particular market;
- · changing preferences of consumers in a particular market;
- · the closing or decline in popularity of other businesses located near our store;
- · reduced customer foot traffic outside a showroom location; and
- store impairments due to acts of God, pandemic, terrorism, protest or periods or civil unrest.

Even if a showroom location becomes unsuitable, we will generally be unable to cancel the long-term lease associated with such showroom.

We may be unable to successfully open and operate new showrooms, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

As of January 30, 2022, we had 146 showrooms, including 8 kiosks and 2 mobile concierges, but our growth strategy requires us to increase our showroom base. There can be no assurance that we will succeed in opening additional showrooms. If we are unable to successfully open and operate new showrooms, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Our ability to successfully open and operate new showrooms depends on many factors, including, among other things, our ability to:

- · identify new markets where our products and brand image will be accepted or the performance of our showrooms will be successful;
- find available and suitable showroom locations that align with our consumer location strategy;
- · obtain desired locations, including showroom size and adjacencies, in targeted high traffic street and urban locations and top tier malls;
- adapt our showrooms to address public health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- negotiate acceptable lease terms, including desired rent and tenant improvement allowances;

- achieve brand awareness, affinity and purchaser intent in new markets;
- hire, train and retain showroom associates and field management;
- assimilate new showroom associates and field management into our corporate culture;
- source and supply sufficient inventory levels;
- employ the technologies needed to service a customer and complete a transaction;
- · successfully integrate new showrooms into our existing operations and information technology systems; and
- · have the capital necessary to fund new showrooms.

In addition, our new showrooms may not be immediately profitable, and we may incur significant losses until these showrooms become profitable. Unavailability of desired showroom locations, delays in the acquisition or opening of new showrooms, delays or costs resulting from a decrease in commercial development due to capital restraints, difficulties in staffing and operating new showroom locations or a lack of customer acceptance of showrooms in new market areas may negatively impact our new showroom growth and the costs or the profitability associated with new showrooms. While we are seeking to mitigate some of the risks related to our mall-based showrooms by opening high traffic street and lifestyle center-based showrooms and continuing to build our online sales, there can be no assurance that this strategy will be successful or lead to greater sales.

# As we expand our showroom base, we may not be able to achieve the showroom sales growth rates that we have achieved in the past, which could cause our share price to decline.

As we expand our showroom base, we may not be able to achieve the showroom sales growth rates that we have achieved historically. If our showroom sales growth rates decline or fail to meet market expectations, the value of our common stock could decline. While our focus is to continue the expansion of our showrooms, this may result in the closure of underperforming showroom locations or locations with declining profitability in order to pursue more productive opportunities that are in line with our real estate strategy. The closure of these showrooms and transition to new showroom locations as part of our strategy may impact our sales and productivity.

In addition, the results of operations of our showroom locations have fluctuated in the past and can be expected to continue to fluctuate in the future. A variety of factors affect showroom sales, including, among others, consumer spending patterns, fashion trends, competition, current economic conditions, pricing, inflation, the timing of the release of new merchandise and promotional events, changes in our product assortment, the success of marketing programs, weather conditions and public health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. If we misjudge the market for our products, we may have excess inventory of some of our products and miss opportunities for other products. These factors may cause our showroom sales results in the future to be materially lower than recent periods or our expectations, which could harm our results of operations and result in a decline in the price of our common stock.

# We have and will continue to expend capital remodeling our existing showrooms, and there is no guarantee that this will result in incremental showroom traffic or sales.

We intend to continue remodeling our existing showroom base to reflect our new showroom design, and we intend to expend capital doing so. While preliminary results appear promising, there is no guarantee that the capital spent on these remodeled showrooms will result in increased showroom traffic or increased sales.

# Our lease obligations are substantial and expose us to increased risks.

We do not own any of our showrooms. Instead, we rent all of our showroom spaces pursuant to leases. Nearly all of our leases require a fixed annual rent, and many of them require the payment of additional rent if showroom sales exceed a negotiated amount. Most of our leases are "net" leases that require us to pay all costs of insurance, maintenance and utilities, as well as applicable taxes.

Our required payments under these leases are substantial and account for a significant portion of our selling, general and administrative expenses. We expect that any new showrooms we open will also be leased, which will further increase our

lease expenses and require significant capital expenditures. Our substantial lease obligations could have significant negative consequences, including, among others:

- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing;
- requiring a substantial portion of our available cash to pay our rental obligations, reducing cash available for other purposes;
- · limiting our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in our business or in the industry in which we compete; and
- placing us at a disadvantage with respect to some of our competitors who sell their products exclusively online.

We are required to make substantial lease payments under our leases, and any failure to make these lease payments when due would likely harm our business. In addition, many of our leases contain relocation clauses that allow the landlord to move the location of our showrooms. As our leases expire, we may be unable to negotiate acceptable renewals.

We depend on cash flow from operations to pay our lease expenses and to fulfill our other cash needs. If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operating activities, and sufficient funds are not otherwise available to us from other sources, we may not be able to service our substantial lease expenses, which would harm our business.

Moreover, our showroom leases are generally long term and non-cancelable, and we generally expect future showrooms to be subject to similar long term, non-cancelable leases. If an existing or future showroom is not profitable, and we decide to close it, we may nonetheless be required to perform our obligations under the applicable lease including, among other things, paying the base rent for the balance of the lease term if we cannot negotiate a mutually acceptable termination payment.

Many of our leases include relocation clauses that allow the landlord to move the location of our showrooms. If any of our showrooms are relocated, there can be no assurance that the new location will experience the same levels of customer traffic or success that the prior location experienced. In addition, as our leases expire, we may fail to negotiate renewals, either on commercially acceptable terms or at all, which could cause us to close showrooms in desirable locations. We may also be unable to enter into new leases on terms acceptable to us or in desirable locations. If any of the foregoing occur, our business, sales and results of operations may be harmed.

Our inability to successfully optimize our omni-channel operations and maintain a relevant and reliable omni-channel experience for our customers could have a material adverse effect on our growth strategy and our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Growing our business through our omni-channel operations is key to our growth strategy. Our goal is to offer our customers seamless access to our products across our channels, and our success depends on our ability to anticipate and implement innovations in sales and marketing strategies to appeal to existing and potential customers who increasingly rely on multiple channels, such as ecommerce, to meet their shopping needs. While we interact with many of our customers through our showrooms, our customers are increasingly using computers, tablets and smartphones to make purchases online and to help them make purchasing decisions when in our showrooms. Our customers also engage with us online through our social media channels, including Facebook and Instagram, by providing feedback and public commentary about aspects of our business. Failure to enhance our technology and marketing efforts to align with our customers' developing shopping preferences could significantly impair our ability to meet our strategic business and financial goals. Moreoever, if we do not successfully optimize our omni-channel operations, or if they do not achieve their intended objectives, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# Purchasers of furniture may choose not to shop online, which could affect the growth of our business.

The online market for furniture is less developed than the online market for apparel, consumer electronics and other consumer products in the United States. While we believe this market is growing, it still accounts for a small percentage of the market as a whole. We are relying on online sales for our continued success and growth. If the online market for furniture does not gain wider acceptance, our growth and business may suffer.

In addition, our success in the online market will depend, in part, on our ability to attract consumers who have historically purchased furniture through traditional retailers. We may have to incur significantly higher and more sustained advertising and promotional expenditures in order to attract additional online consumers to our website and convert them into purchasing customers. Specific factors that could impact consumers' willingness to purchase furniture from us online include:

- concerns about buying products, and in particular larger products, with a limited physical storefront, face-to-face interaction with sales personnel and the ability to
  physically examine products;
- actual or perceived lack of security of online transactions and concerns regarding the privacy of personal information;
- · inconvenience associated with returning or exchanging items purchased online; and
- · usability, functionality and features of our website.

If the online shopping experience we provide does not appeal to consumers or meet the expectations of existing customers, we may not acquire new customers at rates consistent with historical periods, and existing customers' buying patterns may not be consistent with historical buying patterns. If either of these events occur, our business, sales and results of operations may be harmed.

We depend on our ecommerce business and failure to successfully manage this business and deliver a seamless omni-channel shopping experience to our customers could have an adverse effect on our growth strategy, business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

Sales through our ecommerce channel account for a significant portion of our revenues. Our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects are dependent on maintaining our ecommerce business. Dependence on our ecommerce business and the continued growth of our direct and retail channels subjects us to certain risks, including:

- · the failure to successfully implement new systems, system enhancements and Internet platforms;
- the failure of our technology infrastructure or the computer systems that operate our website and their related support systems, causing, among other things, website
  downtimes, telecommunications issues or other technical failures;
- · the reliance on third-party computer hardware/software providers;
- rapid technological change;
- liability for online content;
- · violations of federal, state, foreign or other applicable laws, including those relating to data protection;
- credit card fraud;
- · cyber security and vulnerability to electronic break-ins and other similar disruptions; and
- · diversion of traffic and sales from our stores.

Our failure to successfully address and respond to these risks and uncertainties could negatively impact sales, increase costs, diminish our growth prospects and damage the reputation of our brand, each of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# Significant merchandise returns could harm our business.

We allow our customers to return products, subject to our return policy. If customer returns are significant, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects could be harmed. Further, we modify our policies relating to returns from time to time, which may result in customer dissatisfaction or an increase in the number of product returns.

#### We are subject to risks related to online payment methods.

We accept payment using a variety of methods, including credit card, debit card, PayPal, Apple Pay, Amazon Pay, Affirm and gift cards. As we offer new payment options to consumers, we may become subject to additional regulations, compliance requirements and fraud. For certain payment methods, including credit and debit cards, we pay interchange and other fees, which may increase over time and increase our operating costs. We are also subject to payment card association operating rules and certification requirements, including the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard and rules governing electronic funds transfers, which could change or be reinterpreted to make it difficult or impossible for us to comply.

As our business changes, we may also be subject to different rules under existing standards, which may require new assessments that involve costs above what we currently pay for compliance. If we fail to comply with the rules or requirements of any provider of a payment method we accept, if the volume of fraud in our transactions limits or terminates our rights to use payment methods we currently accept, or if a data breach occurs relating to our payment systems, we may, among other things, be subject to fines or higher transaction fees and may lose, or have restrictions placed upon, our ability to accept credit card and debit card payments from consumers or our ability to facilitate other types of online payments. If any of these events were to occur, our business, financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

In addition, we occasionally receive orders placed with fraudulent credit card data. We may suffer losses as a result of orders placed with fraudulent credit card data even if the associated financial institution approved payment of the orders. Under current credit card practices, we may be liable for fraudulent credit card transactions. If we are unable to detect or control credit card fraud, our liability for these transactions could harm our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# Finance Risks

Our ability to raise capital in the future may be limited. Our inability to raise capital when needed could prevent us from growing and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

If we experience insufficient cash flow from operations to support our operating and capital needs, we will be required to raise additional capital through public or private financing or other arrangements. Such financing may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all. We may sell common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities and other equity securities in one or more transactions at prices and in such a manner as we may determine from time to time. If we sell any such equity securities in subsequent transactions, investors may be materially diluted. Concerns over the economic impact of inflation, the COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict between Russia and Ukraine have caused extreme volatility in financial and capital markets, which has adversely impacted our stock price and may materially adversely affect our ability to access capital markets. Debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants and could reduce, among other things, our operational flexibility. If we cannot raise funds on acceptable terms, we may not be able to grow our business or respond to competitive pressures. In addition, debt financings may be blocked by our senior lender that provides an assetbacked revolving credit facility to fund our inventory purchases in advance of customer sales. Our lender has, and any subsequent senior lender likely will have, the right to consent to any new debt financing. There can be no assurance that our lender will provide such consent. Our inability to raise capital when needed could prevent us from growing and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

We have identified a material weakness in our internal controls over financial reporting, and if we are unable to remediate such material weakness and maintain an effective system of internal controls in the future, we may fail to timely and accurately report our financial results, experience a loss of investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our consolidated financial statements, incur material misstatements in our consolidated financial statements, and the market price of our common stock may be adversely affected.

As a public company, we are required to maintain internal control over financial reporting and to report any material weaknesses in such internal control. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act ("Section 404") requires that we furnish a report by management on, among other things, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. This assessment requires disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by our management in our internal control over financial reporting. Our independent registered public accounting firm also needs to attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. We designed, implemented, and tested internal control over financial reporting required to comply with this obligation. The process of compiling the system and processing documentation necessary to perform the evaluation required under Section 404 is costly and challenging, and, in the future, we may not be able to complete our evaluation, testing, and any required remediation in a timely fashion.

We identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting as of January 30, 2022, related to ineffective information technology internal controls in the areas of user access and segregation of duties related to certain information technology systems that could impact our financial reporting process. A "material weakness" is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Although these control weaknesses did not result in any material misstatement of our consolidated financial statements for the periods presented and there were no changes to previously released financial result, our management concluded that these control weaknesses constitute a material weakness and that our internal control was not effective as of January 30, 2022. Our management, under the oversight of our Audit Committee and in consultation with outside advisors, has begun evaluating and implementing measures designed to ensure that the control deficiencies contributing to the material weakness are remediated.

We believe our remediation efforts will be effective in remediating the material weakness described above, and we will continue to devote time and attention to these remedial efforts. However, as we continue to evaluate and take actions to improve our internal control over financial reporting, we may take additional actions to address control deficiencies or modify certain of the remediation measures described above. Our remediation efforts will not be considered complete until the applicable controls operate for a sufficient period of time and our management has concluded, through testing, that these controls are operating effectively.

If we are unable to remediate the material weakness timely and sufficiently or if we identify future material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting or are unable to comply with the requirements of Section 404 in a timely manner or assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, or if our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to express an opinion or expresses a qualified or adverse opinion about the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, we may experience a loss of investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our consolidated financial statements, incur material misstatements in our consolidated financial statements, incur difficulty accessing capital on favorable terms, or at all, be subject to fines, penalties or judgments, incur reputational harm, and the market price of our common stock may be adversely affected. In addition, we could become subject to investigations by the stock exchange on which our securities are listed, the SEC, and other regulatory authorities, which could require additional financial and management resources and materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

If our internal control over financial reporting or our disclosure controls and procedures are not effective, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results, prevent fraud or file our periodic reports in a timely manner, which may cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information and may lead to a decline in our stock price.

We rely on financial reporting and data analytics that must be accurate in order to make real-time management decisions, accurately manage our cash position, and maintain adequate inventory levels while conserving adequate cash to fund operations. In the event of a systems failure, a process breakdown, the departure of key management, or fraud, we would be unable to efficiently manage these items and may experience liquidity shortfalls that our cash position or revolving credit facility may not be able to accommodate. In such a situation, we also may not be able to accurately report our financial results, prevent fraud or file our periodic reports in a timely manner, which may cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information and may lead to a decline in our stock price.

We may be unable to accurately forecast our operating results and growth rate, which may adversely affect our reported results and stock price.

We may not be able to accurately forecast our operating results and growth rate. We use a variety of factors in our forecasting and planning processes, including historical results, recent history and assessments of economic and market conditions. Our growth rates may not be sustainable, and our growth depends on the continued growth of demand for the products we offer. Lower demand caused by changes in customer preferences, a weakening of the economy or other factors may result in decreased revenues or growth. Furthermore, many of our expenses and investments are fixed, and we may not be able to adjust our spending in a timely manner to compensate for any unexpected shortfall in our operating results. Failure to accurately forecast our operating results and growth rate could cause our actual results to be materially lower than anticipated. If our growth rate declines as a result, investors' perceptions of our business may be adversely affected, and the market price of our common stock could decline.

#### If we fail to manage our growth effectively, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects could be harmed.

To manage our anticipated growth effectively, we must continue to implement our operational plans and strategies, improve and expand our corporate infrastructure, information systems, and executive management and expand, train and manage our associate base. As we grow, we will need to find, train, and monitor additional associates and continue to invest in information systems that support key functions such as accounting, human resources, sales analytics, and marketing, all of which strain the time of our executive management team and our resources. If we fail to manage our growth effectively, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects could be harmed.

#### Changes in lease accounting standards may materially and adversely affect us.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). We adopted this standard beginning in fiscal 2022. We are required to capitalize all leases with a life greater than one year on our balance sheet and account for our showroom leases as assets and liabilities, where we previously accounted for such leases on an "off balance sheet" basis. As a result, a significant amount of lease-related assets and liabilities were recorded on our balance sheet. These changes have not directly impacted our overall financial condition. However, they could cause investors or others to believe that we are highly leveraged and could change the calculations of financial metrics and covenants under our debt facilities and third-party financial models regarding our financial condition.

# Legal, Tax and Regulatory Risks

# Increasing regulations and expectations on environmental, social and governance factors may impose additional costs and expose us to new risks.

Many investors, customers and other key stakeholders have increased their focus on environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors and corporate responsibility. As a result, there is a strong emphasis on ESG ratings and several third parties have created numerous standards by which they measure a company's corporate responsibility performance. In addition, these ESG standards may continue to change causing us to make substantial investments to satisfy them in order to meet the expectations of our investors, customers and other stakeholders. If we are unable to satisfy these ESG standards, our investors, customer and stakeholders may conclude that our policies and performance with respect to corporate responsibility are inadequate. Our inability to meet these standards may harm our brand and reputation, and our investments in ESG may impact our results of operations. Furthermore, if our competitors' corporate responsibility performance is perceived to be greater than ours, we may lose current or future investors who may elect to invest with our competitors instead. In addition, we have and will continue to communicate our ESG goals and priorities. If we do not achieve these goals and priorities, or fail to meet the expectations of investors and other key stakeholders, our reputation and financial results could be materially and adversely affected.

# We may be subject to product liability claims if people or property are harmed by the products we sell.

We have not had any significant product liability claims to date. We place a high priority on designing our products to be safe for consumers and safety test our products in third-party laboratories. Still, the products we sell or have manufactured may expose us to product liability claims, litigation and regulatory action relating to personal injury, death and environmental or property damage. Some of our agreements with our suppliers and international manufacturers may not indemnify us from product liability for a particular supplier's or international manufacturer's products, or our suppliers or international manufacturers may not have sufficient resources or insurance to satisfy their indemnity and defense obligations. Although we maintain liability insurance, we cannot be certain that our coverage will be adequate for liabilities actually incurred or that insurance will continue to be available to us on economically reasonable terms, or at all. Any product liability claims asserted against us could, among other things, harm our reputation, damage our brand, cause us to incur significant costs, and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

# Product warranty claims could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We provide a lifetime warranty on the hard insert pieces of our Sactionals and the soft insert pieces of our Sacs, which, if deficient, could lead to warranty claims. The Company maintains a reserve for warranty claims. However, there can be no assurance that our reserve for warranty claims will be adequate and additional or reduced warranty reserves may be required. Material warranty claims could, among other things, harm our reputation and damage our brand, cause us to incur significant repair and/or replacement costs, and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# A significant disruption in, or breach in security of, our information technology systems or violations of data protection laws could have a material adverse effect on our business and reputation.

In the ordinary course of business, we collect and store confidential information, including proprietary business information belonging to us, our customers, suppliers, business partners and other third parties and personally identifiable information of our associates. We rely on information technology systems to protect this information and to keep financial records, process orders, manage inventory, coordinate shipments to customers, and operate other critical functions. Our information technology systems may be susceptible to damage, disruptions or shutdowns due to power outages, hardware failures, telecommunication failures and user errors. If we experience a disruption in our information technology systems, it could result in the loss of sales and customers and significant incremental costs, which could materially adversely affect our business. We have been and may in the future be subject to security breaches caused by computer viruses, malware, ransomware, phishing attempts, social engineering, illegal break-ins or hacking, sabotage, acts of vandalism by disgruntled associates or third parties, and other means of unauthorized access. The risk of a security breach or disruption, particularly through cyberattack or cyber intrusion, including by computer hackers, foreign governments and cyber terrorists, has increased as the number, intensity and sophistication of attempted attacks and intrusions from around the world have increased. Our information technology network and systems have been and, we believe, continue to be under constant attack. Accordingly, despite our security measures or those of our third-party service providers, a security breach may occur, including breaches that we may not be able to detect. A breach of our or our third party service providers' information technology systems that results in the unauthorized release of confidential information could adversely affect our reputation, leading to a loss of our existing customers and potential future customers, cause financial losses due to remedial actions or potential liability, including punitive damages and regulatory fines or penalties, and materially increase the costs we incur to protect against these risks, including costs associated with insurance coverage and potential remediation measures. In addition, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have implemented work-from-home policies for certain employees. Although we continue to implement strong physical and cybersecurity measures to ensure that our business operations remain functional and to ensure uninterrupted service to our customers, our systems and our operations remain vulnerable to cyberattacks and other disruptions due to the fact that a significant portion of our employees work remotely as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we cannot be certain that our mitigation efforts will be effective.

# Government regulation of the Internet and ecommerce is evolving, and unfavorable changes or failure by us to comply with these regulations could substantially harm our business and results of operations.

We are subject to general business regulations and laws as well as regulations and laws specifically governing the Internet and ecommerce. Existing and future regulations and laws could impede the growth of the Internet, ecommerce or mobile commerce. These regulations and laws may involve taxes, tariffs, privacy and data security, anti-spam, content protection, electronic contracts and communications, consumer protection, Internet neutrality and gift cards. It is not clear how existing laws governing issues such as property ownership, sales and other taxes and consumer privacy apply to the Internet as the vast majority of these laws were adopted prior to the advent of the Internet and do not contemplate or address the unique issues raised by the Internet or ecommerce. It is possible that general business regulations and laws, or those specifically governing the Internet or ecommerce, may be interpreted and applied in a manner that is inconsistent from one jurisdiction to another and may conflict with other rules or our practices.

Though we seek at all times to be in full compliance with all such laws, we cannot be sure that our practices have complied, comply or will comply fully with all such laws and regulations. Any failure, or perceived failure, by us to comply with any of these laws or regulations could result in damage to our reputation, a loss in business and proceedings or actions against us by governmental entities or others. Any such proceeding or action could damage our reputation and brand, force us to spend significant amounts in defense of these proceedings, distract our management, increase our costs of doing business, decrease the use of our website by consumers and result in the imposition of monetary liability. We may also be contractually liable to indemnify and hold harmless third parties from the costs or consequences of non-compliance with any such laws or regulations.

# We may be unable to protect our trademarks or brand image, which could harm our business.

We rely on trademark registrations and common law trademark rights to protect the distinctiveness of our brand. We regard our customer and prospect lists, trademarks, domain names, copyrights, patents and similar intellectual property as critical to our success, and we rely on trademark, copyright and patent law, trade secret protection, agreements and other methods with our associates and others to protect our proprietary rights. We have 26 issued U.S. utility patents and 38 issued foreign utility patents, that are scheduled to expire between 2022 and 2039. We also have 15 pending U.S. utility patent applications, 35 pending foreign utility patent applications and 2 pending international patent applications. Our inability to

enforce or the expiration of our intellectual property rights may harm our competitive position and our business. If we are unable to protect our technology and to adequately maintain and protect our intellectual property rights, we may find ourselves at a competitive disadvantage to others who need not incur the additional expense, time and effort required to create the innovative solutions that have enabled us to be successful to date. The loss or expiration of our intellectual property rights and exclusivity agreements can have a significant adverse effect on our revenues.

Additionally, there can be no assurance that the actions we have taken to establish and protect our trademarks will be adequate to prevent counterfeiting or infringement of our trademarks by others. We may not be able to claim or assert trademark or unfair competition claims against third parties for any number of reasons, and our trademarks may be found invalid or unenforceable. A judge, jury or other adjudicative body may find that the conduct of competitors does not infringe or violate our trademark rights. Third parties may claim that the use of our trademarks and branding infringe, dilute or otherwise violate the common law or registered marks of that party, or that our sales and marketing efforts constitute unfair competition. Such claims could result in injunctive relief prohibiting the use of our marks, branding and marketing activities, and significant damages, treble damages and attorneys' fees and costs could be awarded as a result of such claims. Moreover, United States and foreign trademark offices may refuse to grant existing and future trademark applications and may cancel or partially cancel trademark registrations.

The laws of certain foreign countries may not protect the use of unregistered trademarks to the same extent as do the laws of the United States. As a result, international protection of our brand image may be limited, and our right to use our trademarks outside the United States could be impaired. Other persons or entities may have rights to trademarks that contain portions of our marks or may have registered similar or competing marks for furniture and/or accessories in foreign countries where our products are manufactured. There may also be other prior registrations of trademarks identical or similar to our trademarks in other foreign countries of which we are not aware. Accordingly, it may be possible for others to prevent the manufacture of our branded merchandise in certain foreign countries or the sale or exportation of our branded merchandise from certain foreign countries to the United States. If we were unable to reach a licensing arrangement with these parties, we might be unable to manufacture our products in those countries. Our inability to register our trademarks or purchase or license the right to use the relevant trademarks or logos in these jurisdictions could limit our ability to manufacture our products in less costly markets or penetrate new markets in jurisdictions outside the United States. The occurrence of any of the foregoing could harm our business.

#### We may not be able to adequately protect our intellectual property rights.

We regard our customer and prospect lists, trademarks, domain names, copyrights, patents and similar intellectual property as critical to our success, and we rely on trademark, copyright and patent law, trade secret protection, agreements and other methods with our associates and others to protect our proprietary rights. We might not be able to obtain protection in the United States or internationally for our intellectual property, and we might not be able to obtain effective intellectual property protection in countries in which we may in the future sell products. If we are unable to obtain such protection, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects may be harmed. Additionally, associates, contractors or consultants may misappropriate or disclose our confidential information or intellectual property and agreements with those persons may not exist, may not cover the information or intellectual property in question, or may not be enforceable, all of which could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects for the future.

The protection of our intellectual property rights may require the expenditure of significant financial, managerial and operational resources. Notwithstanding such expenditures, the steps we take to protect our intellectual property may not adequately protect our rights or prevent third parties from infringing, misappropriating or disclosing confidential information or intellectual property. The validity, enforceability and infringement of our patents, trademarks, trade secrets and other intellectual property rights may be challenged by others in litigation or through administrative process, and we may not prevail in such disputes. Additionally, because the process of obtaining patent and trademark protection is expensive and time-consuming, we may not be able to prosecute all necessary or desirable patent and trademark applications at a reasonable cost or in a timely manner, and such applications may never be granted. Even if such applications issue as patents and trademarks, there can be no assurance that these patents and trademarks will adequately protect our intellectual property, as the legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of patents, trademarks and other intellectual property rights are uncertain. If we are unable to adequately protect our intellectual property rights, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects may be harmed.

We also might be required to spend significant resources to monitor and protect our intellectual property rights. We may not be able to discover or determine the extent of any infringement, misappropriation, disclosure or other violation of our intellectual property rights, confidential information or other proprietary rights. We may initiate claims or litigation against others for infringement, misappropriation or violation of our intellectual property rights, confidential information or other

proprietary rights or to establish the validity of such rights. Despite our efforts, we may be unable to prevent third parties, former associates, consultants or independent contractors from infringing upon, misappropriating, disclosing or otherwise violating our intellectual property rights, confidential information and other proprietary rights. In addition, initiating claims or litigation against others for infringement, misappropriation, disclosure or violation of our intellectual property rights, confidential information or proprietary rights will be expensive, and may be prohibitively expensive. Any litigation or other dispute resolution mechanism, whether or not it is resolved in our favor, could result in significant expense to us and divert the efforts of our technical and management personnel, which may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects.

# Our products or marketing activities may be found to infringe or violate the intellectual property rights of others.

Third parties may assert claims or initiate litigation asserting that our products or our marketing activities infringe or violate such third parties' patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other intellectual property rights. The asserted claims and/or litigation could include claims against us or our suppliers alleging infringement of intellectual property rights with respect to our products or components of such products.

Regardless of the merit of the claims, if our products are alleged to infringe or violate the intellectual property rights of other parties, we could incur substantial costs and we may have to, among other things:

- · obtain licenses to use such intellectual property rights, which may not be available on commercially reasonable terms, or at all;
- · redesign our products or change our marketing activities to avoid infringement or other violations of the intellectual property rights of others;
- stop using the subject matter protected by the intellectual property held by others;
- · pay significant compensatory and/or enhanced damages, attorneys' fees and costs; and/or
- defend litigation or administrative proceedings which may be costly whether we win or lose, and which could result in a substantial diversion of our time, financial and management resources.

If any of the foregoing occur, our business, financial condition, operating results and prospects could be materially adversely affected.

#### Risks Related to Ownership of Our Common Stock

# The trading price of the shares of our common stock has been and is likely to continue to be highly volatile.

The stock market in general has experienced volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. The market price for our common stock may be influenced by many factors, including:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our customer growth, sales, or other operating results;
- variations between our actual operating results and the expectations of securities analysts, investors, and the financial community;
- any forward-looking financial or operating information we may provide to the public or securities analysts, any changes in this information, or our failure to meet expectations based on this information;
- actions of securities analysts who initiate or maintain coverage of us, changes in financial estimates by any securities analysts who follow our Company, or our failure to meet these estimates or the expectations of investors;
- additional shares of our common stock being sold into the market by us or our existing stockholders, or the anticipation of such sales, including if existing stockholders sell shares into the market when applicable "lock-up" periods end;
- · price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market, including as a result of trends in the economy as a whole;

- announcements by us or our competitors of significant products, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures, or capital commitments;
- · lawsuits threatened or filed against us;
- · developments in new legislation or rulings by judicial or regulatory bodies;
- · other events or factors, including those resulting from war or incidents of terrorism, or responses to these events; and
- the societal and economic impact of public health crises, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

# We may be subject to securities litigation, which is expensive and could divert management attention.

The market price of our common stock may be volatile, and in the past, companies that have experienced volatility in the market price of their stock have been subject to securities class action litigation. We may be the target of this type of litigation in the future. Securities litigation against us could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention from other business concerns, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

# If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our common stock will be influenced by the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. If one or more of these securities or industry analysts ceases coverage of us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrades our common stock, publishes inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business or if our operating results do not meet their expectations, our stock price could decline.

# Future sales and issuances of our common stock or rights to purchase common stock could result in additional dilution of the percentage ownership of our stockholders and could cause our stock price to decline.

In order to raise additional capital, we may in the future offer additional shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock. Future sales and issuances of our common stock or rights to purchase our common stock could result in substantial dilution to our existing stockholders. We may sell shares or other securities in the future that could have rights superior to existing stockholders. The price per share at which we sell additional shares of our common stock, or securities convertible or exchangeable into common stock, in future transactions may be higher or lower than the current price per share of our common stock.

# Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of our Company more difficult, and limit attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management.

Provisions in our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and our Amended and Restated Bylaws may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control or changes in our management. Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws include provisions that:

- permit the board of directors to establish the number of directors and fill any vacancies and newly created directorships by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors or stockholders holding at least 25% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock;
- · provide that directors may only be removed by the majority of the shares of voting stock then outstanding entitled to vote generally in election of directors;
- require a majority of all directors who constitute the board of directors or holders at least 25% of the issued and outstanding shares our common stock to adopt, amend or repeal provisions of our Amended and Restated Bylaws;
- require 50% of the voting power of all then outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in election of directors to amend, alter or repeal, or adopt any provision inconsistent with certain sections of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation;

- except as otherwise provided by the terms of any series of preferred stock, special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by the board of directors, the
  chairperson of the board of directors, the chief executive officer, the president (in the absence of a chief executive officer) or at least 25% of all then outstanding shares
  of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class; and
- establish advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at annual stockholder meetings.

These provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace members of our board of directors, which is responsible for appointing the members of our management. In addition, because we are incorporated in Delaware, we are governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which generally prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any of a broad range of business combinations with any holder of at least 15% of our capital stock for a period of three years following the date on which the stockholder became a 15% stockholder.

# We do not expect to declare any dividends in the foreseeable future.

The continued operation and growth of our business will require substantial cash. Accordingly, we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends to holders of our common stock at any time in the foreseeable future. Any determination to pay future dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our results of operations, financial condition, contractual restrictions, indebtedness, restrictions imposed by applicable law and other factors our board of directors deems relevant. Consequently, the only way our shareholders may be able to realize future gain on their investment is to sell their shares of common stock after the price of such shares has appreciated. However, there is no guarantee that our shares of common stock will appreciate in value.

#### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

# Item 2. Properties.

Our primary offices are located at Two Landmark Square, Suite 300, Stamford, CT 06901, where we occupy 22,480 square feet of office space pursuant to a lease agreement that expires in November 2024, and 904 W. 1600 S., #102, Saint George, Utah 84770, where we occupy 10,696 square feet of office space pursuant to a lease agreement that expires September 2031. We also lease retail space for our showrooms, in 146 locations throughout the majority of the U.S. states including Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

# Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

We are currently involved in, and may in the future be involved in, legal proceedings, claims, and investigations in the ordinary course of our business, including claims for infringing intellectual property rights related to our products and the content contributed by our users and partners. Although the results of these proceedings, claims, and investigations cannot be predicted with certainty, we do not believe that the final outcome of these matters is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations. Regardless of final outcomes, however, any such proceedings, claims, and investigations may nonetheless impose a significant burden on management and associates and may come with costly defense costs or unfavorable preliminary and interim rulings.

For additional information regarding legal proceedings, refer to Note 7-Commitments, Contingencies and Related Parties in our consolidated financial statements within Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

# Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

# PART II.

# Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

#### **Market Information**

Our common stock is traded on Nasdaq under the symbol "LOVE."

#### Holders

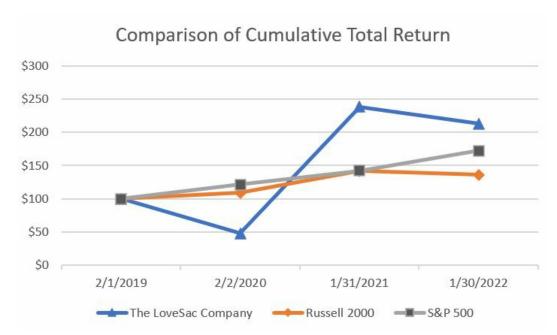
As of March 15, 2022, there were 180 holders of record of our common stock. Because shares of our common stock are held by depositories, brokers and other nominees, the number of beneficial holders of our shares is substantially larger than the number of record holders.

# Dividends

We have never paid cash dividends on any of our capital stock and we currently intend to retain our future earnings, if any, to fund the development and growth of our business. We do not intend to pay cash dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future.

# Lovesac Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock (assuming reinvestment of dividends) with the cumulative total return on the S&P 500 and the Russell 2000 from February 1, 2019 through January 30, 2022. The graph assumes a \$100 investment in each of our common stock, the S&P 500 and the Russell 2000 on February 1, 2019.



	February 1, 2019	February 2, 2020	January 31, 2021	January 30, 2022
The Lovesac Company common stock	\$100.00	\$47.81	\$238.16	\$212.89
S&P 500	\$100.00	\$121.56	\$142.53	\$172.46
Russell 2000	\$100.00	\$109.02	\$141.91	\$136.05

# Item 6. [Reserved]

Not applicable.

# Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. As discussed in the section titled "Forward-Looking Statements," the following discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that, if they never materialize or prove incorrect, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include, but are not limited to, those identified below and those discussed in the section titled "Risk Factors" under Part I, Item 1A in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We operate on a 52- or 53-week fiscal year that ends on the Sunday closest to February 1. Each fiscal year generally is comprised of four 13-week fiscal quarters, although in the years with 53 weeks, the fourth quarter represents a 14-week period.

#### Overview

We are a technology driven company that designs, manufactures and sells unique, high quality furniture derived through our proprietary "Designed for Life" approach which results in products that are built to last a lifetime and designed to evolve as our customers' lives do. Our current product offering is comprised of modular couches called Sactionals, premium foam beanbag chairs called Sacs, and their associated home decor accessories. Innovation is at the center of our design philosophy with all of our core products protected by a robust portfolio of utility patents. We market and sell our products online directly at www.lovesac.com, supported by direct-to-consumer touch-feel points in the form of our own showrooms, which include our newly created mobile concierge and kiosks, as well as through shop-in-shops and online pop-up-shops with third party retailers. We believe that our ecommerce centric approach, coupled with our ability to deliver our large, upholstered products through express couriers, is unique to the furniture industry.

# **Our Operations**

See "Item 1. Business" for information on our products, customers, business model, channels, growth strategies, seasonality and other factors describing our business.

# **Factors Affecting Our Operating Results**

While our growth strategy has contributed to our improving operating results, it also presents significant risks and challenges. The timing and magnitude of new showroom openings, existing showroom renovations, and marketing activities may affect our results of operations in future periods. These strategic initiatives will require substantial expenditures.

Other factors that could affect our results of operations in future periods include:

# COVID-19

Although there has been a general improvement in conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, there continues to be uncertainties around the scope and severity of the pandemic, its impact on the global economy, including supply chains, and other business disruptions that may impact our operating results and financial condition. We continue to follow the

guidance issued by federal, state and local governments and health organizations and have taken measures to protect the safety of our associates and customers.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has led to shifts in the way in which we operate, we continue to serve our customers through our online channels as our products can be easily configured, shopped online and delivered quickly in a touchless way, coupled with consumers' demand for home related products and solutions. In fiscal 2022, our showroom net sales have increased, other channel including net sales from shop-in-shop and pop-up-shops also increased, while our internet net sales have only decreased slightly demonstrating a customer shift back to in-store purchases. As our showrooms are fully reopen, we continue to experience growth as our net sales increased \$177.5 million, or 55.3%, to \$498.2 million for the fiscal year ended 2022, compared to \$320.7 million for the fiscal year ended 2021. Retail sales drove an increase of \$152.8 million, or 104.6%, to \$299.0 million for the fiscal year ended 2022, compared to \$146.2 million for the fiscal year ended 2021. The increase in retail sales over fiscal 2021 was mainly due to the limited showroom operations related to COVID-19 in fiscal 2021, which more than offset the slight decrease in our internet net sales (net sales made directly to customers through our ecommerce channel) of \$0.4 million or 0.3% in the fiscal year ended 2022. Other channel net sales increased \$25.1 million, or 106.7%, to \$48.6 million for the fiscal year ended 2022, compared to \$23.5 million for the fiscal year ended 2021. This increase was due to hosting 2 additional online pop-up-shops on Costco.com with higher productivity compared to the prior year period and the addition of 18 new Best Buy shop-in-shops in fiscal 2022, partially offset by sales decrease from shop-in-shop locations related to Macy's closures. New customers increased by 14.3% for the fiscal year ended 2022, as compared to 32.9% for the fiscal year ended 2021. The increase is driven by the large number of new retail customers as showrooms are now fully reopened, partially offset by the decrease in new internet customers related

The industry in which we operate is cyclical. In addition, our revenues are affected by general economic conditions. Purchases of our products are sensitive to a number of factors that influence the levels of consumer spending, including economic conditions, consumer disposable income, housing market conditions, consumer debt, interest rates and consumer confidence.

# Seasonality

Our business is seasonal. As a result, our revenues fluctuate from quarter to quarter, which often affects the comparability of our results between periods. Net sales are historically higher in the fourth fiscal quarter due primarily to the impact of the holiday selling season.

# Competition

The retail industry is highly competitive and retailers compete based on a variety of factors, including design, quality, price and customer service. Levels of competition and the ability of our competitors to attract customers through competitive pricing or other factors may impact our results of operations.

# How We Assess the Performance of Our Business

We consider a variety of financial and operating measures, including the following, to evaluate our business, measure our performance, identify trends affecting our business, formulate business plans, and make strategic decisions.

Net Sales

Net sales reflect our sale of merchandise plus shipping and handling revenue less returns and discounts. Sales made at Company operated showrooms, including shop-in-shops and pop-up-shops, and via the web are recognized in accordance with the guidance set forth in ASC 606, which is typically at the point of transference of title when the goods are shipped.

# Comparable Showroom Sales

Comparable showroom sales are calculated based on point of sale transactions from showrooms that were open at least fifty-two weeks as of the end of the reporting period. These sales will differ from sales on our income statement which are reported when goods are shipped and title has transferred to the customer. A showroom is not considered a part of the comparable showroom sales base if the square footage of the showroom changed or if the showroom was relocated. If a showroom was closed for any period of time during the measurement period, that showroom is excluded from comparable showroom sales. We made an exception to this calculation in fiscal 2021 when all of our showrooms were temporarily closed due to government regulations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For fiscal years 2022 and 2021, 29 and 19

respectively were excluded from comparable showroom sales. Comparable showroom sales allow us to evaluate how our showroom base is performing by measuring the change in period-over-period net sales in showrooms that have been open for twelve months or more. While we review comparable showroom sales as one measure of our performance, this measure is less relevant to us than it may be to other retailers due to our fully integrated, omni-channel, go-to-market strategy. As a result, measures that analyze a single channel are less indicative of the performance of our business than they might be for other companies that operate their distribution channels as separate businesses. Further, certain of our competitors and other retailers calculate comparable showroom sales (or similar measures) differently than we do. As a result, the reporting of our comparable showroom sales may not be comparable to sales data made available by other companies.

# Customer Lifetime Value and Customer Acquisition Cost

We calculate CAC on an annual basis by dividing our expenses associated with acquiring new customers for a fiscal year by the number of new customers we acquire in that fiscal year. We include premium rent for locations above commercial rates, media costs to new customers, and a portion of showroom merchandising costs in our marketing expenses associated with acquiring new customers when calculating our CAC. Our marketing expenses for fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2021 were both equal to 13.1% of revenue. For fiscal 2022, our CAC was \$548.74 per customer compared to a CAC of \$434.61 for fiscal 2021. This increase was a result of our increased marketing spend that targeted Sactional customers. We expect our CAC to continue to increase over the next few years as a result of our continued focus on increasing marketing efforts. We expect this increase in CAC to correspond with a continued increase in CLV.

We monitor repeat customer transactions in aggregate through our point of sale platform and in groups based upon the year in which customers first made a purchase from us, which we refer to as cohorts, as a way to measure our customer's engagement with our products over their lifetime. Our fiscal 2022 cohorts CLV is \$2,840 compared to \$2,044 in fiscal 2021. In addition, our fiscal 2015 cohort has increased its CLV from \$1,071 in fiscal 2015 to \$1,385 in fiscal 2022, a 29.3% increase in customer value since the fiscal 2015 cohorts' first purchases with Lovesac.

# Retail Sales Per Selling Square Foot

Retail sales per selling square foot is calculated by dividing the total point of sales transactions for all comparable showrooms, by the average selling square footage for the period. Selling square footage is retail space at our showrooms used to sell our products. Selling square footage excludes backrooms at showrooms used for storage, office space or similar matters.

# Cost of Merchandise Sold

Cost of merchandise sold includes the direct cost of sold merchandise; inventory shrinkage; inventory adjustments due to obsolescence, including excess and slow-moving inventory and lower of cost or net realizable value reserves; inbound freight; all freight costs to ship merchandise to our showrooms; design, buying and allocation costs, warehousing and all logistics costs associated with shipping product to our customers. Certain of our competitors and other retailers may report gross profit differently than we do, by excluding from gross profit some or all of the costs related to their distribution network and instead including them in selling, general and administrative expenses. As a result, the reporting of our gross profit and profit margin may not be comparable to other companies.

The primary drivers of our cost of merchandise sold are raw materials costs, labor costs in the countries where we source our merchandise, and logistics costs. We expect gross profit to increase to the extent that we successfully grow our net sales and continue to realize scale economics with our manufacturing partners. We review our inventory levels on an ongoing basis in order to identify slow-moving merchandise and use product markdowns to efficiently sell these products. The timing and level of markdowns are driven primarily by customer acceptance of our merchandise.

# Gross Profit

Gross profit is equal to our net sales less cost of merchandise sold. Gross profit as a percentage of our net sales is referred to agross margin.

# Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses include all operating costs, other than advertising and marketing expense, not included in cost of merchandise sold. These expenses include all payroll and payroll-related expenses; showroom expenses, including occupancy costs related to showroom operations, such as rent and common area maintenance; occupancy and expenses related to many of our operations at our headquarters, including utilities, equity based compensation, financing

related expenses and public company expenses; and credit card transaction fees. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales is usually higher in lower volume quarters and lower in higher volume quarters because a significant portion of the costs are relatively fixed.

Our recent revenue growth has been accompanied by increased selling, general and administrative expenses. The most significant components of these increases are payroll, rent and selling related costs. We expect these expenses, as well as rent expense associated with the opening of new showrooms, to increase as we grow our business. We expect to leverage total selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales as sales volumes continue to grow. We expect to continue to invest in infrastructure to support the Company's growth. These investments will lessen the impact of expense leveraging during the period of investment with the greater impact of expense leveraging happening after the period of investment. However, total selling, general and administrative expenses generally will leverage during the periods of investments with the most deleverage occurring in the first three quarters of the fiscal year, and the greatest leverage occurring in the fourth quarter.

# Advertising and Marketing Expense

Advertising and marketing expense include digital, social, and traditional advertising and marketing initiatives, that cover all of our business channels. We expect to continue to maintain our advertising and marketing investments at 12% to 14% of net sales on an annual basis. The investment by quarter may vary.

# **Basis of Presentation and Results of Operations**

The following discussion contains references to fiscal years 2022, 2021 and 2020 which represent our fiscal years ended January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021 and February 2, 2020, respectively. Our fiscal year ends on the Sunday closest to February 1. Fiscal 2022, 2021 and 2020 were all 52-week periods.

The following table sets forth, for the periods for fiscal 2022, 2021 and 2020, our consolidated statement of operations as a percentage of total revenues:

	For the Fiscal Year Ended		
	January 30, 2022	January 31, 2021	February 2, 2020
Statement of Operations Data:			•
Net sales	100 %	100 %	100 %
Cost of merchandise sold	45 %	46 %	50 %
Gross profit	55 %	54 %	50 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	32 %	35 %	42 %
Advertising and marketing	13 %	13 %	13 %
Depreciation and amortization	2 %	2 %	2 %
Operating income (loss)	8 %	4 %	(7) %
Interest (expense) income, net	0 %	0 %	0 %
Net income (loss) before taxes	8 %	4 %	(7) %
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes	1 %	0 %	0 %
Net income (loss)	9 %	4 %	(7) %

# Fiscal 2022 Compared to Fiscal 2021

# Net sales

Net sales increased \$177.5 million, or 55.3%, to \$498.2 million in fiscal 2022 as compared to \$320.7 million in fiscal 2021. The increase in overall net sales was driven by our Showroom sales, Other sales and partially offset by a slight decrease in our Internet Sales. New customers increased by 14.3% in fiscal 2022 as compared to 32.9% in fiscal 2021 driven by the successful Internet Heroes' campaign in the prior year period. We had 146 total showrooms including kiosks and mobile concierges open as of January 30, 2022 compared to 108 total showrooms as of January 31, 2021. We opened 28 additional showrooms, 8 kiosks, 2 mobile concierges, and remodeled 2 showrooms and did not close any showrooms in fiscal 2022, as compared to opening 19 showrooms and closing 2 showrooms in fiscal 2021. There were no showroom remodels in

fiscal 2021. Showroom sales increased \$152.8 million, or 104.6%, to \$299.0 million in fiscal 2022 as compared to \$146.2 million in fiscal 2021, related to higher point of sales transactions driven by limited showroom operations due to COVID-19 in the prior year period, lower promotional discounting and new showroom sales. This increase was due in large part to our comparable showroom point of sales transaction increase of \$129.6 million, or 104.1%, to \$254.1 million in fiscal 2022 as compared to \$124.5 million in fiscal 2021. Point of sales transactions represent orders placed through our showrooms which does not always reflect the point at which control transfers to the customer, which occurs upon shipment being confirmed. See **Note 11** to the consolidated financial statements. We believe point of sales transactions is a more accurate way to measure showroom performance and how our showroom associates are incentivized. Retail sales per selling square foot increased \$1,067, or 63.7%, to \$2,742 in fiscal 2022 as compared to \$1,675 in fiscal 2021. Total number of units sold at point of transaction increased by approximately 62.3%. The increase in comparable point of sales transactions, retail sales per selling square foot and number of units sold in fiscal 2022 was principally driven by the limited showroom operations due to COVID-19 in the prior year period. Other sales, which include pop-up-shop sales, shop-in-shop sales, and barter inventory transactions, increased \$25.1 million, or 106.7%, to \$48.6 million in fiscal 2022 as compared to \$23.5 million in fiscal 2021. This increase was principally due to hosting 2 additional online pop-up-shops on Costco.com with higher productivity compared to the prior year period and the addition of 18 new Best Buy shop-in-shops in fiscal 2022, partially offset by sales decrease from shop-in-shop locations related to Macy's closures. Internet sales sales made directly to customers through our ecommerce channel) decreased \$0.4 million, or 0.3%, to \$150.6 million in fiscal 2022

# Gross profit

Gross profit increased \$98.6 million, or 56.4%, to \$273.3 million in fiscal 2022 from \$174.8 million in fiscal 2021. Gross margin increased to 54.9% of net sales in fiscal 2022 from 54.5% of net sales in fiscal 2021. The increase in gross margin percentage of 40 basis points was primarily driven by an increase of 330 basis points improvement due to lower promotional discounts and continuing vendor negotiations to assist with the mitigation of tariffs, partially offset by an increase of 290 basis points in total freight including tariff expenses and warehousing costs. The increase in total freight including tariffs and warehousing costs over the prior year period is principally related to the increase of 720 basis points in inbound container freight costs, partially offset by higher leverage of 430 basis points in warehousing and outbound freight costs.

# Selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 45.5%, or \$50.6 million, to \$162.0 million for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022 compared to \$111.4 million for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2021. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses in fiscal 2022 was primarily related to an increase in employment costs, rent, overhead expenses, and selling related expenses. Employment costs increased by \$22.8 million driven by an increase in new hires and variable compensation. Rent increased by \$10.3 million related to \$5.4 million rent expense primarily related to our net addition of 28 showrooms and \$4.9 million in higher percentage rent from the increase in sales. Overhead expenses increased \$9.6 million consisting of an increase of \$7.3 million in infrastructure investments, an increase of \$1.3 million in equity-based compensation, an increase of \$0.6 million in travel expenses, and an increase of \$0.4 million in insurance expenses. Selling related expenses increased \$7.9 million due to an increase of \$7.2 million in credit card fees and an increase of \$0.7 million in selling agent fees which includes \$2.0 million in fees to terminate an agreement with vendor partners, higher sales volume, partially offset by new lower rates of selling related fees compared to the prior year period.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were 32.5% of net sales for fiscal year ended January 30, 2022 compared to 34.7% of net sales for fiscal year ended January 31, 2021. SG&A expense as a percent of net sales decreased 221 basis points in fiscal 2022 due to a higher leverage within infrastructure investments, rent, equity-based compensation, insurance, and selling related expenses, partially offset by deleverage in employment costs and travel. The deleverage in certain expenses relate to the investments we are making into the business that were put on hold in the prior year relating to COVID-19 financial resilience measures.

# Advertising and marketing expenses

Advertising and marketing expenses increased \$23.2 million, or 55.2%, to \$65.1 million for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022 compared to \$41.9 million for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2021. The increase in advertising and marketing costs relates to ongoing investments in marketing spends to support our sales growth.

Advertising and marketing expenses were 13.1% of net sales in both fiscal year 2022 and fiscal 2021. We expect to continue to maintain our advertising and marketing investments at 12% to 14% of net sales on an annual basis. The investment by quarter may vary.

#### Depreciation and amortization expenses

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased 19%, or \$1.2 million to \$7.9 million in fiscal 2022 compared to \$6.6 million in fiscal 2021. The increase in depreciation and amortization expense is principally related to capital investments for new and remodeled showrooms in fiscal 2022.

#### Interest expense

Interest expense, net was \$0.2 million in fiscal 2022, principally related to the interest expense for unused line fees and amortization of deferred financing fees on the asset-based loan. Interest expense, net in fiscal 2021 was \$0.1 million, which reflects \$0.1 million of interest income on cash and cash equivalents, offset by \$0.2 million of interest expense related to unused line fees, interest on borrowings and amortization of deferred financing fees on the asset-based loan for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2021.

## Provision for income taxes

During fiscal 2022, the Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$7.6 million compared to income tax expense of \$0.1 million in fiscal 2021. During fiscal 2022 the company recognized a reversal of the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets of \$16.4 million offset by recognition of deferred tax expense of \$9.8 million.

#### Repeat customers

Repeat customers accounted for approximately 41.6% of all transactions in fiscal 2022 compared to 37.5% in fiscal 2021. We expect new transactions to continue to become a larger portion of our transaction mix as we spend on acquisition.

## Quarterly Results

Our business is seasonal and we have historically realized a higher portion of our net sales and net income in the fourth fiscal quarter due primarily to the holiday selling season. Working capital requirements are typically higher in the third fiscal quarter due to inventory built-up in advance of the holiday selling season. During these peak periods we have historically increased our borrowings under our line of credit. As such, results of a period shorter than a full year may not be indicative of results expected for the entire year, and the seasonal nature of our business may affect comparisons between periods.

For a comparison of Fiscal 2021 to Fiscal 2020 please refer to Item 7 within the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2021 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2021.

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

#### General

Our business relies on cash flows from operations, our revolving line of credit (see "Revolving Line of Credit" below) and securities issuances as our primary sources of liquidity. Our primary cash needs are for marketing and advertising, inventory, payroll, showroom rent, capital expenditures associated with opening new showrooms and updating existing showrooms, as well as infrastructure and information technology. The most significant components of our working capital are cash and cash equivalents, inventory, accounts receivable, accounts payable and other current liabilities and customer deposits. Borrowings generally increase in our third fiscal quarter as we prepare for the holiday selling season, which is in our fourth fiscal quarter. We believe that cash expected to be generated from operations, the availability under our revolving line of credit and our existing cash balances are sufficient to meet working capital requirements and anticipated capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months.

#### Cash Flow Analysis

A summary of operating, investing, and financing activities during the periods indicated are shown in the following table:

in thousands	Fiscal Year Ended				
	 January 30, 2022	January 31, 2021	February 2, 2020		
Provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 34,018 \$	40,521 \$	(11,194)		
Used in investing activities	(16,488)	(9,052)	(10,651)		
(Used in) provided by financing activities	(3,479)	(1,667)	21,313		
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	14,051	29,802	(532)		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	92,392	78,341	48,539		

## Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities

Cash from operating activities consists primarily of net income (loss) adjusted for certain non-cash items, including depreciation, amortization, loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment, impairment of property and equipment, equity based compensation, deferred rent, and non-cash interest expense and the effect of changes in working capital and other activities.

In fiscal 2022, net cash provided by operating activities was \$34.0 million and consisted of changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$31.2 million, a net income of \$45.9 million, and non-cash items of \$19.9 million. Working capital and other activities consisted primarily of increases in inventory of \$56.8 million, trade accounts receivable of \$4.0 million, customer deposits of \$7.3 million, accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$39.2 million, and prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$2.5 million, partially offset by a decrease in operating lease liabilities of \$14.4 million.

In fiscal 2021, net cash provided by operating activities was \$40.5 million and consisted of changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$10.5 million, a net income of \$14.7 million, and non-cash items of \$15.3 million. Working capital and other activities consisted primarily of increases in inventory of \$14.0 million and prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$2.1 million, partially offset by a decrease in accounts receivable of \$2.7 million and increases in accrued liabilities and accounts payable of \$19.6 million, and customer deposits of \$4.3 million.

In fiscal 2020, net cash used in operating activities was \$11.2 million and consisted of changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$7.8 million, a net loss of \$15.2 million, and non-cash items of \$11.8 million. Working capital and other activities consisted primarily of increases in inventory of \$10.2 million, accounts receivable of \$3.2 million, and prepaid expenses of \$2.2 million, partially offset by increases in accrued liabilities and accounts payable of \$7.2 million, and other current liabilities of \$0.6 million.

#### Net Cash Used In Investing Activities

Investing activities consist primarily of investments related to capital expenditures for new showroom openings, the remodeling of existing showrooms, and the acquisition of intangible assets.

For fiscal 2022, capital expenditures were \$16.5 million as a result of investments in new and remodeled showrooms and intangibles.

For fiscal 2021, capital expenditures were \$9.1 million as a result of investments in new and remodeled showrooms and intangibles.

For fiscal 2020, capital expenditures were \$10.7 million as a result of investments in new and remodeled showrooms and intangibles which included \$0.3 million in proceeds from the disposal of property and equipment.

## Net Cash (Used in) Provided By Financing Activities

Financing activities consist primarily of taxes paid for the net settlement of equity awards.

For fiscal 2022, net cash used in financing activities was \$3.5 million primarily due to taxes paid for net share settlement of equity awards of \$3.6 million offset by proceeds from the exercise of warrants of \$0.1 million .

For fiscal 2021, net cash used in financing activities was \$1.7 million which is mainly attributable taxes paid for net share settlement of equity awards.

For fiscal 2020, net cash provided by financing activities was \$21.3 million, primarily due to \$25.6 million of net proceeds from a primary share offering net of \$4.3 million of taxes paid for net share settlement of equity awards.

## Revolving Line of Credit

On March 25, 2022, we amended our existing credit agreement providing for an asset-based revolving credit facility with the lenders party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent. The maturity date of our credit agreement was extended to March 25, 2024 and, among other things, the maximum revolver commitment was increased from \$25.0 million to \$40.0 million, subject to borrowing base and availability restrictions. Our credit agreement includes a \$1,000,000 sublimit for the issuance of letters of credit and a \$4,000,000 sublimit for swing line loans. There were no outstanding borrowings under our credit facility as of January 30, 2022 and March 30, 2022

We are required to pay a commitment fee of 0.30% based on the daily unused portion of the credit facility. Amounts outstanding under the credit facility, at our option, bear interest at either a base rate or a term SOFR based rate, plus, in either case, a margin determined by reference to our quarterly average excess availability under the credit facility and ranging from 0.50% to 0.75% for borrowings accruing interest at base rate and from 1.625% to 1.850% for borrowings accruing interest at term SOFR. Swing line loans will at all times accrue interest at a base rate plus the applicable margin. The lower margins described above will apply initially and will adjust thereafter from time to time based on the quarterly average excess availability under the credit facility. For additional information regarding our line of credit with Wells, see Note 10 to our consolidated financial statements.

## Severance Contingency

We have employment agreements with our senior level executives. These agreements have severance provisions, ranging from 12 to 18 months of salary, in the event those associates are terminated without cause or resign for good reason. The total amount of exposure to us under these agreements was \$5.5 million at January 30, 2022 if all executives with employment agreements were terminated without cause or resign for good reason and the full amount of severance was payable.

## **Contractual Obligations**

We generally enter into long-term contractual obligations and commitments in the normal course of business, primarily debt obligations and non-cancelable operating leases. As of January 30, 2022, our contractual cash obligations over the next several periods were as follows:

	 Payments due by period							
	 Total	1	Less than 1 year	_	1 - 3 years		3 - 5 Years	 More than 5 years
Employment agreements	\$ 5,543	\$	5,543	\$	_	\$	_	\$ _
Operating leases	 130,962		20,493	_	38,776		31,364	 40,329
Total	\$ 136,505	\$	26,036	\$	38,776	\$	31,364	\$ 40,329

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in conformity with GAAP. Certain accounting policies and estimates are particularly important to the understanding of our financial position and results of operations and require the application of significant judgment by our management or can be materially affected by changes from period to period in economic factors or conditions that are outside of our control. As a result, they are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. In applying these policies, management uses their judgment to determine the appropriate assumptions to be used in the determination of certain estimates. Those estimates are based on our historical operations, our future business plans and projected financial results, the terms of existing contracts, observance of trends in the industry, information provided by our customers and information available from other outside sources, as appropriate. Please see **Note 1** to our audited consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a complete description of our

significant accounting policies. There have been no material changes to the significant accounting policies during fiscal 2022.

#### Revenue Recognition

Our revenue consists substantially of product sales. We report product sales net of discounts and recognize them at the point in time when control transfers to the customer, which occurs when shipment is confirmed.

Estimated refunds for returns and allowances are recorded using our historical return patterns, adjusting for any changes in returns policies. We record estimated refunds for net sales returns on a monthly basis as a reduction of net sales and cost of sales on the statement of operations and an increase in inventory and customers returns liability on the balance sheet

In some cases, deposits are received before we transfer control, resulting in contract liabilities. These contract's liabilities are reported as deposits on the Company's balance sheet.

Upon adoption of ASC 606, we have elected the following accounting policies and practical expedients:

We recognize shipping and handling expense as fulfillment activities (rather than as a promised good or service) when the activities are performed even if those activities are performed after the control of the good has been transferred. Accordingly, we record the expenses for shipping and handling activities at the same time we recognize revenue.

We exclude from the measurement of the transaction price all taxes imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue- producing transaction and collected by the entity from a customer, including sales, use, excise, value-added, and franchise taxes (collectively referred to as sales taxes).

We do not adjust revenue for the effects of any financing components if the contract has a duration of one year or less, as we receive payment from the customer within one year from when we transferred control of the related goods.

We offer our products through an inventory lean omni-channel platform that provides a seamless and meaningful experience to its customers in showrooms and through the internet. The other channel predominantly represents sales through the use of pop-up-shops that typically average ten days at a time and are staffed with associates trained to demonstrate and sell our product.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Our long-lived assets consist of property and equipment and right of use assets from leases. Property and equipment includes leasehold improvements, and other intangible assets. Long-lived assets are reviewed for potential impairment at such time that events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset might not be recovered. We evaluate for impairment at the individual showroom level, which is the lowest level at which individual cash flows can be identified. When evaluating long-lived assets for potential impairment, we will first compare the carrying amount of the assets to the future undiscounted cash flows for the respective long-lived asset. If the estimated future cash flows are less than the carrying amounts of the assets, an impairment loss calculation is prepared. An impairment loss is measured based upon the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its estimated fair value which is generally based on an estimated future discounted cash flow. If required, an impairment loss is recorded for that portion of the asset's carrying value in excess of fair value.

In fiscal 2022, we recognized impairment charges totaling \$0.6 million associated with showroom-level right of use lease assets. During fiscal 2021, we recorded impairment charges of \$0.2 million, associated with the assets of an underperforming retail location. The impairments in fiscal 2022 and fiscal were 2021 calculated using a discounted cash flow model and were recorded in selling, general and administrative in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

## Merchandise Inventories

Merchandise inventories are comprised of finished goods which are carried at the lower of cost or net realizable value and capitalized freight and warehousing costs. Cost is determined on a weighted-average method basis. Merchandise inventories consist primarily of foam filled furniture, sectional couches, and related accessories. We adjust our inventory for obsolescence based on historical trends, aging reports, specific identification and its estimates of future retail sales prices. In addition, we include capitalized freight and warehousing costs in inventory related to the finished goods in inventory.

#### **Operating Leases**

The Company determines if a long-term contractual obligation is a lease at inception. The majority of our operating leases relate to company showrooms. We also lease our corporate facilities. These operating leases expire at various dates through fiscal 2032. Showroom leases may include options that allow us to extend the lease term beyond the initial base period, subject to terms agreed upon at lease inception. Some leases also include early termination options, which can be exercised under specific conditions. Our lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

The Company records lease liabilities at the present value of the lease payments not yet paid, discounted at the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow on a collateralized basis over a similar term. As the Company's leases do not provide an implicit interest rate, the Company uses an incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments.

We recognize operating lease cost over the estimated term of the lease, which includes options to extend lease terms that are reasonably certain of being exercised, starting when possession of the property is taken from the landlord, which normally includes a construction period prior to the showroom opening. When a lease contains a predetermined fixed escalation of the fixed rent, we recognize the related operating lease cost on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In addition, certain of our lease agreements include variable lease payments, such as payments based on a percentage of sales that are in excess of a predetermined level and/or increases based on a change in the consumer price index or fair market value. These variable lease payments are excluded from minimum lease payments and are included in the determination of net lease cost when it is probable that the expense has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. If an operating lease asset is impaired, the remaining operating lease asset will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining lease term.

## **Equity-based Compensation**

We account for equity-based compensation for associates and directors by recognizing the fair value of equity-based compensation as an expense in the calculation of net income, based on the grant-date fair value. We recognize equity-based compensation expense in the periods in which the associate or director is required to provide service, which is generally over the vesting period of the individual equity instruments. The fair value of the equity-based awards is determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model or the stock price on the date of grant.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Except as described below, we have considered all other recently issued accounting pronouncements and does not believe the adoption of such pronouncements will have a material impact on its financial statements.

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) amending lease guidance to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. ASU No. 2020-05 extended the effective date to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, with early adoption permitted. We adopted the guidance in fiscal 2022 and there was not a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations.

Adoption of this standard resulted in the recognition of operating lease right-to-use ("ROU") assets and corresponding lease liabilities of approximately \$90 million and \$97 million, respectively, and reclassification of deferred rent of \$6.7 million as a reduction of the right-of-use assets on the consolidated balance sheet as of January 30, 2022. The new standard also provides practical expedients for an entity's ongoing accounting. The Company elected the short-term lease recognition exemption for all leases that qualify. This means, for those leases that qualify, we will not recognize ROU assets or lease liabilities, and this includes not recognizing ROU assets or lease liabilities for existing short-term leases of those assets in transition. We also elected the practical expedient to not separate lease and non-lease components for all of our leases.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting (Topic 718). ASU 2018-07 eliminates the separate accounting model for nonemployee share-based payment awards and generally requires companies to account for share-based payment transactions with nonemployees in the same way as share-based payment transactions with employees. The accounting remains different for attribution, which represents how the equity-based payment cost is recognized over the vesting period, and a contractual term election for valuing nonemployee equity share options. ASU 2018-07 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. We adopted the guidance in fiscal 2022 and there was not a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations.

#### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to a variety of risks, including fluctuations in interest rates that could affect our financial position and results of operations.

## Debt

Interest rate risk exists primarily through our borrowing activities. We use U.S. dollar denominated borrowings to fund our working capital and investment needs. It is anticipated that the fair market value of any future debt under the line of credit will continue to be immaterially affected by fluctuations in interest rates and we do not believe that the value of such debt would be significantly impacted by current market events. Under the line of credit, the Company may elect that revolving loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus the applicable margin or the LIBOR rate plus the applicable margin is based on tier's relating to the quarterly average excess availability. The tiers range from 2.00% to 2.25%. We currently do not engage in any interest rate hedging activity and we have no intention of doing so in the foreseeable future. A hypothetical 100 basis point change (up or down) in the one-month LIBOR rate would not have a material effect on our consolidated results of operations.

#### LIBOR Transition

Borrowings under our revolving line of credit have an interest rate tied to LIBOR, which is the subject of recent national, international, and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. These reforms and other pressure may cause LIBOR to disappear entirely or to perform differently than in the past. It is expected that certain banks will stop reporting information used to set LIBOR at the end of 2021 when their reporting obligations cease. This will effectively end the usefulness of LIBOR and end its publication. If LIBOR is no longer available, or otherwise at our option, we will pursue alternative interest rate calculations in our Credit Agreement, including the use of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR). A number of other alternatives to LIBOR have been proposed or are being developed, but it is not clear which, if any, will be adopted. Any of these alternative methods may result in interest payments that are higher than expected or that do not otherwise correlate over time with the payments that would have been made on such indebtedness for the interest periods if the applicable LIBOR rate was available in its current form.

## Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The Company's financial statements are contained in the pages beginning on F-1, which appear at the end of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None

## Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

## **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer (our principal executive officer) and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer), has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded, based on their evaluation, that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of January 30, 2022 due to a material weakness related to information technology general controls, as discussed below in Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting.

#### Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed 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 in the United States of America. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of January 30, 2022. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth in 2013 by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Tread way Commission (COSO) in "Internal Control-Integrated Framework." Based on management's assessment using the COSO criteria, due to the material weaknesses described below, management has concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of January 30, 2022.

Marcum LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, is appointed by the Company's Board of Directors and ratified by the Company's stockholders. They were engaged to render an opinion regarding the fair presentation of the Company's consolidated financial statements as well as conducting an audit of internal control over financial reporting. Their reports included in Item 8 of this Form 10-K are based upon audits conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

#### Material Weaknesses

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Our management concluded that a material weakness existed as of January 30, 2022 relating to ineffective information technology general controls in the areas of user access and segregation of duties related to certain information technology systems that support our financial reporting process.

Notwithstanding the material weakness described above, our management has concluded that our consolidated financial statements for the periods covered by and included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") and fairly present, in all material respects, our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for each of the periods presented herein.

## Remediation of Material Weaknesses

Our management, under the oversight of our Audit Committee and in consultation with outside advisors, has begun evaluating and implementing measures designed to ensure that the control deficiencies contributing to the material weakness are remediated. These remediation measures include, but are not limited to: (i) evaluating and implementing enhanced process controls around user access management to key information systems which may impact our financial reporting; (ii) expanding the management and governance over user access and system controls and (iii) enhancing our information technology compliance and accounting functions with additional experienced hires including a new Chief Information Officer.

We believe the above actions will be effective in remediating the material weakness described above and we will continue to devote time and attention to these remedial efforts. However, as we continue to evaluate and take actions to improve our internal control over financial reporting, we may take additional actions to address control deficiencies or modify certain of the remediation measures described above. Our remediation efforts will not be considered complete until the applicable controls operate for a sufficient period of time and our management has concluded, through testing, that these controls are operating effectively.

Our independent registered public accounting firm, Marcum LLP, has issued an adverse attestation report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 30, 2022, as stated in their report which is included in the Financial Statements of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Marcum LLP has also audited our consolidated financial statements at January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, and for each of the three years in the period ended January 30, 2022, and its report dated March 30, 2022, expressed an unqualified opinion on our consolidated financial statements.

#### Changes in our Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Other than as described above, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended January 30, 2022 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures or the Company's internal controls over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected.

## Item 9B. Other Information.

On March 25, 2022, we amended our existing credit agreement providing for an asset-based revolving credit facility with the lenders party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent. The maturity date of our credit agreement was extended to February 6, 2024, and among other things, the maximum revolver commitment was increased from \$25.0 million to \$40.0 million, subject to borrowing base and availability restrictions. Our credit agreement includes a \$1,000,000 sublimit for the issuance of letters of credit and a \$4,000,000 sublimit for swing line loans. There were no outstanding borrowings under our credit facility as of March 30, 2022.

The credit facility is secured by a first lien on substantially all of our assets. No other subsidiary of the Company guaranteed the obligations under the credit facility or granted security interests in their assets to secure such obligations.

Availability under the credit facility is based on eligible accounts receivable and inventory. Our credit facility contains a financial covenant that requires us to maintain undrawn availability under the credit facility of at least 10% of the lesser of (i) the aggregate commitments in the amount of \$40.0 million and (ii) the amounts available under the credit facility based on eligible accounts receivable and inventory.

We are required to pay a commitment fee of 0.30% based on the daily unused portion of the credit facility. Amounts outstanding under the credit facility, at our option, bear interest at either a base rate or a term SOFR based rate, plus, in either case, a margin determined by reference to our quarterly average excess availability under the credit facility and ranging from 0.50% to 0.75% for borrowings accruing interest at a base rate and from 1.625% to 1.850% for borrowings accruing interest at term SOFR. Swing line loans will at all times accrue interest at a base rate plus the applicable margin. The lower margins described above will apply initially and will adjust thereafter from time to time based on the quarterly average excess availability under the credit facility.

## PART III.

## Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The following is a list of the names, ages and backgrounds of our current executive officers:

Name	Age	Present Position	Business Experience
Shawn Nelson	45	Chief Executive Officer and Director	Shawn Nelson founded Lovesac in 1998 and is currently serving as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Nelson is the lead designer of the Company's patented products and leads sourcing, creative, design, public relations, investor relations and culture. In 2005, Mr. Nelson won Richard Branson's "The Rebel Billionaire" on Fox and continues to participate in ongoing TV appearances. Mr. Nelson has a Master's Degree in Strategic Design and Management and is a former graduate-level instructor at Parsons, The New School for Design in New York City. Mr. Nelson is also fluent in Mandarin.
Mary Fox	49	President and Chief Operating Officer	Mary Fox is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Lovesac since November 2021. Previously, she served as General Manager for North America Consumer Products at BIC from 2018 to November 2021. Prior to joining BIC, she spent six years at L'Oréal in various roles within Ecommerce, New Business Development, and Business Transformation in the United States. Before L'Oréal, Ms. Fox held several senior leadership positions at Walmart in both the United States and International divisions. During her time as SVP Global Sourcing at Walmart, Ms. Fox co-founded the Sustainable Apparel Coalition in 2009 with Patagonia, which is now the leading global apparel, footwear, and textile coalition focused on sustainable production. Since 2021, Ms. Fox has also served as a director of AF Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company targeting the better-for-you food and beverage, health and wellness, beauty, personal care and pet industries. She also served on the Board of Directors of The Lovesac Company from February 2020 to November 2021. Ms. Fox graduated from Coventry University in the United Kingdom and holds a degree in manufacturing engineering and business studies.
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Jack Krause	59	Chief Strategy Officer, Director	Jack Krause is the Chief Strategy Officer of The Lovesac Company and a member of the Board of Directors. Previously, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Lovesac from 2015 until November 2021. Prior to Lovesac, Mr. Krause served as President of Vitamin World, a division of NBTY. He also served as Senior Vice-President of Watch Station Global Retail and Skagen from 2011 to 2013. Mr. Krause also held the position of General Manager of Sunglass Hut North America from 2008 to 2010 along with other executive positions at Luxottica. Mr. Krause worked for 11 years at Bath and Body Works in roles of increasing responsibility leading to Senior Vice-President of Brand Development from 2004 to 2006. Prior to that he spent 10 years in brand management at Jergens and Marion Consumer Products. Mr. Krause has a Bachelor of Science in Business
			Jergens and Marion Consumer Products. Mr. Krause has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Miami University.
Donna Dellomo	57	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary of the Company	Donna Dellomo is Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary of The Lovesac Company. Prior to joining The Lovesac Company, Ms. Dellomo was Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Perfumania Holdings, a \$540 million publicly traded company with over 290 retail locations, owned and licensed brands and a wholesale distribution network from January

Lovesac Company. Prior to joining The Lovesac Company, Ms. Dellomo was Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of Perfumania Holdings, a \$540 million publicly traded company with over 290 retail locations, owned and licensed brands and a wholesale distribution network from January 1998 to January 2017. She also held progressive positions from October 1988 to December 1997 as Internal Audit Manager, Accounting Manager and Corporate Controller at Cybex International, Inc., a \$125 million publicly traded company that manufactured and distributed fitness, rehabilitative and health care equipment. Ms. Dellomo is a Certified Public Accountant with initial focus on audit and tax and is also a Member of the Board of Trustees of Molloy College and Chair of their Fiscal Affairs Committee.

We will file with the SEC a definitive proxy statement (the "2022 Proxy Statement") pursuant to Regulation 14A for our 2022 annual meeting of stockholders within 120 days of the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022. The additional information required by this Item will appear in the 2022 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference herein.

Our board of directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all officers, directors and associates, which is available on our website (https://investor.lovesac.com) under "Governance." We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of our Code of Conduct by posting such information on the website address and location specified above.

## Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this Item will appear in the 2022 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference herein.

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

## Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides information as of January 30, 2022, about the securities which are either already issued, or authorized for future issuance, under our Amended and Restated 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2017 Equity Plan").

	(a)  Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	(b)  Weighted- Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights <sup>(1)</sup>	(c) Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1,058,876	\$ 38.10	371,943
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders			
Total	1,058,876	\$ 38.10	371,943

- (1) The weighted average exercise price is calculated based solely on outstanding stock options. It does not take into account the shares of our common stock underlying restricted stock units or performance units, which have no exercise price.
- (2) Calculations based on 2017 Equity Plan.
- (3) Awards of equity are made pursuant to our 2017 Equity Plan which was approved by our Board of Directors and our stockholders on August 26, 2017. In fiscal 2019, the 2017 Equity Plan was amended to increase the shares of our common stock authorized and reserved for issuance to 615,066 shares. In fiscal 2020, the 2017 Equity Plan was amended and restated to, among other things, increase the shares of our common stock authorized and reserved for issuance to 1,414,889 shares. In fiscal 2021, the 2017 Equity Plan was amended and restated to increase the shares of our common stock authorized and reserved for issuance by 690,000 shares.

The remaining information required by this Item will appear in the 2022 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference herein.

## Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required by this Item will appear in the 2022 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference herein.

## Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.

The information required by this Item will appear in the 2022 Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference herein.

## PART IV.

## Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.

- (a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:
  - 1. Financial Statements (see Part II, Item 8 Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data)

Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (PCAOB ID 688)	F-3
Consolidated Balance Sheets – As of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021	F-7
Consolidated Statements of Operations - Years Ended January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021 and February 2, 2020	F-8
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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Years Ended January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021 and February 2, 2020	F-10
Consolidated Notes to Financial Statements	F-11

## 2. Financial Statement Schedules

Schedules have been omitted because they are not required or are not applicable or because the information required to be set forth therein either is not material or is included in the financial statements or notes thereto.

3. Exhibits

See the Exhibit Index.

## Item 16. Form 10-K Summary.

Optional disclosure not included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Filed / Incorporated by Reference from Form **	Incorporated by Reference from Exhibit Number	Dated Filed
2.1	Assignment and Assumption Agreement	S-1	2.1	4/20/2018
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	3.3	6/7/2021
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws	S-1/A	3.2	6/8/2018
4.1	Form of Amended and Restated Series A Warrant Agreement	S-1/A	4.2	5/23/2018
4.2	Form of Amended and Restated Series A-1 Warrant Agreement	S-1/A	4.3	5/23/2018
4.3	Form of Amended and Restated Series A-2 Warrant Agreement	S-1/A	4.4	5/23/2018
4.4	Form of Representative's Warrant	S-1/A	4.4	6/25/2018
4.5	Description of the Company's securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act of 1934	Filed herewith.		
10.1†	Wells Fargo Credit Agreement	S-1	10.1	4/20/2018
10.2†	Amendment No. 6 to Credit Agreement between The Lovesac Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Filed herewith.		
10.3±	2017 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan	S-8	4.1	9/11/2020
10.4±	Form of Restricted Stock Units Agreement	S-1/A	10.3	5/23/2018
10.5	Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement	S-1	10.5	4/20/2018
10.6±	Employment Agreement dated October 26, 2017, by and between The Lovesac Company and Shawn Nelson	S-1	10.6	4/20/2018
10.7±	Employment Agreement dated October 26, 2017, by and between The Lovesac Company and Jack Krause	S-1	10.7	4/20/2018
10.8±	Employment Agreement dated October 26, 2017, by and between The Lovesac Company and Donna Dellomo	S-1	10.8	4/20/2018
10.9±	First Amendment to Employment Agreement dated October 2, 2019, by and between The Lovesac Company and Shawn Nelson	10-K	10.8	4/14/2021
10.10±	First Amendment to Employment Agreement dated October 2, 2019, by and between The Lovesac Company and Jack Krause	10-K	10.9	4/14/2021
10.11±	First Amendment to Employment Agreement dated October 2, 2019, by and between The Lovesac Company and Donna Dellomo	10-K	10.1	4/14/2021
10.12±	Second Amendment to Employment Agreement dated November 9, 2021, by and between The Lovesac Company and Jack A, Krause	8-K	10.2	11/12/2021
10.13±	Employment Agreement between The Lovesac Company and Mary Fox, dated September 30, 2021	8-K	10.1	11/12/2021
10.14±	Second Amendment to Employment Agreement dated March 24, 2022, by and between The Lovesac Company and Shawn Nelson	Filed herewith.		
10.15±	Second Amendment to Employment Agreement dated March 24, 2022, by and between The Lovesac Company and Donna Dellomo	Filed herewith.		
10.16±	Offer Letter between The Lovesac Company and Mary Fox, dated September 30, 2021	8-K	10.3	11/12/2021

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit	Filed / Incorporated by Reference from Form **	Incorporated by Reference from Exhibit Number	Dated Filed
10.17±	Mary Fox Resignation Letter from Board of Directors, dated November 9, 2021	8-K	10.4	11/12/2021
$10.18\pm$	Form of Stock Option Award Agreement	10-K	10.11	4/14/2021
10.19±	The Lovesac Company Annual Incentive Compensation Plan	10-Q	10.1	12/9/2021
$10.20\pm$	The Lovesac Company Director Compensation Policy	10-Q	10.2	12/9/2021
21.1	<u>List of Subsidiaries</u>	10-K	21.1	4/14/2021
23.1	Consent of Marcum LLP	Filed herewith.		
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended	Filed herewith.		
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended	Filed herewith.		
32.1*	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended	Filed herewith.		
32.2*	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended	Filed herewith.		
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document			
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document			
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document			
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document			
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document			
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document			

 $<sup>\</sup>pm$  Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan.

 $<sup>\</sup>dagger$  Certain schedules and exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The Company agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit to the SEC upon its request.

<sup>\*</sup> This certification is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended or the Exchange Act.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on March 30, 2022.

## THE LOVESAC COMPANY

By: /s/ Shawn Nelson

Shawn Nelson Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Shawn Nelson and Donna Dellomo, and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming that all said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them or their or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Shawn Nelson	March 30, 2022
Shawn Nelson	
Chief Executive Officer and Director	
(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Donna Dellomo	March 30, 2022
Donna Dellomo	
Executive Vice President and	
Chief Financial Officer	
(Principal Financial Officer and	
Principal Accounting Officer)	
/s/ Andrew Heyer	March 30, 2022
Andrew Heyer	
Chairman and Director	
/s/ Walter McLallen	March 30, 2022
Walter McLallen	
Director	
/s/ Sharon M. Leite	March 30, 2022
Sharon M. Leite	
Director	
/s/ Shirley Romig	March 30, 2022
Shirley Romig	
Director	
/s/ John Grafer	March 30, 2022
John Grafer	·
Director	
/s/ Jack Krause	March 30, 2022
Jack Krause	
Director	
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## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF JANUARY 30, 2022 AND JANUARY 31, 2021 AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED JANUARY 30, 2022, JANUARY 31, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of **The Lovesac Company** 

## **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of The Lovesac Company (the "Company") as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 30, 2022, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 30, 2022, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of January 30, 2022, based on the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in 2013 and our report dated March 30, 2022, expressed an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting because of the existence of a material weakness.

## **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

## Accounting for leases in accordance with ASC 842

Description of the matter

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company changed its method of accounting for leases in 2021 due to the adoption of Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, *Leases* (ASC 842), and the related amendments.

The adoption of ASC 842 resulted in the recognition of right-of-use operating lease assets of \$90 million and operating lease liabilities of approximately \$97 million, and the reclassification of deferred rent of \$6.7 million as a reduction of the right-of-use assets as of February 1, 2022. There was no cumulative effect of adopting the standard to retained earnings.

Operating lease right-of-use assets and operating lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term discounted using the incremental borrowing rate.

Auditing the Company's adoption of ASC 842 was complex and involved subjective auditor judgment because the Company is a party to a significant number of lease contracts and certain aspects of adopting ASC 842 required management to exercise judgment in applying the new standard to its portfolio of lease contracts. In particular, the estimates of the incremental borrowing rate were complex due to the significant management estimates required to determine the appropriate incremental borrowing rate and the resulting impact on the financial statements.

How We Addressed the Matter in Our Audit

We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design, and tested the operating effectiveness of controls over the Company's accounting for the adoption of ASC 842.

This included testing controls over management's review of the incremental borrowing rate and models used to estimate the fair value of the right-of-use asset, including the related data and assumption.

To test the adoption of ASC 842, we performed audit procedures that included, among others, selecting a sample of lease contracts from the overall population to evaluate the completeness, accuracy, and proper application of the accounting standard, testing the accuracy of lease terms within the lease IT system by comparison of the data for a sample of leases to the underlying lease contract, and testing the accuracy of the Company's system calculations of initial operating lease right-of use-assets and operating lease liabilities.

Additionally, we evaluated management's methodology and model for developing the incremental borrowing rate by performing comparative independent calculations.

/s/ Marcum LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

Hartford, CT March 30, 2022

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING WITH A MATERIAL WEAKNESS

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of The Lovesac Company

## Adverse Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited The Lovesac Company's (the "Company") internal control over financial reporting as of January 30, 2022, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. In our opinion, because of the effect of the material weakness described in the following paragraph on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, the Company has not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 30, 2022 based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. The following material weakness has been identified and included in "Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting": the Company has not established an effective control environment due to the ineffective design and implementation of information technology and related activity level controls covering all significant accounts. This ineffectiveness was due, in part, to inadequate information technology general controls ("ITGC") relating to certain information technology systems. The ITGC deficiencies affected, among other things, the integrity of the data used to support the related activity level controls. This material weakness was considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended January 30, 2022, of the Company, and this report does not affect our report on such financial statements.

This material weakness was considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended January 30, 2022 and this report does not affect our report dated March 30, 2022 on those consolidated financial statements.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB"), the consolidated balance sheets as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021 and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows and the related notes for each of the three years in the period ended January 30, 2022, and our report dated March 30, 2022 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying "Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting." Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed 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. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/Marcum LLP

Hartford, Connecticut March 30, 2022

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

## JANUARY 30, 2022 AND JANUARY 31, 2021

		2022		2021
(amounts in thousands, except share and per share amounts)	-		-	
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	92,392	\$	78,341
Trade accounts receivable		8,547		4,513
Merchandise inventories		108,493		50,417
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		15,726		10,128
Total Current Assets		225,158		143,399
Property and equipment, net		34,137		25,868
Operating lease right-of-use assets		100,891		_
Other Assets				
Goodwill		144		144
Intangible assets, net		1,413		1,517
Deferred financing costs, net		_		91
Deferred tax asset		9,836		
Total Other Assets		11,393		1,752
Total Assets	\$	371,579	\$	171,019
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	33,247	\$	24,311
Accrued expenses		40,497		17,187
Payroll payable		9,978		6,362
Customer deposits		13,316		5,993
Current operating lease liabilities		16,382		_
Sales taxes payable		5,359		2,471
Total Current Liabilities		118,779		56,324
Deferred Rent		_		6,749
Operating Lease Liabilities, long term		96,574		_
Line of Credit				
Total Liabilities		215,353		63,073
Commitments and Contingencies (see Note 7)				
Stockholders' Equity				
Preferred Stock \$0.00001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding as of Jan 30, 2022 and Jan 31, 2021.		_		_
Common Stock \$0.00001 par value, 40,000,000 shares authorized, 15,123,338 shares issued and outstanding as of Jan 30, 2022 and 15,011,556 shares issued and outstanding as of Jan 31, 2021.		_		_
Additional paid-in capital		173,762		171,382
Accumulated deficit		(17,536)		(63,436)
Stockholders' Equity		156,226		107,946
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	371,579	\$	171,019

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

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

## FOR THE YEARS ENDED JANUARY 30, 2022, JANUARY 31, 2021, AND FEBRUARY 2, 2020

(amounts in thousands, except per share data and share amounts)	<b>January 30, 2022</b>	January 31, 2021	February 2, 2020
Net sales	\$ 498,239	\$ 320,738	\$ 233,377
Cost of merchandise sold	224,894	145,966	116,687
Gross profit	273,345	174,772	116,690
Operating expenses			
Selling, general and administration expenses	161,967	111,354	98,147
Advertising and marketing	65,078	41,925	29,194
Depreciation and amortization	7,859	6,613	5,158
Total operating expenses	234,904	159,892	132,499
Operating income (loss)	38,441	14,880	(15,809)
Interest (expense) income, net	(179)	(67)	647
Net income (loss) before taxes	38,262	14,813	(15,162)
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes	7,638	(86)	(43)
Net income (loss)	\$ 45,900	\$ 14,727	\$ (15,205)
Net income (loss) per common share:			
Basic	\$ 3.04	\$ 1.01	\$ (1.07)
Diluted	\$ 2.86	\$ 0.96	\$ (1.07)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:			
Basic	15,107,958	14,610,617	14,260,395
Diluted	16,058,111	15,332,998	14,260,395

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

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

## FOR THE YEARS ENDED JANUARY 30, 2022, JANUARY 31, 2021, AND FEBRUARY 2, 2020

	Comr	non	Additional Paid-in	Accumulated	
(amounts in thousands, except share amounts)	Shares	Amount	Capital	Deficit	Total
Balance - February 3, 2019	13,588,568	\$	\$ 141,728	\$ (62,958)	\$ 78,770
Net loss	_	_	_	(15,205)	(15,205)
Equity-based compensation	101,883	_	5,246	_	5,246
Issuance of common shares, net	750,000	_	25,610	_	25,610
Issuance of common stock for restricted stock	180,304	_	_	_	_
Taxes paid for net share settlement of equity awards	_	_	(4,278)	_	(4,278)
Exercise of warrants	27,246	_	12	_	12
Cancelation of shares	(175,390)				
Balance - February 2, 2020	14,472,611	_	168,318	(78,163)	90,155
Net income	_	_	_	14,727	14,727
Equity-based compensation	_	_	4,681	_	4,681
Issuance of common stock for restricted stock	99,498	_	_	_	_
Taxes paid for net share settlement of equity awards	_	_	(1,717)	_	(1,717)
Exercise of warrants	439,447		100		100
Balance - January 31, 2021	15,011,556	_	171,382	(63,436)	107,946
Net income	_	_	_	45,900	45,900
Equity-based compensation	_	_	5,859	_	5,859
Issuance of common stock for restricted stock	100,826	_	_	_	_
Taxes paid for net share settlement of equity awards	_	_	(3,583)	_	(3,583)
Exercise of warrants	10,956		104		104
Balance - January 30, 2022	15,123,338	\$ —	\$ 173,762	\$ (17,536)	\$ 156,226

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

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## FOR THE YEARS ENDED JANUARY 30, 2022, JANUARY 31, 2021, AND FEBRUARY 2, 2020

(amounts in thousands)	Janua	y 30, 2022	January 31, 2021	February 2, 2020
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		,		
Net income (loss)	\$	45,900	\$ 14,727	\$ (15,205)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment		7,154	6,100	4,894
Amortization of other intangible assets		705	513	264
Amortization of deferred financing fees		91	88	73
Net loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment		464	5	(167)
Impairment of long-lived assets		554	245	_
Equity-based compensation		5,859	4,681	5,246
Deferred rent		_	3,641	1,514
Non-cash operating lease cost		14,953	_	_
Deferred income taxes		(9,836)	_	_
Gain on recovery of insurance proceeds - lost profit margin		(632)	_	_
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Trade accounts receivable		(4,034)	2,675	(3,234)
Merchandise inventories		(56,819)	(14,017)	(10,246)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(2,459)	(2,060)	(2,116)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		39,195	19,584	7,189
Operating lease liabilities		(14,400)	_	_
Customer deposits		7,323	4,339	594
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities		34,018	40,521	(11,194)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Purchase of property and equipment		(15,887)	(8,374)	(10,277)
Payments for patents and trademarks		(601)	(678)	(674)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		_	_	300
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(16,488)	(9,052)	(10,651)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Proceeds from the issuance of common shares, net		_	_	25,610
Taxes paid for net share settlement of equity awards		(3,583)	(1,717)	(4,278)
Proceeds from the exercise of warrants		104	100	12
Paydown of proceeds from line of credit		_	_	(31)
Payment of deferred financing costs		_	(50)	_
Net Cash (used in) Provided by Financing Activities		(3,479)	(1,667)	21,313
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents		14,051	29,802	(532)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning		78,341	48,539	49,071
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End	\$	92,392	\$ 78,341	\$ 48,539
Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosures	-			7
Cash paid for taxes	S	1,121	\$ 86	\$ 43
•	<u>s</u>	95	\$ 85	\$ 63
Cash paid for interest	\$	95	\$ 85	Ф 63

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

## NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION, OPERATIONS AND LIQUIDITY, AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of The Lovesac Company (the "Company", "we", "us" or "our") as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021 and for the years ended January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021 and February 2, 2020 have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP") and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain amounts in the prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

#### NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Company is a technology driven company that designs, manufactures and sells unique, high quality furniture derived through its proprietary Designed for Life approach which results in products that are built to last a lifetime and designed to evolve as our customers' lives do. The Company markets and sells its products through modern and efficient showrooms and, increasingly, through online sales directly at www.lovesac.com, supported by direct-to-consumer touch-feel points in the form of our own showrooms, which include our newly created mobile concierge and kiosks, as well as through shop-in-shops and online pop-up-shops with third party retailers. As of January 30, 2022, the Company operated 146 showrooms including kiosks and mobile concierges located throughout the United States. The Company was formed as a Delaware corporation on January 3, 2017, in connection with a corporate reorganization with SAC Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SAC LLC"), the predecessor entity to the Company.

#### COVID-19

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a global pandemic and, in the following weeks, the U.S. federal, state and local governments issued lockdown orders and related safety measures impacting the operations of our showrooms and consumer demand. Although there has been improvement in conditions, there continues to be uncertainty around the scope and severity of the pandemic, its impact on the global economy, including supply chains, and other business disruptions that may impact our operating results and financial condition. We continue to follow the guidance issued by federal, state and local governments and health organizations and have taken measures to protect the safety of our associates and customers.

## **OPERATIONS AND LIQUIDITY**

Prior to fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2021, the Company had incurred significant operating losses and used cash in its operating activities from inception through fiscal 2020. Operating losses resulted from inadequate sales levels for the cost structure and expenses as a result of impact of tariffs on inventory, expanding into new markets, opening new showrooms, and investments into advertising, marketing and infrastructure to support increases in revenues. The Company plans to continue to open new retail showrooms in larger markets and increase its shop-in-shop relationships to increase sales levels, invest in advertising and marketing initiatives to increase brand awareness, and invest in infrastructure to support growth of the Company. There can be no assurance that anticipated sales levels will be achieved. The Company believes that based on its current sales and expense levels, cash generated from operating activities during fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2021, projections for the next twelve months, and the credit facility with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells"), see Note 10, the Company will have sufficient working capital to cover operating cash needs through the twelve-month period from the financial statement issuance date.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiary. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### FISCAL YEAR

The Company's fiscal year is determined on a 52/53 week basis ending on the Sunday closest to February 1. Hereinafter, the fiscal years ended January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021 and February 2, 2020 are referred to as fiscal 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Fiscal 2022, 2021 and 2020 were 52-week fiscal years.

## **USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and the effects of the revisions are reflected in the period the change is determined.

## REVENUE RECOGNITION

The Company implemented Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2015-04, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606, "ASC 606"), in the first quarter of fiscal 2020 using modified retrospective method, which required the Company to apply the new guidance retrospectively to revenue transactions completed on or after the effective date. Adopting this new standard had no material financial impact on our consolidated financial statements but did result in enhanced presentation and disclosures.

Our revenue consists substantially of product sales. The Company reports product sales net of discounts and recognize them at the point in time when control transfers to the customer, which occurs when shipment is confirmed.

Estimated refunds for returns and allowances are recorded using our historical return patterns, adjusting for any changes in returns policies. The Company records estimated refunds for net sales returns on a monthly basis as a reduction of net sales and cost of sales on the statement of operations and an increase in inventory and customers returns liability on the balance sheet. As of January 30, 2022, there was a returns allowance of \$2.0 million which was in accrued expenses and \$0.4 million associated with sales returns in merchandise inventories. As of January 31, 2021, there was a returns allowance of \$2.2 million which was in accrued expenses and \$0.3 million associated with sales returns in merchandise inventories.

In some cases, deposits are received before the Company transfers control, resulting in contract liabilities. These contract liabilities are reported as deposits on the Company's balance sheet. As of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, the Company recorded under customer deposit liabilities the amount of \$13.3 million and \$6.0 million, respectively. During the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022, the Company recognized \$6.0 million related to its customer deposits from fiscal 2021. During the fiscal year ended January 31, 2021, the Company recognized \$1.7 million from fiscal 2020. During the fiscal year ended February 2, 2020, the Company recognized \$1.1 million from fiscal 2019.

Under ASC 606, the Company has elected the following accounting policies and practical expedients:

The Company recognizes shipping and handling expense as fulfillment activities (rather than as a promised good or service) when the activities are performed. Accordingly, the Company recognizes revenue.

The Company excludes from the measurement of the transaction price all taxes imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction and collected by the entity from a customer, including sales, use, excise, value-added, and franchise taxes (collectively referred to as sales taxes).

The Company does not adjust revenue for the effects of any financing components if the contract has a duration of one year or less, as the Company receives payment from the customer within one year from when it transferred control of the related goods.

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Company offers its products through showrooms and through the Internet. The other channel predominantly represents sales through the use of online and in store pop-up shops, shop-in-shops, and barter inventory transactions. In store pop-up-shops are staffed with associates trained to demonstrate and sell our product. The following represents sales disaggregated by channel:

	For the fiscal years ended				
Janu	ary 30, 2022	January 31, 2021		February 2, 2020	
\$	298,989	\$	146,150	\$	148,004
	150,622		151,065		55,781
	48,628		23,523		29,592
\$	498,239	\$	320,738	\$	233,377

The Company has no foreign operations and its sales to foreign countries was less than 01% of total net sales in fiscal 2022, 2021, and 2020.

The Company had no customers in fiscal 2022, 2021, or 2020 that comprise more than 10% of total net sales.

See Note 11 for sales disaggregated by product.

## CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity at purchase of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The Company has deposits with financial institutions that maintain Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation "FDIC" deposit insurance up to \$250,000 per depositor. The portion of the deposit in excess of this limit represents a credit risk to the Company. Due to the high cash balance maintained by the Company, the Company does maintain depository balances in excess of the insured amounts.

## TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Trade accounts receivable are carried at their estimated realizable amount and do not bear interest. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts by regularly evaluating individual customer accounts, considering the customer's financial condition, and credit history, and general and industry current economic conditions. Trade accounts receivable are reserved for when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of amounts previously written off are recorded when received. Historically, collection losses have been immaterial as a significant portion of the Company's receivables are related to individual credit card transactions and three wholesale customers for which the Company has no history of collection losses. Management has concluded that an allowance was not necessary at January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, respectively.

Breakdown of accounts receivable is as follows:

	As of January 2022	30, As of	s As of January 31, 2021
Credit card receivables	\$ 3,	186	\$ 2,964
Wholesale receivables	5,	361	1,549
	\$ 8,	547	\$ 4,513

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Company had two wholesale customers that comprised 100% and 97% of wholesale receivables at January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, respectively.

## PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

The Company recognizes payments made for goods and services to be received in the near future as prepaid expenses and other current assets. Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist primarily of payments related to insurance premiums, catalog costs, barter credits, deposits, prepaid rent, prepaid inventory, and other costs.

## MERCHANDISE INVENTORIES

Merchandise inventories are comprised of finished goods which are carried at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined on a weighted-average method basis. Merchandise inventories consist primarily of foam filled furniture, sectional couches, and related accessories. The Company adjusts its inventory for obsolescence based on historical trends, aging reports, specific identification and its estimates of future retail sales prices. In addition, the Company includes capitalized freight and warehousing costs in inventory relative to the finished goods in inventory.

## GIFT CERTIFICATES AND MERCHANDISE CREDITS

The Company sells gift certificates and issues merchandise credits to its customers in the showrooms and through its website. Revenue associated with gift certificates and merchandise credits is deferred until redemption of the gift certificate and merchandise credits. The Company did not recognize any breakage revenue in fiscal 2022, fiscal 2021 or fiscal 2020 as the Company continues to honor all outstanding gift certificates.

## PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Office and showroom furniture and equipment, software and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over their expected useful lives or lease term, whichever is shorter.

Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred. For assets sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation or amortization is removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in operations for the period. Expenditures for major betterments that extend the useful lives of property and equipment are capitalized.

## GOODWILL

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the identified net assets of each business acquired. Goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested annually for impairment in the fourth fiscal quarter and in interim periods if certain events occur indicating that the carrying amounts may be impaired. If a qualitative assessment is used and the Company determines that the fair value of a reporting unit or indefinite-lived intangible asset is more likely than not (i.e., a likelihood of more than 50%) less than its carrying amount, a quantitative impairment test will be performed. If goodwill is quantitatively assessed for impairment, a two-step approach is applied.

In the first step, the Company compares the fair value of the reporting unit, generally defined as the same level as or one level below an operating segment, to its carrying value. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying value of the net assets assigned to that unit, goodwill is considered not impaired and the Company is not required to perform further testing. If the carrying value of the net assets assigned to the reporting unit exceeds the fair value of the reporting unit, then the second step of the impairment test must be performed in order to determine the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. If the carrying value of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, then an impairment loss equal to the difference would be recorded.

There were no impairments during fiscal 2022, 2021, or 2020.

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The fair value of the Company's reporting unit is determined by using a discounted cash flow analysis. The determination of fair value requires assumptions and estimates of many critical factors, including among others, the nature and history of the Company, financial and economic conditions affecting the Company, the industry and the general economy, past results, current operations and future prospects, sales of similar businesses or capital stock of publicly held similar businesses, as well as prices, terms and conditions affecting past sales of similar businesses. Forecasts of future operations are based, in part, on operating results and management's expectations as to future market conditions. These types of analyses contain uncertainties because they require management to make assumptions and to apply judgments to estimate industry economic factors and the profitability of future business strategies. However, if actual results are not consistent with the Company's estimates and assumptions, there may be exposure to future impairment losses that could be material.

#### INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets with finite useful lives, including patents, trademarks, and other intangible assets are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated lives. Other intangible assets with finite useful lives are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset might not be recovered.

Patents and licenses are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated remaining life of the patent or license. Ongoing maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

If the estimates of the useful lives should change, the Company will amortize the remaining book value over the remaining useful life, or if it is deemed to be impaired a write-down of the value of the asset may be required at such time.

There were no impairments during either fiscal 2022, 2021, or 2020.

## IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

The Company's long-lived assets consist of property and equipment and right of use assets from leases. Property and equipment includes leasehold improvements, and other intangible assets. Long-lived assets are reviewed for potential impairment at such time that events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset might not be recovered. The Company evaluates for impairment at the individual showroom level, which is the lowest level at which individual cash flows can be identified. When evaluating long-lived assets for potential impairment, the Company will first compare the carrying amount of the assets to the future undiscounted cash flows for the respective long-lived asset. If the estimated future cash flows are less than the carrying amounts of the assets, an impairment loss calculation is prepared. An impairment loss is measured based upon the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its estimated fair value which is generally based on an estimated future discounted cash flow. If required, an impairment loss is recorded for that portion of the asset's carrying value in excess of fair value.

In fiscal 2022, the Company recognized impairment charges totaling \$0.6 million associated with showroom-level right of use lease assets. During fiscal 2021, the Company recorded impairment charges of \$0.2 million, associated with the assets of an underperforming retail location. During fiscal 2020 there wereno impairment charges. The impairments in fiscal 2022 and fiscal were 2021 calculated using a discounted cash flow model and were recorded in selling, general and administrative in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Selling, general and administrative expenses include all operating costs, other than advertising and marketing expense, not included in cost of merchandise sold. These expenses include all payroll and payroll-related expenses; showroom expenses, including occupancy costs related to showroom operations, such as rent and common area maintenance; occupancy and expenses related to many of our operations at our headquarters, including utilities, equity based compensation, financing related expenses and public company expenses; and credit card transaction fees. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales is usually higher in lower volume quarters and lower in higher volume quarters because a significant portion of the costs are relatively fixed.

## ADVERTISING AND CATALOG COSTS

The Company capitalizes direct response advertising costs, which consist primarily of television advertising, postcards, catalogs and their mailing costs, and recognizes expense over the related revenue stream if the following conditions are met (1) the primary purpose of the advertising is to elicit sales to customers who could be shown to have responded specifically to the advertising, and (2) the direct-response advertising results in probable and estimable future benefits.

Direct-response advertising costs, which are included in prepaid expenses and other current assets, are amortized commencing the date the catalogs and post cards are mailed and the television commercial airs through the estimated period of time for the Company has determined the related advertising impacts sales. There was no balance as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021.

As of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021 the Company did not have any capitalized deferred direct-response television, postcard and catalog costs.

Advertising costs not associated with direct-response advertising are expensed as incurred and were \$65.1 million in fiscal 2022, \$41.9 million in fiscal 2021, and \$29.2 million in fiscal 2020.

## SHOWROOM PREOPENING AND CLOSING COSTS

Non-capital expenditures incurred in preparation for opening new retail showrooms are expensed as incurred and included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

The Company continually evaluates the profitability of its showrooms. When the Company closes or relocates a showroom, the Company incurs unrecoverable costs, including the net book value of abandoned fixtures and leasehold improvements, lease termination payments, costs to transfer inventory and usable fixtures and other costs of vacating the leased location. Such costs are expensed as incurred and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

## PRODUCT WARRANTY

Depending on the type of merchandise, the Company offers either athree-year limited warranty or a lifetime warranty. The Company's warranties require it to repair or replace defective products at no cost to the customer. At the time product revenue is recognized, the Company reserves for estimated future costs that may be incurred under its warranties based on historical experience. The Company periodically reviews the adequacy of its recorded warranty liability. Product warranty expense, without any reserve adjustments, was approximately \$0.5 million in fiscal 2022, \$0.7 million in fiscal 2021, and \$0.9 million in fiscal 2020. The decreases in fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2021 are related to fewer number of warranty claims. Warranty reserve was \$0.7 million as of January 30, 2022 and \$0.6 million as of January 31, 2021.

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **OPERATING LEASES**

During Fiscal 2022, the Company adopted ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), see NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS section of Note 1.

The Company determines if a long-term contractual obligation is a lease at inception. The majority of our operating leases relate to company showrooms. We also lease our corporate facilities. These operating leases expire at various dates through fiscal 2032. Showroom leases may include options that allow us to extend the lease term beyond the initial base period, subject to terms agreed upon at lease inception. Some leases also include early termination options, which can be exercised under specific conditions. Our lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

The Company records lease liabilities at the present value of the lease payments not yet paid, discounted at the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow on a collateralized basis over a similar term. As the Company's leases do not provide an implicit interest rate, the Company uses an incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments.

We recognize operating lease cost over the estimated term of the lease, which includes options to extend lease terms that are reasonably certain of being exercised, starting when possession of the property is taken from the landlord, which normally includes a construction period prior to the showroom opening. When a lease contains a predetermined fixed escalation of the fixed rent, we recognize the related operating lease cost on a straight-line basis over the lease term. In addition, certain of our lease agreements include variable lease payments, such as payments based on a percentage of sales that are in excess of a predetermined level and/or increases based on a change in the consumer price index or fair market value. These variable lease payments are excluded from minimum lease payments and are included in the determination of net lease cost when it is probable that the expense has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. If an operating lease asset is impaired, the remaining operating lease asset will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining lease term.

See Note 7 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for related disclosures.

## FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The carrying amount of the Company's financial instruments classified as current assets and current liabilities approximate fair values based on the short-term nature of the accounts.

## **EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION**

The Company's 2017 Equity Plan provides for awards in the form of options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, performance shares, cash-based awards and other stock-based awards. The plan allows for the issuance of up to 2,104,889 shares at January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021. All awards shall be granted within 10 years from the effective date of the plan. The unit vesting was based on both time and performance. SeeNote 8 for additional disclosure.

## SHIPPING AND HANDLING

Shipping and handling charges billed to customers are included in revenue. Shipping and handling costs incurred are included in cost of merchandise sold and include inbound freight and tariff costs relative to inventory sold, warehousing, and last mile shipping to our customers. Shipping and handling costs were \$112.8 million in fiscal 2022, \$63.1 million in fiscal 2021, and \$47.1 million in fiscal 2020.

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### INCOME TAXES

The Company accounts for uncertainty in income taxes using a two-step approach to recognize and measure uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement. The Company classifies the liability for unrecognized tax benefits as current to the extent that the Company anticipates payment (or receipt) of cash within one year. Interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions are recognized in the provision for income taxes.

In connection with the 2017 reorganization, the intent was that the net operating losses (NOLs) of SAC Acquisition, LLC, a limited liability company that had been historically treated as a C-corporation for federal and state income tax purposes, were to be inherited by the Company. The Company filed a request for a private letter ruling requesting additional time to make a check the box election pursuant to Treas. Reg. 301.7701-3. In PLR-109713-19 dated October 22, 2019 the Company was granted an extension of time of 120 days to file form 8832 "Entity Classification Election." The completed Form 8832 was filed with The IRS on November 11, 2019. The Company has maintained the position that the NOLs were inherited from SAC Acquisition in the 2017 reorganization and consistently maintained a full valuation allowance against its NOLs as they were part of deferred income tax assets not likely to be realized prior to fiscal 2022. During fiscal 2022, the Company recorded a deferred tax asset of \$9.8 million. Previous to fiscal 2022, the resolution of the uncertain tax position regarding the Company's NOL carry forward during the year did not have an impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations. As of January 30, 2022, there were no uncertain tax positions. See Note 6 for additional disclosures.

Deferred income taxes are provided on temporary differences between the income tax basis of assets and liabilities and the amounts reported in the financial statements and on net operating loss and tax credit carry forwards.

A valuation allowance is provided for that portion of deferred income tax assets not likely to be realized. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

## BASIC AND DILUTED NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE

Basic net income (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and common stock equivalents outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per common share includes, in periods in which they are dilutive, the effect of those potentially dilutive securities where the average market price of the common stock exceeds the exercise prices for the respective periods. In fiscal 2022, the effects of 533,333 unvested restricted stock units, 495,366 stock options, and 281,750 common stock warrants were included in the diluted share calculation.

In fiscal 2021, the effects of 655,558 unvested restricted stock units and 293,973 common stock warrants were included in the diluted share calculation. The effects of 495,366 stock options were excluded in the diluted net income per common share calculation because the effects of including theses potentially dilutive shares was antidilutive.

In fiscal 2020, there were 1,717,539 of potentially dilutive shares which may be issued in the future, including 183,053 unvested restricted stock units, 495,366 stock options, and 1,039,120 common stock warrants. These shares were excluded in the diluted net loss per common share calculation as the effects of including theses potentially dilutive shares was antidilutive.

## NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Except as described below, the Company has considered all other recently issued accounting pronouncements and does not believe the adoption of such pronouncements will have a material impact on its financial statements.

The following new accounting pronouncements were adopted in fiscal 2022:

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) ("ASC 842") amending lease guidance to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. ASU No. 2020-05 extended the effective date to fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, with early adoption permitted. The Company adopted the guidance in fiscal 2022 and there was not a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations.

Adoption of this standard resulted in the recognition of operating lease right-to-use ("ROU") assets and corresponding lease liabilities of approximately \$0 million and \$97 million, respectively, and reclassification of deferred rent of \$6.7 million as a reduction of the right-of-use assets on the consolidated balance sheet as of February 1, 2021. The new standard also provides practical expedients for an entity's ongoing accounting. The Company elected the short-term lease recognition exemption for all leases that qualify. This means, for those leases that qualify, The Company will not recognize ROU assets or lease liabilities, and this includes not recognizing ROU assets or lease liabilities for existing short-term leases of those assets in transition. The Company also elected the practical expedient to not separate lease and non-lease components for all of our leases.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, *Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting* (Topic 718). ASU 2018-07 eliminates the separate accounting model for nonemployee share-based payment awards and generally requires companies to account for share-based payment transactions with nonemployees in the same way as share-based payment transactions with employees. The accounting remains different for attribution, which represents how the equity-based payment cost is recognized over the vesting period, and a contractual term election for valuing nonemployee equity share options. ASU 2018-07 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. The Company adopted the guidance in fiscal 2022 and there was not a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations.

## NOTE 2 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021 consists of:

	<b>Estimated Life</b>	2022	_	2021
Office and store furniture, and equipment	5 Years	\$ 6,49	7 \$	4,803
Software	3 Years	3,62:	5	3,628
Leasehold improvements	Shorter of estimated useful life or lease term	40,788	3	33,828
Computers	3 Years	2,13	3	2,926
Tools, Dies, Molds	5 Years	764	ļ	215
Vehicles	5 Years	493	,	_
Construction in process	NA	2,765	5	2,098
		57,074	F	47,498
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(22,937	)	(21,630)
		\$ 34,137	\$	25,868

Depreciation expense was \$7.2 million in fiscal 2022, \$6.1 million in fiscal 2021, and \$4.9 million in fiscal 2020. In fiscal 2022, 2021, and 2020 asset disposals resulted in a reduction in gross assets of \$6.3 million, \$0.3 million, \$0.4 million, respectively, and accumulated depreciation of \$5.8 million, \$0.3 million, \$0.3 million, respectively. The disposals generally relate to the decommissioning of aged assets, remodeled showrooms, and the reduction of fixtures used during pop-up-shops.

## NOTE 3 - OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

A summary of other intangible assets follows:

		January 30, 2022					
	Estimated Life	Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization		Net carrying amount	
Patents	10 Years	\$	2,838	\$	(1,626)	\$	1,212
Trademarks	3 Years		1,390		(1,189)		201
Other intangibles	5 Years		840		(840)		_
Total		\$	5,068	\$	(3,655)	\$	1,413

		 January 31, 2021					
	Estimated Life	Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization		Net carrying amount	
Patents	10 years	\$ 2,388	\$	(1,129)	\$	1,259	
Trademarks	3 years	1,239		(981)		258	
Other intangibles	5 years	 840		(840)		_	
Total		\$ 4,467	\$	(2,950)	\$	1,517	

Amortization expense on other intangible assets was \$0.7 million in fiscal 2022, \$0.5 million in fiscal 2021, and \$0.3 million in fiscal 2020.

Expected amortization expense by fiscal year for these other intangible assets follows (in thousands):

2023	\$ 246
2024	231
2025	178
2026	161
2027	151
Thereafter	 446
	\$ 1,413

## NOTE 4 - PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

A summary of other prepaid and other current assets follows (in thousands):

	 2022	 2021
Prepaid insurance	\$ 1,667	\$ 1,236
Prepaid catalogue costs and related	4,794	588
Barter credits	3,407	2,521
Deposits	421	997
Prepaid rent	62	1,704
Prepaid inventory	475	102
Prepaid software licenses	790	967
Tenant allowance receivable	2,781	1,464
Other	 1,329	 549
	\$ 15,726	\$ 10,128

## NOTE 5 - ACCRUED EXPENSES

A summary of accrued expenses follows (in thousands):

	 2022	2021
Accrued freight and shipping	\$ 23,683	\$ 4,524
Accrued advertising fees	4,150	2,015
Accrued warehouse expenses	2,671	1,288
Accrued professional fees	2,268	1,590
Customer return liability	2,026	2,227
Accrued occupancy	1,284	937
Accrued state income taxes	1,007	7
Accrued insurance	973	541
Warranty liability	689	606
Accrued credit card fees	542	425
Other accrued expenses	 1,204	3,027
	\$ 40,497	\$ 17,187

#### NOTE 6 - INCOME TAXES

On March 27, 2020, the Federal government of the United States enacted the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") which includes a number of significant changes to the existing U.S. tax laws including postponing the filing date of specific federal income tax returns and payments from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020, temporarily increasing the 30% limitation on the interest deduction to 50%, introduction of a capital investment deduction for Qualified Improvement Property ("QIP"), and change in the use of net operating losses. The Company's federal net operating losses that have been incurred in tax years beginning on or before December 31, 2017 will have a 20-year carryforward limitation, a two-year carryback period and can offset 100% of future taxable income. Net operating losses incurred in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2021 will have an indefinite life, a five-year carryback period and can offset 100% of future taxable income after 2020. Net operating losses incurred in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021 will have an indefinite life, generally no carryback period and can offset 80% of future taxable income.

State taxes for the fiscal years ended January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021 and February 2, 2020, were approximately \$2.2 million, \$0.1 million and less than \$0.1 million respectively.

The Company does not anticipate any material adjustments relating to unrecognized tax benefits within the next twelve months; however, the ultimate outcome of tax matters is uncertain and unforeseen results can occur. We had no material interest or penalties during the fiscal years 2022, 2021, and 2020, and we do not anticipate any such items during the next twelve months. Our policy is to record interest and penalties directly related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the consolidated statements of operations.

The components of deferred income taxes follow:

		2022		2021	
Deferred Income Tax Assets					
Federal net operating loss carryforward	\$	2,082	S	7,763	
State net operating loss carryforward	•	1,403	-	1,818	
Intangible assets		397		286	
Accrued liabilities		5,646		4,423	
Equity-based compensation		2,032		1,083	
Property and equipment		_		640	
Merchandise inventories		689		330	
Charitable Contributions		12		10	
Total Deferred Income Tax Assets	•	12,261		16,353	
Deferred Income Tax Liabilities					
Property and equipment		(2,425)		_	
Valuation Allowance				(16,353)	
Net Deferred Income Tax Asset	\$	9,836	\$	_	

The income tax provision differs from the amount obtained by applying the statutory Federal income tax rate to pre-tax income as follows:

	2022		2021	2020
Provision (benefit) at Federal Statutory rates	\$ 8	,035 \$	3,111	\$ (3,184)
Permanent adjustments	(1	039)	(411)	(848)
State tax, net of Federal provision (benefit)	1	,737	496	(582)
Change in state deferred tax		146	_	_
Federal True-ups	(	164)	61	(394)
Uncertain tax positions- NOLS		_	_	(10,753)
Change in valuation allowance	(16,	353)	(3,171)	15,804
Income (benefit) tax provision	\$ (7	638) \$	86	\$ 43

The Company is subject to federal, state and local corporate income taxes. The components of the provision for income taxes reflected on the consolidated statements of operations are set forth below:

	2022	2021	2020
Current taxes:			
U.S. federal	\$	\$	\$
State and local	2,198	86	43
Total current tax expense	\$ 2,198	\$ 86	\$ 43
Deferred taxes:			
U.S. federal	\$ (7,254)	\$ —	\$
State and local	(2,582)		_
Total deferred tax expense (benefit)	(9,836)		
Total tax provision	\$ (7,638)	\$ 86	\$ 43
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Differences in terms of percentages are as follows:

	2022	2021	2020
Provision (benefit) at Federal Statutory rates	21.0 %	21.0 %	(21.0)%
Permanent adjustments	(2.7)%	(2.8)%	(5.6)%
State tax, net of Federal provision (benefit)	4.5 %	3.4 %	(3.8)%
Change in state deferreds	0.4 %	— %	— %
Federal True-ups	(0.4)%	0.4 %	(2.6)%
Uncertain tax positions- NOLS	<u> </u>	— %	(70.9)%
Change in valuation allowance	(42.7)%	(21.4)%	104.2 %
Income tax provision	(20.0)%	0.6 %	0.3 %

At January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, the Company has net operating loss carryforwards available for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$9.9 million and \$37.0 million, respectively, which are scheduled to expire in varying amounts from fiscal 2027 to fiscal 2037. In addition, the Company has approximately \$2.2 million and \$30.4 million of state net operating loss carryforwards as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, respectively. In fiscal 2021 a reserve had been released that was previously recorded against the net operating losses in accordance with ASC 740-10 due to a Private Letter Ruling ("PLR") that was issued by the IRS. The PLR approved the late filing of Form 8832, "Entity Classification Election". Due to the filing of this form, the Company believes that the Federal and State NOLs will be available for future utilization.

As defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, certain ownership changes limit the annual utilization of federal net operating losses. As a result of issuance, sales and other transactions involving the Company's stock, the Company experienced an ownership change during fiscal years ended January 31, 2011, February 2, 2020, and January 30, 2022 which have caused such federal net operating losses to be subject to limitation under Section 382. The annual base limitation from 2011, 2019, and 2022 are approximately \$0.3 million, \$5.9 million, and \$7.7 million respectively. The Company is entitled to additional limitation based on the net unrealized built-in gain computation, which results in additional limitation of approximately \$40.0 million over the next 5 years.

During fiscal years ending January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021, and February 2, 2020, the Company increased/(decreased) the valuation allowance by approximately \$(6.4) million, \$(3.2) million, and \$15.8 million, respectively. The Company reversed its valuation allowance during the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022 since it is more likely than not that the remaining net deferred tax assets will be realized. As of January 30, 2022, the Company does not have a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax assets.

	2022	2021	2020
Beginning balance	\$ —	<u>s</u> —	\$ 10,753
Additions for tax positions acquired	_	_	_
Additions for tax positions related to current year	_	_	_
Tax positions of prior years:			
Payments	_	_	_
Settlements	_	_	_
Release			(10,753)
Ending balance	\$ —	<u> </u>	\$

## NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND RELATED PARTIES

### Leases

The Company leases its office, warehouse facilities and retail showrooms under operating lease agreements which expire at various dates through January 2032. The Company determines if a contract contains a lease at inception based on our right to control the use of an identified asset and our right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of that identified asset. Certain operating leases have renewal options and rent escalation clauses. We assess these options to determine if we are reasonably certain of exercising these options based on all relevant economic and financial factors. Any options that meet these criteria are included in the lease term at lease commencement.

#### NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND RELATED PARTIES (CONTINUED)

Lease right-of-use assets represent the right to use an underlying asset pursuant to the lease for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Lease right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are recognized at the commencement of an arrangement where it is determined at inception that a lease exists. These assets and liabilities are initially recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term calculated using our incremental borrowing rate generally applicable to the location of the lease right-of-use asset, unless an implicit rate is readily determinable. We combine lease and certain non-lease components for our showroom real estate leases in determining the lease payments subject to the initial present value calculation. Lease right-of-use assets include upfront lease payments and exclude lease incentives, where applicable. Lease terms include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that those options will be exercised.

Lease expense for operating leases consists of both fixed and variable components. Expense related to fixed lease payments are recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Variable lease payments are generally expensed as incurred, where applicable, and include certain index-based changes in rent, certain non-lease components, such as maintenance and other services provided by the lessor, and other charges included in the lease. Leases with an initial term of twelve months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet. In addition, certain of our equipment lease agreements include variable lease payments, which are based on the usage of the underlying asset. The variable portion of payments are not included in the initial measurement of the asset or lease liability due to uncertainty of the payment amount and are recorded as lease expense in the period incurred.

ASC 842 requires companies to use the rate implicit in the lease whenever that rate is readily determinable and if the interest rate is not readily determinable, then a lessee may use its incremental borrowing rate. Most of our leases do not have an interest rate implicit in the lease. As a result, for purposes of measuring our ROU asset and lease liability, we determined our incremental borrowing rate by computing the rate of interest that we would have to pay to (i) borrow on a collateralized basis (ii) over a similar term (iii) at an amount equal to the total lease payments and (iv) in a similar economic environment. We used the incremental borrowing rates we determined as of February 1, 2021 for operating leases that commenced prior to that date. In the case an interest rate is implicit in a lease we will use that rate as the discount rate for that lease. The lease term for all of our lease arrangements include the noncancelable period of the lease plus, if applicable, any additional periods covered by an option to extend the lease that is reasonably certain to be exercised by the Company. Our leases generally do not include termination options for either party to the lease or restrictive financial or other covenants. Some of our leases contain variable lease payments based on a Consumer Price Index or percentage of sales, which are excluded from the measurement of the lease liability.

The Company's lease terms and rates are as follows:

	January 30, 2022
Weighted average remaining lease term (in years)	
Operating Leases	6.29
Weighted average discount rate	3.44 %

Operating Leases

During the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022, we recognized operating lease expense of \$18.9 million. In addition, during the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022, we recognized \$12.8 million, for index-based changes in rent, maintenance, real estate taxes, insurance and other charges included in the lease as well as rental expenses related to short term leases.

During the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022, we recognized impairment charges totaling \$0.6 million associated with showroom-level ROU assets that are included as part of selling, general and administrative expenses. We did not recognize any impairment charges associated with showroom-level ROU assets during the fiscal year ended January 31, 2021 as we did not adopt the guidance in ASC 842 until fiscal year 2022.

## NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND RELATED PARTIES (CONTINUED)

The following table discloses the location and amount of our operating lease costs within our consolidated balance sheets:

(amounts in thousands) Balance sheet location		January 30, 202	
<u>Assets</u>			
Operating leases	Operating lease right-of-use assets (non-current)	\$	100,891
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Current:			
Operating leases	Current operating lease liabilities	\$	16,382
Noncurrent:			
Operating leases	Operating lease liability, long term	\$	96,574
Total lease liabilities		\$	112,956

The table below reconciles the undiscounted future minimum lease payments (displayed by year and in the aggregate) under noncancelable leases with terms of more than one year to the total lease liabilities recognized on the consolidated balance sheet as of January 30, 2022 in thousands:

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2023	\$ 20,493
2024	20,020
2025	18,756
2026	16,904
2027	14,459
Thereafter	 40,329
Total undiscounted future minimum lease payments	130,961
Less: imputed interest	 (18,005)
Total present value of lease obligations	112,956
Less: current operating lease liability	 (16,382)
Operating lease liability- long term	\$ 96,574

Supplemental Cash Flow information and non-cash activity related to our operating leases is as follows (in thousands):

(amounts in thousands)	e year ended ary 30, 2022
Operating cash flow information:	
Amounts paid on operating lease liabilities	\$ 14,400
Non-cash activities	
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations	\$ 116,048

#### NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND RELATED PARTIES (CONTINUED)

#### SEVERANCE CONTINGENCY

The Company has various employment agreements with its senior level executives. A number of these agreements have severance provisions, ranging from 12 to 18 months of salary, in the event those executives are terminated without cause or resign for good reason. The total amount of exposure to the Company under these agreements was \$5.5 million at January 30, 2022 if all executives with employment agreements were terminated without cause or were to resign for good reason and the full amount of severance was payable.

#### LEGAL CONTINGENCY

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business. Management cannot presently predict the outcome of these matters, although management believes, based in part on the advice of counsel, that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a materially adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### RELATED PARTIES

Our equity sponsor Mistral Capital Management, LLC ("Mistral") performed management services for the Company under a contractual agreement that ended on January 31, 2021. One of our directors is a member and principal of Mistral. There were no management fees incurred in fiscal 2022. Management fees totaled approximately \$0.4 million in both fiscal 2021 and 2020 and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. There were no amounts payable to Mistral as of January 30, 2022. There were less than \$0.1 million in amounts payable to Mistral as of January 31, 2021. In addition, the Company reimbursed Mistral for expenses incurred for less than \$0.1 million for out-of-pocket expenses for fiscal 2021 and 2020. There were no such reimbursements in fiscal 2022.

Our equity sponsor Satori Capital, LLC ("Satori") performed management services for the Company under a contractual agreement that ended on January 31, 2021. There were no management fees incurred in fiscal 2022. Management fees totaled approximately \$0.1 millions in both fiscal 2021 and 2020 and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. There were no amounts payable to Satori as of January 30, 2022. Amounts payable to Satori as of January 31, 2021 were less than \$0.1 million consisting of management fees which were included in accounts payable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of January 31, 2021. In addition, the Company reimbursed Satori for expenses incurred for less than \$0.1 million for out-of-pocket expenses in both fiscal 2021 and 2020. There wereno such reimbursements during fiscal 2022.

The Company engaged Blueport Commerce ("Blueport"), a company owned in part by investment vehicles affiliated with Mistral, as an ecommerce platform in February 2018. The Company terminated the Blueport contract in fiscal 2021 in order to launch a new enhanced ecommerce platform. There were no fees incurred in fiscal 2022. There were \$2.1 million and \$1.8 million of fees incurred with Blueport that were related to sales transacted through the Blueport platform during fiscal 2021 and 2020, respectively. There was an additional \$0.7 million of fees incurred with Blueport during fiscal 2021 related to Lovesac's early termination of our contract. There wereno amounts payable as of January 30, 2022 or January 31, 2021.

### RECOVERY OF INSURANCE PROCEEDS

During fiscal year 2022, a warehouse the Company had inventory in was damaged by fire and qualified for a loss recovery claim. The Company disposed of inventory of approximately \$0.6 million. The Company reached an agreement with its insurance carrier and the Company received a cash insurance recovery of approximately \$1.2 million for the reimbursement of lost inventory and profit margin. Accordingly, the Company recognized a gain of approximately \$0.6 million related to the recovery of lost profit margin and is included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations as a reduction to cost of goods sold.

### NOTE 8 - STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### COMMON STOCK WARRANTS

In fiscal 2022, a total of 5,625 warrants were exercised on a cashless basis, whereby the holders received fewer shares of common stock in lieu of a cash payment to the Company. Warrants exercised in fiscal 2022 resulted in the issuance of 10,956 common shares. There were 98 warrants that expired as of January 30, 2022.

In fiscal 2021, 738,897 warrants exercised were cashless, whereby the holders received fewer shares of common stock in lieu of a cash payment to the Company. Warrants exercised in fiscal 2021 resulted in the issuance of 439,447 common shares. Warrants exercised in fiscal 2020 resulted in the issuance of 27,246 common shares.

The following represents warrant activity during fiscal 2022 and 2021:

	Average exercise price	Number of warrants	Weighted average remaining contractual life (in years)
Outstanding at February 3, 2019	16.83	1,067,475	2.93
Warrants issued	16.00	18,166	2.40
Expired and canceled	_	_	_
Exercised	16.00	(46,521)_	2.15
Outstanding at February 2, 2020	16.83	1,039,120	1.93
Warrants issued	_	_	_
Expired and canceled	_	0	_
Exercised	16.00	(745,147)_	0.41
Outstanding at January 31, 2021	19.07	293,973	2.57
Warrants issued	_	_	_
Expired and canceled	9.83	(98)	_
Exercised	16.00	(12,125)	0.09
Outstanding at January 30, 2022	\$ 19.20	281,750	1.41

### **EQUITY INCENTIVE PLANS**

The Company adopted the 2017 Equity Plan which provides for awards in the form of options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units, cash-based awards and other stock-based awards. All awards shall be granted within 10 years from the effective date of the 2017 Equity Plan.

#### NOTE 8 - STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (CONTINUED)

In June 2019, the Company granted 495,366 nonstatutory Stock options to certain officers of the Company with an option price of \$8.10 per share. 100% of the stock options are subject to vesting on the third anniversary of the date of grant if the officers are still employed by the Company and the average closing price of the Company's common stock for the prior 40 consecutive trading days has been at least \$75 by the third anniversary of the grant. Both the employment and the market condition must be satisfied no later than June 5, 2024 or the options will terminate. These options were valued using a Monte Carlo simulation model to account for the path dependent market conditions that stipulate when and whether or not the options shall vest. The 495,366 stock options were modified to extend the term of the options through June 5, 2024. This resulted in additional compensation of approximately \$0.9 million, of which, \$0.3 million was recorded upon modification and the remaining expense was recognized over the remaining expected term. The market condition was met on June 5, 2021, which was the date on which the average closing price of the Company's common stock had been at least \$75 for 40 consecutive trading days. The options will vest and become exercisable on June 5, 2022 as long as the officers are still employed on that date. As a result of the market condition being met, the Company accelerated the amortization and recognized additional stock-based compensation expense during fiscal year 2022 of approximately \$0.9 million.

In June 2020, the stockholders of the Company approved an amendment to the 2017 Equity Plan that increased the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the 2017 Equity Plan by 690,000 shares of common stock. The number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the 2017 Equity Plan increased from 1,414,889 to 2,104,889 shares of common stock.

A summary of the status of our stock options as of January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021, and February 2, 2020 and the changes during fiscal years then ended, is presented below:

	For the years en	ıdeo	d January 30, 2022,	January 31, 2021, and Feb	oruary 2, 2020
	Number of options	1	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining contractual life (in years)	Average intrinsic value
Outstanding at February 3, 2019		\$		0	_
Granted	495,366		38.10		
Canceled and forfeited		\$	_		
Outstanding at February 2, 2020	495,366	\$	38.10	2.34	_
Granted	_		_		
Canceled and forfeited					
Outstanding at January 31, 2021	495,366	\$	38.10	3.35	_
Granted	_	\$	_		
Canceled and forfeited			_		
Outstanding at January 30, 2022	495,366	\$	38.10	2.35	\$ 28.68
Exercisable at the end of the period					_

#### NOTE 8 - STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (CONTINUED)

A summary of the status of our unvested restricted stock units as of January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021, February 2, 2020, and and changes during fiscal years then ended, is presented below:

	Number of shares	Weighted average grant date fair value
Unvested at February 3, 2019	377,286	\$ 11.16
Granted	130,898	23.63
Forfeited	(20,470)	16.21
Vested	(304,661)	12.75
Unvested at February 2, 2020	183,053	\$ 21.34
Granted	627,940	16.94
Forfeited	(5,701)	11.86
Vested	(149,734)	16.24
Unvested at January 31, 2021	655,558	18.86
Granted	94,985	78.53
Forfeited	(42,516)	22.67
Vested	(174,694)	19.57
Unvested at January 30, 2022	533,333	\$ 28.41

Equity-based compensation expense was approximately \$5.9 million, \$4.7 million, and \$4.9 million for fiscal 2022, 2021, and 2020 respectively. In fiscal 2020, all the unvested restricted stock units for certain senior executives of the Company that were granted prior to the accelerated vesting trigger, vested according to the accelerated vesting trigger in their restricted stock unit agreements. The triggering event was the market capitalization of the Company post-IPO, exceeding \$300 million for 60 consecutive trading days and the expiration of the lock-up period. This accelerated vesting resulted in equity based compensation in the amount of \$2.9 million. In December 2019, the exchange and modification of options that were held at SAC LLC resulted in approximately \$313,000 of equity-based compensation expense.

The total unrecognized equity based compensation cost related to unvested stock option and restricted unit awards was approximately \$.8 million as of January 30, 2022 and will be recognized in operations over a weighted average period of 2.11 years.

#### NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

In February 2017, the Company established the TLC 401(k) Plan (the "401(k) Plan") with Elective Deferrals beginning May 1, 2017. The 401(k) Plan calls for Elective Deferral Contributions, Safe Harbor Matching Contributions and Profit Sharing Contributions. All associates of the Company will be eligible to participate in the 401(k) Plan as of the day of the month which is coincident with or next follows the date on which they attain age 21 and complete 1 month of service. Participants will be able to contribute up to 100% of their eligible Compensation to the 401(k) Plan subject to limitations with the IRS. The employer contributions to the 401(k) Plan for fiscal 2022, fiscal 2021, and fiscal 2020 were approximately \$0.8 million, \$0.5 million, and \$0.4 million, respectively.

#### NOTE 10 - FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

#### **CREDIT LINE**

On February 6, 2018, the Company established a line of credit with Wells. The line of credit with Wells allows the Company to borrow up to \$25.0 million and will mature in February 2023. Borrowings are limited to 90% of eligible credit card receivables plus 85% of eligible wholesale receivables plus 85% of the net recovery percentage for the eligible inventory multiplied by the value of such eligible inventory of the Company for the period from December 16 of each year until October 14 of the immediately following year, with a seasonal increase to 90% of the net recovery percentage for the period from October 15 of each year until December 15 of such year, seasonal advance rate, minus applicable reserves established by Wells. As of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, the Company's borrowing availability under the line of credit with Wells was \$22.5 million and \$15.9 million respectively. As of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, there were no borrowings outstanding on this line of credit.

Under the line of credit, the Company may elect that the revolving loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the base rate plus the applicable margin or the LIBOR rate plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin is based on tier's relating to the quarterly average excess availability. The tiers range from 2.00% to 2.25%.

On March 25, 2022, the Company amended the credit agreement to extend the maturity date to March 25, 2024, and among other things, increase the maximum revolver commitment to \$40.0 million, subject to borrowing base and availability restrictions. Availability is based on eligible accounts receivable and inventory. The amended agreement contains a financial covenant that requires us to maintain undrawn availability under the credit facility of at least 10% of the lesser of (i) the aggregate commitments in the amount of \$40.0 million and (ii) the amounts available under the credit facility based on eligible accounts receivable and inventory.

Under the amended line of credit with Wells, the Company may elect that revolving loans bear interest at either a base rate or a term SOFR based rate, plus, in either case, a margin determined by reference to our quarterly average excess availability under the line of credit and ranging from 0.50% to 0.75% for borrowings accruing interest at a base rate and from 1.625% to 1.850% for borrowings accruing interest at term SOFR. Swing line loans will at all times accrue interest at a base rate plus the applicable margin. The lower margins described above will apply initially and will adjust thereafter from time to time based on the quarterly average excess availability under the line of credit.

#### NOTE 11 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has determined that the Company operates within a single reporting segment. The chief operating decision makers of the Company are the Chief Executive Officer and the President. The Company's operating segments are aggregated for financial reporting purposes because they are similar in each of the following areas including economic characteristics, class of consumer, nature of products and distribution method and products are a singular group of products which make up over 95% of total sales.

The Company's sales by product which are considered one segment are as follows:

	Fiscal year ending	
January 30, 2022	January 31, 2021	<b>February 2, 2020</b>
\$ 436,588	\$ 271,018	\$ 188,436
52,478	44,975	39,641
9,173	4,745	5,300
\$ 498,239	\$ 320,738	\$ 233,377

## NOTE 12 - BARTER ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has a bartering arrangement with a third-party vendor, whereby the Company will provide inventory in exchange for media credits. The Company exchanged \$1.5 million, \$3.2 million, and \$1.1 million of inventory plus the cost of freight for certain media credits during fiscal 2022, fiscal 2021, and fiscal 2020, respectively.

The Company had \$3.4 million and \$2.5 million of unused media credits remaining as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021, respectively, which is included in "Prepaid and other current assets" on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet.

The Company accounts for barter transactions under ASC Topic No. 845 "Nonmonetary Transactions." Barter transactions with commercial substance are recorded at the estimated fair value of the products exchanged, unless the products received have a more readily determinable estimated fair value. Revenue associated with barter transactions is recorded at the time of the exchange of the related assets.

## DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

The following description of our capital stock is intended as a summary only and therefore is not a complete description of our capital stock. This description is based upon, and is qualified by reference to, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation (the "Amended Certificate"), our amended and restated bylaws (the "Amended Bylaws") and applicable provisions of Delaware corporate law. You should read our Amended Certificate and Amended Bylaws, which are filed as exhibits to our Annual Report on Form 10-K, to which this exhibit is also appended.

Our authorized capital stock consists of 40,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.00001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.00001 per share.

Our common stock is the only class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

#### **Common Stock**

#### Voting Rights

The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders, including the election of directors, and do not have cumulative voting rights.

#### Dividends

Subject to limitations under Delaware law and preferences that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably those dividends, if any, as may be declared by our board of directors out of legally available funds.

#### Liquidation

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to share ratably in the net assets legally available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of or provision for all of our debts and other liabilities, subject to the prior rights of any preferred stock then outstanding.

#### Rights and Preferences

Holders of common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights or other subscription rights and there are no redemption or sinking funds provisions applicable to the common stock.

#### Fully Paid and Non-assessable

All outstanding shares of common stock are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

#### Preferred Stock

Under the terms of our Amended Certificate our board of directors is authorized to direct us to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series without stockholder approval. Our board of directors has the discretion to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, of each series of preferred stock.

The purpose of authorizing our board of directors to issue preferred stock and determine its rights and preferences is to eliminate delays associated with a stockholder vote on specific issuances. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions, future financings and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from seeking to acquire, a majority of our outstanding voting stock.

### Warrants to Purchase Common Stock

We have issued and outstanding three series of common stock warrants in connection with prior preferred stock financings: (i) Series A Warrants, as amended, to purchase 187,704 shares of common stock, (ii) Series A-1 Warrants, as amended, to purchase 350,000 shares of common stock, and (iii) Series A-2 Warrants, as amended, to purchase 218,225 shares of common stock, (collectively, the "Warrants"). Upon, exercise, the holders of the Warrants can purchase shares of common stock at a price equal to \$16.00 per share.

Each Warrant expires on the earlier of (a) the third ( $3^{rd}$ ) anniversary of June 29, 2018, (b) the fifth ( $5^{h}$ ) anniversary of the applicable Warrant issue date, or (c) the occurrence of a deemed liquidation of the Company. The Warrants allow for cashless exercise only in the event that the underlying shares are not registered or qualified for resale. The Company may force the holders to exercise their Warrant or the Company may redeem each Warrant for a nominal price if, at any time following the one-year anniversary of the issuance of such Warrant, (i) the Company has been listed on a national securities exchange, (ii) the common stock underlying the warrants have been registered or qualified for resale or the holders otherwise have the ability to trade the underlying common shares without restriction following a cash exercise, (iii) the 30-day volume-weighted daily average price of the Company's common stock exceeds 200% of the exercise price of the Warrants, as equitably adjusted for any stock splits, dividends or transactions having a similar effect, and (iv) the average daily trading volume is at least 200,000 shares of common stock during the 30-day period prior to the forced exercise or redemption.

In connection with our IPO, we issued to Roth Capital Partners, LLC, as the representative of the underwriters, a warrant initially exercisable for up to 281,750 shares of common stock. The warrant is exercisable at a per share price equal to \$19.20. The warrant is exercisable at any time, and from time to time, in whole or in part, until the fifth anniversary of our IPO, in compliance with FINRA Rule 5110(f)(2)(G)(i). The warrant and the shares of common stock underlying the warrant have been deemed compensation by FINRA and were therefore subject to a 180 day lock-up. Roth Capital Partners, LLC (or its permitted assignees) were not permitted to sell, transfer, assign, pledge or hypothecate the warrant or the securities underlying the warrant, nor engage in any hedging, short sale, derivative, put, or call transaction that would result in the effective economic disposition of the warrant or the underlying securities for the period ending on, and including, December 23, 2018. The exercise price and number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrant will be adjusted in certain circumstances, including in the event of a stock dividend, cash dividend or our recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation.

#### Anti-Takeover Effects of Delaware Law and Our Amended Certificate and Amended Bylaws

Certain provisions of Delaware law, our Amended Certificate of incorporation and our Amended Bylaws contain provisions that could make the following transactions more difficult: an acquisition of us by means of a tender offer; a proxy contest; or the removal of our incumbent officers and directors. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish or could deter transactions that stockholders may otherwise consider to be in their best interest or in our best interest, including transactions which provide for payment of a premium over the market price for our shares.

These provisions, summarized below, are intended to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of the increased protection of our potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging these proposals because negotiation of these proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

#### Authorized but Unissued Shares

Our authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock are available for future issuance without stockholder approval. These additional shares may be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital and corporate acquisitions. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of a majority of our common stock by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

### Appointment and Removal of Directors

Our Amended Certificate and our Amended Bylaws provide that any vacancies resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other causes and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the number of directors shall be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority vote of the directors then in office, unless the board of directors determines such vacancy shall be filled by stockholders. This provision restricting the filling of vacancies will prevent a stockholder from increasing the size of our board of directors and gaining control of our board of directors by filling the resulting vacancies with its own nominees. In addition, Amended Certificate and our Amended Bylaws provide that a member of our board of directors may be removed with or without cause by

the vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of all then-outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company entitled to vote generally at an election of directors.

#### Advance Notice Procedures

Our Amended Certificate and our Amended Bylaws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholder proposals to be brought before an annual meeting of our stockholders, including proposed nominations of persons for election to the board of directors. Stockholders at an annual meeting will only be able to consider proposals or nominations specified in the notice of meeting or brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the board of directors or by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record on the record date for the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has given our Secretary timely written notice, in proper form, of the stockholder's intention to bring that business before the meeting. Although our Amended Bylaws do not give the board of directors the power to approve or disapprove stockholder nominations of candidates or proposals regarding other business to be conducted at a special or annual meeting, our Amended Bylaws may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at a meeting if the proper procedures are not followed or may discourage or deter a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to obtain control of the Company.

#### Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute

We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"), which prohibits persons deemed to be "interested stockholders" from engaging in a "business combination" with a publicly held Delaware corporation for three years following the date these persons become interested stockholders unless the business combination is, or the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder was, approved in a prescribed manner or another prescribed exception applies. Generally, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15% or more of a corporation's voting stock. Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. The existence of this provision may have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by the board of directors. A Delaware corporation may "oot out" of these provisions with an express provision in its original certificate of incorporation or bylaws resulting from a stockholders' amendment approved by at least a majority of the outstanding voting shares. We have not opted out of these provisions. As a result, mergers or other takeover or change in control attempts of us may be discouraged or prevented.

### Limitation on Director's Liability

Our Amended Certificate and our Amended Bylaws require us to indemnify our directors to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. The DGCL permits a corporation to limit or eliminate a director's personal liability to the corporation or the holders of its capital stock for breach of duty. This limitation is generally unavailable for acts or omissions by a director which (i) were in bad faith, (ii) were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adiudicated or (iii) involved a financial profit or other advantage to which such director was not legally entitled. The DGCL also prohibits limitations on director liability for acts or omissions which result in a violation of a statute prohibiting certain dividend declarations, certain payments to stockholders after dissolution and particular types of loans. We adopted these limitations on our directors' personal liability to the Company and our stockholders to the maximum extent permitted under Delaware law. The effect of these provisions is to eliminate the rights of our Company and our stockholders (through stockholders' derivative suits on behalf of our Company) to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of fiduciary duty as a director (including breaches resulting from grossly negligent behavior), except in the situations described above. These provisions do not limit the liability of directors under the federal securities laws of the United States.

#### Transfer Agent and Registrar

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

#### National Securities Exchange Listing

Our common stock listed on Nasdaq under the symbol "LOVE."

## AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of March 25, 2022 (this "Amendment No. 6"), is by and among Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, in its capacity as administrative agent and collateral agent (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns, "Agent") pursuant to the Credit Agreement (as defined below), the parties to the Credit Agreement from time to time as lenders (individually, each a "Lender" and collectively, "Lenders"), and The Lovesac Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Lead Borrower," and together with any other Person that becomes party hereto as a borrower, individually a "Borrower" and collectively, the "Borrowers").

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Agent, Lenders and certain other parties have entered into a senior secured revolving credit facility pursuant to which Agent and Lenders have made, and may make, loans and advances and provide other financial accommodations to Borrowers as set forth in the Credit Agreement, dated as of February 2, 2018, by and among Agent, Lenders, Borrowers and Guarantors, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement, dated as of June 28, 2018, Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement, dated as of October 25, 2018, Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement dated as of March 26, 2019, Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement dated as of April 8, 2020, and Amendment No. 5 to Credit Agreement dated as of May 13, 2021 (the "Credit Agreement"), and the other Loan Documents (as defined therein);

WHEREAS, Lead Borrower has requested that Agent and Lenders agree to certain amendments to the Credit Agreement including the extension of the Maturity Date, and Agent and Lenders are willing to agree to such amendments, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein; and

WHEREAS, by the execution and delivery of this Amendment No. 6, Agent, Lenders and Lead Borrower intend to evidence such amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Amendment No. 6, all terms used herein which are not otherwise defined herein, including but not limited to, those terms used in the recitals hereto, shall have the respective meanings assigned thereto in the Credit Agreement as amended by this Amendment No. 6.

## Amendments to Credit Agreement.

- 2.1 Subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Credit Agreement) of the conditions precedent set forth in <u>Section 3</u> of this Amendment No. 6, the Credit Agreement is hereby amended to delete the stricken text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: <u>stricken text</u>) and to add the double-underlined text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: <u>double-underlined text</u>) as set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, and Schedules 2.01, 5.06, 5.09, 5.10, 5.13, 5.17, 5.18, 5.21(a), 5.21(b), 7.01, 7.02, 7.03, 7.09 and 10.2, Exhibit A and Exhibit A-1 are replaced with the applicable Schedules and Exhibits as set forth in Exhibit B hereto.
- 2.2 Subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Credit Agreement) of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 3 of this Amendment No. 6, each of the Lenders party hereto hereby waives any Default or Event of Default that may have occurred on or prior to the date of Amendment No. 6, directly relating to the filing of the UCC-1 financing statement with the Secretary of

State of the State of Delaware on February 19, 2020, naming the Lead Borrower as the debtor and Crossgates Mall General Company Newco, LLC as secured party (the "CrossGates Landlord Lien"), including, without limitation, any Default or Event of Default that arose under Section 8.01(b) of the Credit Agreement as a result of such Cross Gates Landlord Lien violating Section 7.01 of the Credit Agreement, (ii) the failure to deliver a notice of Default or Event of Default pursuant to Section 6.03(a) of the Credit Agreement with respect to filing of the Crossgates Landlord Lien, and (iii) any and all misrepresentations made by Lead Borrower prior to the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date that may have resulted due to the existence of such Crossgates Landlord Lien. For the avoidance of doubt, Agent and Lenders are not waiving any Default or Event of Default, arising directly or indirectly, as a result of the existence of the Crossgates Landlord Lien that may arise after the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date.

- 3. Amendment No. 6 Effective Date; Conditions Precedent to Amendments. The amendments and waiver set forth in Section 1 shall become effective on and as of the date (the "Amendment No. 6 Effective Date") on which all of the conditions precedent set forth on Schedule 1 hereto have been satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 10.01 of the Credit Agreement).
- 4. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Lead Borrower represents and warrants to Agent and Lenders as follows, which representations and warranties shall survive the execution and delivery hereof:
- 4.1 On the date of this Amendment No. 6, immediately after giving effect to this Amendment No. 6, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.
- 4.2 This Amendment No. 6 has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by all necessary corporate action on the part of Lead Borrower and, if necessary, its equity holders and is in full force and effect on the date hereof, as the case may be, and the agreements and obligations of Lead Borrower contained herein constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of Lead Borrower, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.
- 4.3 All of the representations and warranties of Lead Borrower set forth herein and in each of the other Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects (or, in the case of any representations and warranties qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) on and as of the date hereof on and immediately after the effectiveness of this Amendment No. 6 and the transactions contemplated hereby with the same effect as though made on and as of such date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date (in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (or, in the case of any representations and warranties qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) as of such earlier date).
- 5. <u>Effect of Amendment No. 6.</u> Except as expressly set forth herein, no other amendments, changes or modifications to the Loan Documents are intended or implied, and in all other respects the Loan Documents are hereby specifically ratified and confirmed by all parties hereto as of the effective date hereof and the Loan Parties shall not be entitled to any other or further amendment by virtue of the provisions of this Amendment No. 6 or with respect to the subject matter of this Amendment No. 6. To the extent of conflict between the terms of this Amendment No. 6 and the other Loan Documents, the terms of this Amendment No. 6 shall control. The Credit Agreement and this Amendment No. 6 shall be read and construed as one agreement. This Amendment No. 6 is a Loan Document.
- 6. <u>Ratification</u>. Lead Borrower hereby (i) ratifies and reaffirms all of its payment and performance obligations, contingent or otherwise, under the Credit Agreement and each other Loan

Document to which it is a party, (ii) ratifies and reaffirms the grant of liens or security interests over its property pursuant to the Loan Documents and confirms that such liens and security interests continue to secure the Obligations, (iii) agrees that such ratification and reaffirmation is not a condition to the continued effectiveness of the Loan Documents and (iv) agrees that neither such ratification and reaffirmation, nor the Agent's nor any Lender's solicitation of such ratification and reaffirmation, constitutes a course of dealing giving rise to any obligation or condition requiring a similar or any other ratification or reaffirmation from any party to the Credit Agreement with respect to any amendment, consent or waiver with respect to the Credit Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents.

- 7. Governing Law. THIS AMENDMENT NO. 6 SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF, BUT INCLUDING SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.
- 8. <u>Jury Trial Waiver</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AMENDMENT NO. 6 OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AMENDMENT NO. 6 BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.
- Binding Effect. This Amendment No. 6 shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- 10. <u>Waiver, Modification, Etc.</u> No provision or term of this Amendment No. 6 may be modified, altered, waived, discharged or terminated orally or by course of conduct, except in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement.
- 11. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Amendment No. 6 represents the entire agreement and understanding concerning the subject matter hereof among the parties hereto, and supersedes all other prior agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions, representations, warranties, commitments, proposals, offers and contracts concerning the subject matter hereof, whether oral or written.
- 12. <u>Headings</u>. The headings listed herein are for convenience only and do not constitute matters to be construed in interpreting this Amendment No. 6.
- 13. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment No. 6 may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. This Amendment No. 6 may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by different parties on separate counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute but one and the same Agreement. Execution of any such counterpart may be by means of (a) an electronic signature that complies with the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, state enactments of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, or any other relevant and applicable electronic signatures law; (b) an original manual signature; or (c) a faxed, scanned, or photocopied manual signature. Each electronic signature or faxed, scanned, or photocopied manual signature shall for all purposes have the same validity, legal effect, and admissibility

in evidence as an original manual signature.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment No. 6 to be duly executed and delivered by their authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

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By:	/s/ Donna Dellomo	
Name:	Donna Dellomo	
Title:	EVP+CFO	

AGENT AND LENDERS: WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Agent, L/C Issuer and a Lender

By:	/s/ Emily Abrahamson	
Name:	Emily Abrahamson	
Title:	Director	

### SCHEDULE 1

### Conditions Precedent

- (a) Agent shall have received each of the following documents, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, duly executed and delivered, and each such document shall be in full force and effect:
- (i) this Amendment No. 6 executed and delivered by duly authorized officers of the Lead Borrower, the Lenders and the Agent;
  - (ii) the Amendment No. 6 Fee Letter executed and delivered by the Lead Borrower;
- (iii) an updated Perfection Certificate executed and delivered by the Lead Borrower;
- (b) a certificate from a secretary or assistant secretary of the Lead Borrower, certifying as to and attaching (a) its certificate or articles of incorporation, and all amendments thereto, certified as of a recent date by the Secretary of State (or other similar official) of the jurisdiction of its organization, (b) the Lead Borrower's bylaws and all amendments thereto, (c) resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors or equivalent governing body of the Lead Borrower, (d) the incumbency and signatures of the officers or representatives executing this Amendment No. 6 and the other Loan Documents and (e) the absence of any pending proceeding for the dissolution or liquidation of such entity or, to the knowledge of such person, threatening the existence of such entity;
- (c) a certificate of good standing of the Lead Borrower from the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, dated as of a recent date not more than thirty (30) days prior to the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date;
- (d) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower, certifying that, as of the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date, the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4 of this Amendment No. 6 are true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein), except to the extent that such representation or warranty expressly relates to an earlier date (in which event such representation or warranty is true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein) as of such earlier date);
- (e) a favorable written opinion of Shearman & Sterling LLP, as counsel for the Lead Borrower, addressed to the Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, which shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and covering such customary matters as the Agent shall reasonably request;
- (f) the results of a search of the UCC filings (or equivalent filings) made with respect to the Lead Borrower, in the state of Delaware, together with copies of the financing statements (or similar documents) disclosed by such search;
- (g) Agent shall have received at least three (3) Business Days prior to the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date all documentation and information as is reasonably requested by Agent, that is required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money-laundering rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the PATRIOT Act (including legal organization chart signed by the Lead Borrower, formation documents and W-9s in each case to the extent not previously received and in any event as otherwise required), and for the Lead Borrower (only if it qualifies as "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation), a Beneficial Ownership Certificate in relation to the Lead Borrower, in each

case to the extent requested in writing at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the Amendment No. o Effective

Date; provided, that, in any event, each Lender shall have received required internal FDPA compliance approval;

- (h) No material adverse change in the business, property, operations or condition of the Lead Borrower and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or the validity or enforceability of any of the material Loan Documents or the rights and remedies of the Agent and Lenders thereunder shall have occurred since January 31, 2021;
- (i) No Default or Event of Default shall exist or have occurred on the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date; and
- (j) Lead Borrower shall have paid, or shall concurrently pay, costs, fees (including all of the fees referred to in the Amendment No. 6 Fee Letter which are due and payable on the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date).

## Exhibit A

## **Conformed Credit Agreement**

[See attached]

## CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of February 2, 2018

among

## THE LOVESAC COMPANY

as the Lead Borrower

## **SAC ACQUISITION LLC**

as Guarantor

## WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

as Agent, L/C Issuer and Swing Line Lender,

and

The Other Lenders Party Hereto

## WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as

Sole Lead Arranger and Sole Bookrunner

## as amended by

Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement, dated as of June 28, 2018
Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement, dated as of October 25, 2018
Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement, dated as of March 26, 2019
Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement, dated as of April 8, 2020
Amendment No. 5 to Credit Agreement, dated as of May 13, 2021
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#### CREDIT AGREEMENT

This CREDIT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into as of February 2, 2018, among The Lovesac Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Lead Borrower," and together with any other Person that becomes party hereto as a borrower after the date hereof, individually a "Borrower" and collectively, the "Borrowers"), SAC Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Parent," and together with any other Person that becomes a party hereto as a guarantor after the date hereof (individually, a "Guarantor" and collectively, "Guarantors"), each lender from time to time party hereto (individually, a "Lender" and collectively, the "Lenders"), Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Agent, L/C Issuer and Swing Line Lender.

The Borrowers have requested that the Lenders provide a revolving credit facility, and the Lenders have indicated their willingness to lend and the L/C Issuer has indicated its willingness to issue Letters of Credit, in each case on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

1.01 **Defined Terms**. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Accelerated Borrowing Base Delivery Event" means either (i) the occurrence and continuance of any Event of Default, or (ii) the failure of the Borrowers to maintain Excess Availability greater than the amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the Loan Cap. For purposes of this Agreement, the occurrence of an Accelerated Borrowing Base Delivery Event shall be deemed continuing (i) so long as such Event of Default has not been cured or, waived, and/or (ii) if the Accelerated Borrowing Base Delivery Event arises as a result of the Borrowers' failure to achieve Excess Availability as required hereunder, until Availability has exceeded the amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the Loan Cap for thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, in which case an Accelerated Borrowing Base Delivery Event shall no longer be deemed to be continuing for purposes of this Agreement. The termination of an Accelerated Borrowing Base Delivery Event as provided herein shall in no way limit, waive or delay the occurrence of a subsequent Accelerated Borrowing Base Delivery Event in the event that the conditions set forth in this definition again arise.

"Acceptable Document of Title" means, with respect to any Inventory, a tangible, negotiable bill of lading or other Document (as defined in the UCC) that (a) is issued by a common carrier which is not an Affiliate of the Approved Foreign Vendor or any Loan Party which is in actual possession of such Inventory, (b) is issued to the order of a Loan Party or, if so requested by the Agent, to the order of the Agent, (c) names the Agent as a notify party and bears a conspicuous notation on its face of the Agent's security interest therein, (d) is not subject to any Lien (other than in favor of the Agent), and (e) is on terms otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Agent.

"ACH" means automated clearing house transfers.

"Accommodation Payment" as defined has the meaning specified in Section 10.22(d).

"Account" means "accounts" as defined in the UCC, and also means a right to payment of a monetary obligation, whether or not earned by performance, (a) for property that has been or is to be

sold, leased, licensed, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, (b) for services rendered or to be rendered, (c) for a policy of insurance issued or to be issued, (d) for a secondary obligation incurred or to be incurred, (e) for energy provided or to be provided, (f) for the use or hire of a vessel under a charter or other contract, (g) arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card, or (h) as winnings in a lottery or other game of chance operated or sponsored by a state, governmental unit of a state, or person licensed or authorized to operate the game by a state or governmental unit of a state. The term "Account" includes health-care-insurance receivables.

"Acquisition" means, with respect to any Person (a) an investment in, or a purchase of, a Controlling interest in the Equity Interests of any other Person, (b) a purchase or other acquisition of all or substantially all of the assets or properties of, another Person or of any business unit, division or line of business of another Person, (c) any merger or consolidation of such Person with any other Person or other transaction or series of transactions resulting in the acquisition of all or substantially all of the assets, or of any business unit, division or line of business of another Person, or a Controlling interest in the Equity Interests, of any Person, or (d) any acquisition of any Store locations of any Person, in each case in any transaction or group of transactions which are part of a common plan.

"Act" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.7.

#### "Adjusted LIBO Rate" means:

- (a) for any Interest Period with respect to any LIBO Borrowing, an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next one one hundredth (1/100) of one percent (1%)) equal to (i) the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (ii) the Statutory Reserve Rate; and
- (b) for any interest rate calculation with respect to any Base Rate Loan, an interest rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next one one-hundredth (1/100) of one percent (1%)) equal to (i) the LIBO Rate for an Interest Period commencing on the date of such calculation and ending on the date that is thirty (30) days thereafter multiplied by (ii) the Statutory Reserve Rate.

The Adjusted LIBO Rate will be adjusted automatically as of the effective date of any change in the Statutory Reserve Rate.

"Adjustment Date" means the first day of each Fiscal Month Quarter, commencing March 1 May 2, 2018 2022.

"Administrative Questionnaire" means an Administrative Questionnaire administrative questionnaire in a form supplied by the Agent.

"Affected Financial Institution" means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, (a) 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, (b) any director, officer, managing member, partner, trustee, or beneficiary of that Person, (c) any other Person directly or indirectly holding ten percent wenty-five (1025%) or more of any class of the Equity Interests of that Person, and (d) any other Person ten percent wenty-five (1025%) or more of any class of whose Equity Interests is held directly or indirectly by that Person.

"Agent" means Wells Fargo in its capacity as Agent and collateral agent under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor thereto.

"Agent Assignee" has the meaning specified in Section 10.28(d).

"Agent Parties" shall have has the meaning specified in Section 10.02(c).

"Agent Payment Account" means account no. 37235547964503951 of the Agent at Wells Fargo, or such other account of the Agent as Agent may from time to time designate in writing to the Lead Borrower as the Agent Payment Account for purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

"Agent's Office" means the Agent's address and account as set forth on <u>Schedule 10.02</u>, or such other address or account as the Agent may from time to time notify the Lead Borrower and the Lenders in writing.

"Aggregate Commitments" means the Commitments of all the Lenders. As of the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date, the Aggregate Commitments are \$15,000,00040,000,000.

"Agreement" means has the meaning specified in the preamble of this Credit Agreement.

"Allocable Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 10.22(d).

"Amendment No. 1" means Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement by and among Agent, the Lenders party thereto, Borrowers and Guarantors the Lead Borrower and SAC Acquisition LLC, as in effect on the date of execution and delivery thereof and as it may thereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, restated or replaced.

"Amendment No. 1 Effective Date" shall meanmeans the date on which all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of Amendment No. 1 have been satisfied or waived.

"Amendment No. 2" means Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement by and among Agent, the Lenders party thereto, Borrowers and Guarantors, as in effect on the date of execution thereof and as it may thereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, restated or replaced.

"Amendment No. 2 Effective Date" shall meanmeans the date on which all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of Amendment No. 2 have been satisfied or waived.

"Amendment No. 3" means Amendment No. 3 to Credit Agreement by and among Agent, the Lenders party thereto, Borrowers and Guarantors, as in effect on the date of execution thereof and as it may thereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, restated or replaced.

"Amendment No. 3 Effective Date" shall mean the date on which all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of Amendment No. 3 have been satisfied or waived.

"Amendment No. 4" means Amendment No. 4 to Credit Agreement by and among Agent, the Lenders party thereto, Borrowers and Guarantors, as in effect on the date of execution thereof and as it may thereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, restated or replaced.

"Amendment No. 4 Effective Date" means the date on which all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of Amendment No. 4 have been satisfied or waived.

"Amendment No. 5" means Amendment No. 5 to Credit Agreement by and among Agent, the Lenders party thereto, and Borrowers the Lead Borrower, as in effect on the date of execution and delivery thereof and as it may thereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed,

restated or replaced.

"Amendment No. 5 Effective Date" means the date on which all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of Amendment No. 5 have been satisfied or waived.

"Amendment No. 6" means Amendment No. 6 to Credit Agreement by and among the Agent, the Lenders party thereto, and the Lead Borrower, as in effect on the date of execution and delivery thereof and as it may thereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, extended, renewed, restated or replaced.

"Amendment No. 6 Effective Date" means the date on which all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of Amendment No. 6 have been satisfied or waived.

"Amendment No. 6 Fee Letter" means the Amendment No. 6 Fee Letter, dated as of the date of Amendment No. 6, among the Lead Borrower and the Arranger, which fee letter amends and restates (and supersedes in all respects) the Fee Letter dated the Closing Date in its entirety.

"Anti-corruption Laws" means the FCPA, the U.K. Bribery Act of 2010, as amended, and all other applicable laws and regulations or ordinances concerning or relating to bribery or corruption in any jurisdiction in which any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is located or is doing business.

"Applicable Commitment Fee Percentage" means thirty-seven and one-half basis points (0.375%) prior to the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date and thirty basis points (0.30%) at all times thereafter.

"Applicable Lenders" means the Required Lenders, all affected Lenders, or all Lenders, as the context may require.

"Applicable Margin" means:

- (a) From and after the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date until the first Adjustment Date thereafter, the percentages set forth in Level I of the pricing grid below; and
- (b) From and after the first Adjustment Date and on each Adjustment Date thereafter, the Applicable Margin shall be determined from the following pricing grid based upon the MonthlyQuarterly Average Excess Availability as of the Fiscal Month ended immediately preceding such Adjustment Date; provided, that, (i) notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Agent may, and at the direction of the Required Lenders shall, immediately increase the Applicable Margin to that set forth in Level II (even if the MonthlyQuarterly Average Excess Availability requirements for a different Level have been met) and interest shall accrue at the Default Rate and (ii) if any Borrowing Base Certificate is at any time restated or otherwise revised (including as a result of an audit) or if the information set forth in any Borrowing Base Certificate otherwise proves to be false or incorrect such that the Applicable Margin 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.

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"Applicable Percentage" means with respect to any Lender at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of the Aggregate Commitments represented by such Lender's Commitment at such time. If the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02 or if the Aggregate Commitments have expired, then the Applicable Percentage of each Lender shall be determined based on the Applicable Percentage of such Lender most recently in effect, giving effect to any subsequent assignments. The initial Applicable Percentage of each Lender is set forth opposite the name of such Lender on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

"Approved Foreign Vendor" means a Foreign Vendor which (a) is located in any country acceptable to the Agent in its Permitted Discretion, (b) has received timely payment or performance of all obligations owed to it by the Loan Parties, (c) has not asserted and has no right to assert any reclamation, repossession, diversion, stoppage in transit, Lien or title retention rights in respect of such Inventory, and (d), if so requested by the Agent, has entered into and is in full compliance with the terms of a Foreign Vendor Agreement (provided, that, as of the date hereof, without limitation of the right of the Agent after the date hereof to make such request, the Agent has not requested a Foreign Vendor Agreement from any Foreign Vendor).

"Approved Fund" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business and that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender, (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender or (d) the same investment advisor or an advisor under common control with such Lender, Affiliate or advisor, as applicable.

"Arranger" means Wells Fargo in its capacity as sole lead arranger and sole book manager.

"Assignee Group" means two or more Eligible Assignees that are Affiliates of one another or two or more Approved Funds managed by the same investment advisor.

"Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 10.06(b)), and accepted by the Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit  $\underline{E}$  or any other form approved by the Agent.

"Audited Financial Statements" means (i) for purposes of Section 1.03(a), the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Parent Lead Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the Fiscal Year ended January 31, 2021 and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, Shareholders' Equity and cash flows for such Fiscal Year of the Lead Borrower and its Subsidiaries, including the notes thereto, and (ii) for all other purposes, the audited consolidated balance sheet of SAC Acquisition LLC and its Subsidiaries for the Fiscal Year ended January 29, 2017 and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, Shareholders' Equity and cash flows for such Fiscal Year of the Parent SAC Acquisition LLC and its Subsidiaries, including the notes thereto.

"Availability Period" means the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (a) the Maturity Date, (b) the date of termination of the Aggregate Commitments pursuant to Section 2.06, and (c) the date of termination of the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and of the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions pursuant to Section 8.02.

"Availability Reserves" means, without duplication of any other Reserves or items to the extent such items are otherwise addressed or excluded through eligibility criteria, such reserves as the Agent from time to time determines in its Permitted Discretion as being appropriate (a) to reflect the impediments to the Agent's ability to realize upon the Collateral, (b) to reflect claims and liabilities that the Agent determines will need to be satisfied in connection with the realization upon the Collateral, (c) to reflect criteria, events, conditions, contingencies or risks which adversely affect any component of the Borrowing Base, or the assets, business, financial performance or financial condition of any Loan Party, or (d) to reflect that a Default or an Event of Default then exists. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Availability Reserves may include, in the Agent's Permitted Discretion, but are not limited to, reserves based on: (i) rent; (ii) customs duties, and other costs to release Inventory which is being imported into the United States; (iii) outstanding Taxes and other governmental charges, including, without limitation, ad valorem, real estate, personal property, sales, claims of the PBGC and other Taxes which may have priority over the interests of the Agent in the Collateral; (iv) salaries, wages and benefits due to employees of any Borrower, (v) customer credit liabilities consisting of the aggregate remaining value at such time of (A) outstanding gift certificates and gift cards of the Borrowers 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 for any Inventory, (B) outstanding merchandise credits of the Borrowers, and (C) liabilities in connection with frequent shopping programs of the Borrowers, (vi) deposits made by customers with respect to the purchase of goods or the performance of services and layaway obligations of the Borrowers, (vii) reserves for reasonably anticipated changes in the appraised Valuevalue of Eligible Inventory between appraisals, (viii) warehousemen's or bailee's charges and other Permitted Encumbrances which may have priority over the interests of the Agent in the Collateral, (ix) Cash Management Reserves, and (xi) Bank Products Reserves.

"Available Tenor" means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark, as applicable, (a) if such Benchmark is a term rate, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) that is or may be used for determining the length of an interest period pursuant to this Agreement or (b) otherwise, any payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof) that is or may be used for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark, in each case, as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of "Interest Period" pursuant to Section 3.03(b)(iv) which has not been reinstated pursuant to Section 3.03(b)(iv).

"Bail-In Legislation" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

"Bank Products" means any services ofor facilities provided to any Loan Party by the Agent or any of its Affiliates (but excluding Cash Management Services) including, without limitation, on account of (a) Swap Contracts, (b) merchant services constituting a line of credit, (c) leasing, (d) Factored Receivables, and (e) supply chain finance services including, without limitation, trade payable services and supplier accounts receivable purchases.

"Bank Product Reserves" means such reserves as the Agent from time to time determines in its Permitted Discretion as being appropriate to reflect the liabilities and obligations of the Loan Parties with respect to Bank Products then provided or outstanding.

"Base Rate" means, for any day, a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (a) the Floor, (b) the Federal Funds Rate, as in effect from time to time, on such day plus one half of one percent (0.50½%), (b) the Adjusted LIBO Rate plus one percent (1.00%), orc) Term SOFR for a one month tenor in effect on such day, plus 1%, provided that this clause (c) shall not be applicable during any period in which Term SOFR is unavailable or unascertainable, and (ed) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced, from time to time by, within Wells Fargo at its principal office in San Francisco as its "prime rate." Thein effect on such day, with the understanding that the "prime rate" is a rate set by Wells Fargo based upon various factors including one of Wells Fargo's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point base rates (not necessarily the lowest of such rates) and serves as the basis upon which effective rates of interest are calculated for pricing somethose loans, which may be priced at, above, or below such announced rate. Any change in such rate announced by Wells Fargo shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the public making reference thereto and is evidenced by the recording thereof after its announcement of in such change internal publications as Wells Fargo may designate in writing.

"Base Rate Loan" means a Loan that bears interest based on the Base Rate.

"Benchmark" means, initially, the Term SOFR Reference Rate; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event has occurred with respect to the Term SOFR Reference Rate or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior Benchmark in accordance with Section 3.03(b)(i).

"Benchmark Replacement" means, with respect to any Benchmark Transition Event for any then-current Benchmark, the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Agent and the Lead Borrower as replacement for such Benchmark giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement for such Benchmark for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; provided that if such Benchmark Replacement as so determined would be less than the Floor, such Benchmark Replacement shall be deemed to be the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment" means, with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Available Tenor, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Agent and the Lead Borrower giving due consideration to (a) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body or (b) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities.

"Benchmark Replacement Date" means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

- (a) in the case of clause (a) or (b) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the <u>later</u> of (i) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (ii) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of <u>such Benchmark</u> (or such component thereof); or
- (b) in the case of clause (c) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the first date on which such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) has been determined and announced by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) to be non-representative; provided, that such non-representativeness will be determined by reference to the most recent statement or publication referenced in such clause (c) and even if any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) continues to be provided on such date;

For the avoidance of doubt, the "Benchmark Replacement Date" will be deemed to have occurred in the case of clause (a) or (b) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

"Benchmark Transition Event" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

- (a) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);
- (b) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the FRB, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component

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thereof) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(c) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are not, or as of a specified future date will not be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, a "Benchmark Transition Event" will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

"Benchmark Transition Start Date" means, in the case of a Benchmark Transition Event, the earlier of (a) the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and (b) if such Benchmark Transition Event is a public statement or publication of information of a prospective event, the 90th day prior to the expected date of such event as of such public statement or publication of information (or if the expected date of such prospective event is fewer than 90 days after such statement or publication, the date of such statement or publication).

"Benchmark Unavailability Period" means, with respect to any then-current Benchmark, the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to such Benchmark pursuant to clauses (a) or (b) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 3.03(b) and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 3.03(b).

"Beneficial Ownership Certification" means a certification regarding beneficial ownership as required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

"Beneficial Ownership Regulation" means 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

"BHC Act Affiliate" of a party means an "affiliate" (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

"Borrower Materials" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

<u>"Borrower" and "Borrowers" has have</u> the <u>meaning meanings</u> specified in the <u>introductory</u> paragraph hereto preamble of this Agreement.

"Borrowing" means a Committed Borrowing or a Swing Line Borrowing, as the context may require.

"Borrowing Base" means, at any time of calculation, an amount equal to:

- (a) ninety percent (90%) multiplied by the Eligible Credit Card Receivables; plus
- (b) eighty-five percent (85%) of the Eligible Wholesale Receivables (provided, that, in no event will the aggregate amount of Eligible Wholesale Receivables included in the Borrowing Base at

(c) eighty-five percent (85%) of the Net Recovery Percentage of Eligible Inventory multiplied by the Cost of such Eligible Inventory for the period from December 16 of each year until October 14 of the immediately following year, which percentage shall increase to ninety percent (90%) of the Net Recovery Percentage for the period from October 15 of each year until December 15 of such year (provided, that, in no event will the aggregate amount of Eligible Inventory consisting of work-in-process that are sac liners and duffels included in the Borrowing Base at any time exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount of Eligible Inventory, excluding such Eligible Inventory consisting of (i) work-in-process and (ii) Eligible In-Transit Inventory); minus

#### (d) Reserves.

"Borrowing Base Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit F hereto (with such changes therein as may be required by the Agent to reflect the components of and reserves against the Borrowing Base as provided for hereunder from time to time), executed and certified as accurate and complete by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower, which shall include appropriate exhibits, schedules, supporting documentation, and additional reports as reasonably requested by the Agent.

"Business" means the business engaged in by Borrowers on the Closing Amendment No. 6

Effective Date and similar, ancillary or related businesses.

"Business Day" means any day other thanthat is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state where the Agent's Office is located and, if such day relates to any LIBO Rate Loan, means any such day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank marketthe Federal Reserve Bank of New York is closed.

"Capital Expenditures" means, with respect to any Person for any period, (a) all expenditures made (whether made in the form of cash or other property) or costs incurred for the acquisition or improvement of fixed or capital assets of such Person (excluding normal replacements and maintenance which are properly charged to current operations), in each case that are (or should be) set forth as capital expenditures in a Consolidated statement of cash flows of such Person for such period, in each case prepared in accordance with GAAP, and (b) Capital Lease Obligations incurred by a Person during such period.

"Capital Lease Obligations" means, with respect to any Person for any period, 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 liabilities on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP and the amount of which obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Cash Collateral Account" means a non-interest bearing account established by one or more of the Loan Parties with Wells Fargo, and in the name of, the Agent (or as the Agent shall otherwise direct) and under the sole and exclusive dominion and control of the Agent, in which deposits are Cash Collateral is required to be madedeposited in accordance with Section 2.03(k) or 8.02(c).

"Cash Collateralize" has the meaning specified in <u>Section 2.03(k)</u>. Derivatives of such term have corresponding meanings.

"Cash Dominion Event" means either (i) the occurrence and continuance of any Event of Default, or (ii) the failure of the Borrowers to maintain Excess Availability of at least the amount equal

to thirty-five percent (35%) of the Loan Cap, for three (3) consecutive Business Days. For purposes of this Agreement, the occurrence of a Cash Dominion Event shall be deemed continuing (i) so long as such Event of Default has not been cured or waived, and/or (ii) if the Cash Dominion Event arises as a result of the Borrowers' failure to achieve Excess Availability as required hereunder, until Excess Availability has exceeded the amount equal to thirty-five percent (35%) of the Loan Cap for thirty (30) consecutive Business Days, in which case a Cash Dominion Event shall no longer be deemed to be continuing for purposes of this Agreement. The termination of a Cash Dominion Event as provided herein shall in no way limit, waive or delay the occurrence of a subsequent Cash Dominion Event in the event that the conditions set forth in this definition again arise.

"Cash Equivalents" means (a) readily marketable obligations issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof having maturities of not more than three hundred sixty (360) days from the date of acquisition thereof; provided, that, the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged in support thereof; (b) commercial paper issued by any Person organized under the laws of any state of the United States of America and rated at least "Prime-1" (or the then equivalent grade) by Moody's or at least "A-1" (or the then equivalent grade) by S&P, in each case with maturities of not more than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of acquisition thereof; (c) time deposits with, or insured certificates of deposit or bankers' acceptances of, any commercial bank that (i) (A) is a Lender or (B) is organized under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia or is the principal banking subsidiary of a bank holding company organized under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, and is a member of the Federal Reserve System, (ii) issues (or the parent of which issues) commercial paper rated as described in clause (c) of this definition and (iii) has combined capital and surplus of at least \$1,000,000,000, in each case with maturities of not more than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of acquisition thereof; (d) fully collateralized repurchase agreements with a term of not more than thirty (30) days for securities described in clause (a) above (without regard to the limitation on maturity contained in such clause) and entered into with a financial institution satisfying the criteria described in clause (c) above or with any primary dealer and having a market value at the time that such repurchase agreement is entered into of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the repurchase obligation of such counterparty entity with whom such repurchase agreement has been entered into; (e) Investments, classified in accordance with GAAP as current assets of the Loan Parties, in any money market fund, mutual fund, or other investment companies that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which are administered by financial institutions that have the highest rating obtainable from either Moody's or S&P, and which invest solely in one or more of the types of securities described in clauses (a) through (d) above.

"Cash Management Bank" means each bank with whom Deposit Accounts are maintained in which any funds of any of the Loan Parties from one or more Deposit Accounts are concentrated and with whom a Control Agreement has been, or is required to be, executed in accordance with the terms hereof, and "Cash Management Banks" have meanings specified in Section 6.13(a).

"Cash Management Reserves" means such reserves as the Agent, from time to time, determines in its Permitted Discretion as being appropriate to reflect the reasonably anticipated liabilities and obligations of the Loan Parties with respect to Cash Management Services then provided or outstanding.

"Cash Management Services" means any cash management services or facilities provided to any Loan Party by the Agent or any of its Affiliates, including, without limitation: (a) ACH transactions, (b) controlled disbursement services, treasury, depository, overdraft, and electronic funds transfer services,

(c) credit or debit cards, (d) credit card processing services, and (e) purchase cards.

"CERCLA" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.

"CERCLIS" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System maintained by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

"CFC" means a Person that is a controlled foreign corporation under Section 957 of the Code.

"Change in Law" means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority, or (c) the making or issuance of any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (ix) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (ix) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

"Change of Control" means an event or series of events by which:

- (a) at any time prior to a Qualifying IPO, the Sponsor shall cease to own and control legally and beneficially (free and clear of all Liens), either directly or indirectly, equity securities in Parent representing more than sixty-six and two-thirds (66 2/3%)% of the combined voting power of all of Equity Interests entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of the Parent on a fully diluted basis (and taking into account all such securities that Sponsor has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right (as defined in clause (b) below));
- (a) (b) at any time after a Qualifying IPO, any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, but excluding any employee benefit plan of such person or its subsidiaries, and any person or entity acting in its capacity as trustee, agent or other fiduciary or administrator of any such plan), other than the Sponsor, becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except that a person or group shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all securities that such person or group has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time (such right, an "option right")), directly or indirectly, of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the Equity Interests of the ParentLead Borrower entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of the ParentLead Borrower on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such Equity Interests that such "person" or "group" has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right); or
- (b) (e) during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months, a majority of the members of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the ParentLead Borrower cease to be composed of individuals (i) who were members of that board or equivalent governing body on the first day of such period, (ii) whose election or nomination to that board or equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in clause (i) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body or (iii) whose election or nomination to that board or other equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body; or

- (c) (d) any "change in control" or "sale" or "disposition" or similar event as defined in any document governing Material Indebtedness of any Loan Party; or
- (d) (e) the Parent Lead Borrower fails at any time to own, directly or indirectly, one hundred percent (100%) of the Equity Interests of each other Loan Party free and clear of all Liens (other than the Liens in favor of the Agent), except where such failure is as a result of a transaction permitted by the Loan Documents.

"Closing Date" means the first date all the conditions precedent in Section 4.01 are satisfied or waived in accordance with Section 10.01.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended and in effect.

"Collateral" means any and all "Collateral" as defined in any applicable Security Document and all other property that is or is intended under the terms of the Security Documents to be subject to Liens in favor of the Agent.

"Collateral Access Agreement" means an agreement reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Agent executed <u>and delivered</u> by (a) a bailee or other Person in possession of Collateral, and (b) any landlord of Real Estate leased by any Loan Party where books and records or Collateral included in the Borrowing Base is located.

"Collection Account" means any Deposit Account of a Loan Party that at any time receives, or is otherwise established for the purpose of receiving, payments in respect of Credit Card Receivables, Accounts or other proceeds of any Collateral, including, without limitation, the Deposit Accounts designated as Collection Accounts in Schedule 5.21(a).

"Commercial Letter of Credit" means any Letter of Credit issued for the purpose of providing the primary payment mechanism in connection with the purchase of any materials, goods or services by a Loan Party in the ordinary course of business of such Loan Party.

"Commercial Letter of Credit Agreement" means the Commercial Letter of Credit

Agreement relating to the issuance of a Commercial Letter of

Credit in substantially the form from time to time in use by the L/C Issuer.

"Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its obligation to (a) make Committed Loans to the Borrowers pursuant to Section 2.01, (b) purchase participations in L/C Obligations, and (c) purchase participations in Swing Line Loans, in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

"Committed Borrowing" means a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Committed Loans of the same Type and, in the case of <u>LIBO RateSOFR</u> Loans, having the same Interest Period made by each of the Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 2.01</u>.

"Committed Increase" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15(a).

"Committed Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(a).

"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.

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit D.

"Concentration Account" means any Deposit Account of a Loan Party that at any time receives, or is otherwise established for the purpose of receiving, payments from other Collection Accounts, including, without limitation, the Deposit Accounts designated as Concentration Accounts in <u>Schedule</u> 5.21(a).

"Conforming Changes" means, with respect to either the use or administration of Term SOFR or the use, administration, adoption or implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of "Base Rate," the definition of "Business Day," the definition of "U.S. Government Securities Business Day," the definition of "Interest Period" or any similar or analogous definition (or the addition of a concept of "interest period"), timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, the applicability and length of lookback periods, the applicability of Section 3.05 and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Agent decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of any such rate or to permit the use and administration thereof by the Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of any such rate exists, in such other manner of administration as the Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

"Consent" means actual consent given by a Lender from whom such consent is sought; or the passage of seven (7) Business Days from receipt of written notice to a Lender from the Agent of a proposed course of action to be followed by the Agent without such Lender's giving the Agent written notice of that Lender's objection to such course of action.

"Consolidated" means, when used to modify a financial term, test, statement, or report of a Person, the application or preparation of such term, test, statement or report (as applicable) based upon the consolidation, in accordance with GAAP, of the financial condition or operating results of such Person and its Subsidiaries.

"Contractual Obligation" means, as to any Person, any provision of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"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.

"Control Agreement" means with respect to a Deposit Account or a Securities Account established by a Loan Party, an agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, establishing control, pursuant to Section 9-104 of the UCC or other applicable section of the UCC, of such account by the Agent and which provides for such other rights with respect thereto as the Agent may reasonably require.

"Controlled Investment Affiliate" means, as to any Person, any other Person which directly or indirectly is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person and is organized by such Person (or any Person controlling or controlled by such Person) primarily for making equity or debt Investments, directly or indirectly, in Holdings or other portfolio companies of such Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" of a Person means the power, directly or indirectly, to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether by contract or

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"Cost" means the lower of cost or market value of Inventory, based upon the Borrowers' accounting practices, known to the Agent, which practices are in effect on the Closing Date as such calculated cost is determined from invoices received by the Borrowers, the Borrowers' purchase journals or the Borrowers' stock ledger. "Cost" does not include inventory capitalization costs or other non-purchase price charges (such as freight) used in the Borrowers' calculation of cost of goods sold.

"Covered Entity" means any of the following:

- (a) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);
- (b) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or
- (c) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

"Covered Party" has the meaning specified in Section 10.27.

"Credit Card Agreements" means all agreements now or hereafter entered into by any Borrower or any Guarantor for the benefit of any Borrower, in each case with any Credit Card Issuer or any Credit Card Processor, including, but not limited to, the agreements set forth on Schedule 5.21(b) hereto.

"Credit Card Issuer" shall meanmeans any personPerson (other than a Borrower or other Loan Party) who issues or whose members issue credit cards, including, without limitation, MasterCard or VISA bank credit or debit cards or other bank credit or debit cards issued through MasterCard International, Inc., Visa, U.S.A., Inc. or Visa International and American Express, Discover, Diners Club, Carte Blanche and other non-bank credit or debit cards, including, without limitation, credit or debit cards issued by or through American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc., and Novus Services, Inc. and other issuers approved by the Agent.

"Credit Card Processor" shall meanmeans any servicing or processing agent or any factor or financial intermediary who facilitates, services, processes or manages the credit authorization, billing transfer and/or payment procedures with respect to any Borrower's sales transactions involving credit card or debit card purchases by customers using credit cards or debit cards issued by any Credit Card Issuer.

"Credit Card Notification" means a notification and acknowledgement substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit G</u>, which has been executed on behalf of the applicable Loan Party and delivered to the applicable Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor (with evidence of such delivery received by Agent).

"Credit Card Receivables" means each "payment intangible" (as defined in the UCC) together with all income, payments and proceeds thereof, owed by a Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor to a Loan Party resulting from charges by a customer of a Loan Party on credit or debit cards issued by such Credit Card Issuer in connection with the sale of goods by a Loan Party, or services performed by a Loan Party, in each case in the ordinary course of its business.

"Credit Extensions" meanmeans each of the following: (a) a Borrowing and (b) an L/C Credit Extension.

"Credit Party" or "Credit Parties" means (a) individually, (i) each Lender and its Affiliates, (ii) the Agent, (iii) each L/C Issuer, (iv) the Arranger, (v) each beneficiary of each indemnification obligation undertaken by any Loan Party under any Loan Document Indemnitee, (vi) any other Person to whom Obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents are owing, and (vii) the successors and assigns of each of the foregoing, and (b) collectively, all of the foregoing.

"Credit Party Expenses" means, without limitation, (a) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred by the Agent and its Affiliates in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including without limitation (i) the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of (A) counsel for the Agent (other than, prior to a Default or an Event of Default, allocated costs of in-house counsel), (B) outside consultants for the Agent, (C) appraisers, (D) commercial finance examinations, and (E) all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of the Obligations, (ii) in connection with (A) the syndication of the credit facilities facility provided for herein, (B) the preparation, negotiation, administration, management, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (C) the enforcement or protection of their rights in connection with this Agreement or the Loan Documents or efforts to preserve, protect, collect, or enforce the Collateral, or (D) any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of any Obligations, and (iii) all customary fees and charges (as adjusted from time to time) of the Agent with respect to the disbursement of funds (or the receipt of funds) to or for the account of Borrowers (whether by wire transfer or otherwise), together with any reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith, and (b) with respect to the L/C Issuer, and its Affiliates, all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder; and (c) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Credit Parties who are not the Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Affiliate of any of them, after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default; provided that such Credit Parties shall be entitled to reimbursement for no more than one counsel representing all such Credit Parties (absent a conflict of interest in which case the Credit Parties may engage and be reimbursed for additional counsel).

"Debtor Relief Laws" means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect and affecting the rights of creditors generally.

"Default" means any event or condition that constitutes an Event of Default or that, with the giving of any notice, the passage of time, or both, would be an Event of Default.

"Default Rate" means (a) when used with respect to Obligations other than Letter of Credit Fees, an interest rate equal to (i) the Base Rate plus (ii) the Applicable Margin, if any, applicable to Base Rate Loans, plus (iii) two percent (2%) per annum; provided, however, that with respect to a <a href="LIBO RateSOFR">LIBO RateSOFR</a> Loan, the Default Rate shall be an interest rate equal to the interest rate (including any Applicable Margin) otherwise applicable to such Loan plus two percent (2%) per annum, and (b) when used with respect to Letter of Credit Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Margin for <a href="LIBO RateSOFR">LIBO RateSOFR</a> Loans for Standby Letters of Credit or Commercial Letters of Credit, as applicable, plus two percent (2%) per annum.

"Defaulting Lender" means any Lender that (a) has failed to fund any amounts required to be funded by it under this Agreement within one (1) Business Day of the date that it is required to do so under this Agreement (including the failure to make available to the Agent amounts required pursuant to a Settlement or to make a required payment in connection with a Letter of Credit Disbursement), (b) notified the Borrowers, the Agent, or any Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with all or any portion of its funding obligations under this Agreement, (c) has made a public statement to the effect that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations under the Agreement or under other agreements generally (as reasonably determined by the Agent) under which it has committed to extend credit, (d) failed, within one (1) Business Day after written request by the Agent, to confirm that it will comply with the terms of the Agreement relating to its obligations to fund any amounts required to be funded by it under the Agreement, (e) otherwise failed to pay over to the Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it under the Agreement within one (1) Business Day of the date that it is required to do so under the Agreement, or (f) (i) becomes or is insolvent or has a parent company that has become or is insolvent or (ii) becomes the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, or custodian or appointed for it, or has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment or has a parent company that has become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, or custodian appointed for it, or has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment, or (iii) becomes the subject of a Bail-in Action or has a parent company that has become the subject of a Bail-in Action.

"Defaulting Lender Rate" means (a) for the first three (3) days from and after the date the relevant payment is due, the Base Rate, and (b) thereafter, the interest rate then applicable to Committed Loans that are Base Rate Loans (inclusive of the Applicable Margin applicable thereto).

"Deposit Account" means each checking, savings or other demand deposit account maintained by any of the Loan Parties. All funds in each Deposit Account shall be conclusively presumed to be Collateral and proceeds of Collateral and the Agent and the Lenders shall have no duty to inquire as to the source of the amounts on deposit in any Deposit Account.

"Dispose" means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (including any sale and leaseback transaction and any sale, transfer, license or other disposition of (whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions) of any property (including, without limitation, any Equity Interests other than the Equity Interests of the Lead Borrower) by any Person (or the granting of any option or other right to do any of the foregoing), including any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith and including any transaction described in this definition that is consummated pursuant to an allocation of assets among newly divided limited liability companies pursuant to a "plan of division."

"Disqualified Stock" means any Equity Interest that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is ninety-one (91) days after the date on which the Loans mature; provided, however, that (i) only the portion of such Equity Interests which so matures or is mandatorily redeemable, is so convertible or exchangeable or is so redeemable at the option of the holder thereof prior to such date shall be deemed to be Disqualified Stock and (ii) with respect to any Equity Interests issued to any employee or to any plan for the benefit of employees of the Lead Borrower or its Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such employees, such Equity Interest shall not constitute Disqualified

Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased by the Lead Borrower or one of its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations or as a result of such employee's termination, resignation, death or disability and if any class of Equity Interest of such Person that by its terms authorizes such Person to satisfy its obligations thereunder by delivery of an Equity Interest that is not Disqualified Stock, such Equity Interests shall not be deemed to be Disqualified Stock. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Equity Interest that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require a Loan Party to repurchase such Equity Interest upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock. The amount of Disqualified Stock deemed to be outstanding at any time for purposes of this Agreement will be the maximum amount that the Lead Borrower and its Subsidiaries may become obligated to pay upon maturity of, or pursuant to any mandatory redemption provisions of, such Disqualified Stock or portion thereof, plus accrued dividends.

"Dollars" and "\$" mean lawful money of the United States.

"Drawing Document" means any Letter of Credit or other document presented for purposes of drawing under any Letter of Credit.

"EEA Financial Institution" means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in clause (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

"EEA Member Country" means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

"EEA Resolution Authority" means any public administrative authority or any person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

"Eligible Assignee" means (a) a Credit Party or any of its Affiliates; (b) a bank, insurance company, or company engaged in the business of making commercial loans, which Person, together with its Affiliates, has a combined capital and surplus in excess of \$250,000,000; (c) an Approved Fund; (d) any Person to whom a Credit Party assigns its rights and obligations under this Agreement as part of an assignment and transfer of such Credit Party's rights in and to a material portion of such Credit Party's portfolio of asset based credit facilities, and (e) any other Person (other than a natural person) approved by (i) the Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Swing Line Lender, and (ii) unless a Default or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Lead Borrower (each such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, "Eligible Assignee" shall not include a Loan Party or any of the Loan Parties' Affiliates or Subsidiaries.

"Eligible Credit Card Receivables" means at the time of any determination thereof, each Credit Card Receivable that satisfies the criteria set forth below at the time of creation and continues to meet the same at the time of such determination, as determined by the Agent in its Permitted Discretion. Without limiting the foregoing, to qualify as an Eligible Credit Card Receivable, such Credit Card Receivable shall indicate no Person other than a Borrower as payee or remittance party. In determining the amount to be so included, the face amount of a Credit Card Receivable shall 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 a Borrower may be obligated to rebate to a customer, a Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor 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 Credit Card Receivable but not yet applied by the Loan Parties to reduce the amount of such Credit Card Receivable. Except as otherwise agreed by the Agent, any Credit Card Receivable included within any of the following categories shall not constitute an Eligible Credit Card Receivable:

- (a) Credit Card Receivables which do not constitute a "payment intangible" (as defined in the UCC);
- (b) Credit Card Receivables that have been outstanding for more than five (5) Business Days from the date of sale;
- (c) Credit Card Receivables (i) that are not subject to a perfected first-priority security interest in favor of the Agent, or (ii) with respect to which a Borrower does not have good, valid and marketable title thereto, free and clear of any Lien (other than Liens granted to the Agent pursuant to the Security Documents);
- (d) Credit Card Receivables which are disputed, are with recourse, or with respect to which a claim, counterclaim, offset or chargeback has been asserted (to the extent of such claim, counterclaim, offset or chargeback);
- (e) Credit Card Receivables as to which the Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor has the right under certain circumstances to require a Loan Party to repurchase the Credit Card Receivables from such Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor;
- (f) Credit Card Receivables due from a Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor which is the subject of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings;
- (g) Credit Card Receivables which are not a valid, legally enforceable obligation of the applicable Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor with respect thereto;
- (h) Credit Card Receivables which do not conform to all representations, warranties or other provisions in the Loan Documents relating to Credit Card Receivables; or
- (i) Credit Card Receivables which the Agent determines in its Permitted Discretion to be uncertain of collection or which do not meet such other reasonable eligibility criteria for Credit Card Receivables as the Agent may determine.

"Eligible In-Transit Inventory" means, as of any date of determination thereof, without duplication of other Eligible Inventory, In-Transit Inventory:

- (a) which has been shipped from a foreign location for receipt by a Borrower, but which has not yet been delivered to such Borrower, which In-Transit Inventory has been in transit for forty-five (45) days or less from the date of shipment of such Inventory;
- (b) for which the purchase order is in the name of a Borrower and title and risk of loss has passed to such Borrower;
- (c) for which an Acceptable Document of Title has been issued, and in each case as to which the Agent has control (as defined in the UCC) over the documents of title which evidence

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ownership of the subject Inventory (and including, if requested by the Agent, the receipt by Agent of an executed Freight Forwarder Agreement);

- (d) which is insured to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agent (including, without limitation, pursuant to marine cargo insurance);
- (e) the Foreign Vendor with respect to such In-Transit Inventory is an Approved Foreign Vendor; and
  - (f) which otherwise would constitute Eligible Inventory;

<u>Provided</u>, that, the Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion, exclude any particular Inventory from the definition of "Eligible In-Transit Inventory" in the event the Agent determines that such Inventory is subject to any Person's right of reclamation, repudiation, stoppage in transit or any event has occurred or is reasonably anticipated by the Agent to arise which may otherwise adversely impact the ability of the Agent to realize upon such Inventory.

"Eligible Inventory" means, as of the date of determination thereof, without duplication, items of Inventory of a Borrower that are finished goods, merchantable and readily saleable to the public in the ordinary course of such Borrower's business or work-in-process consisting of sac liners and duffels and in each case deemed by the Agent in its Permitted Discretion to be eligible for inclusion in the calculation of the Borrowing Base, and except as otherwise agreed by the Agent, (A) complies with each of the representations and warranties respecting Inventory made by the Borrowers in the Loan Documents, and (B) is not excluded as ineligible by virtue of one or more of the criteria set forth below as determined by the Agent in its Permitted Discretion. Except as otherwise agreed by the Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, the following items of Inventory shall not be included in Eligible Inventory:

- (a) Inventory that is not solely owned by a Borrower or a Borrower does not have good and valid title thereto;
- (b) Inventory that is leased by or is on consignment to a Borrower or which is consigned by a Borrower to a Person which is not a Loan Party;
- (c) Inventory (other than Eligible In-Transit Inventory) that is not located in the United States of America (excluding territories or possessions of the United States);
- (d) Inventory that is not located at a location that is owned or leased by a Borrower, except (i) Inventory located in the United States of America that is in transit between such owned or leased locations, including such Inventory in transit from a distribution center to a retail store, (ii) Eligible In-Transit Inventory or (iii) Inventory on consignment at a location owned and operated by another Person to the extent that the Borrowers have furnished the Agent with (A) any UCC financing statements and other documents that the Agent may determine to be necessary to perfect its security interest in such Inventory at such location or to establish the priority of its security interest with respect thereto, and (B) a Collateral Access Agreement executed and delivered by the Person owning and operating any such location on terms reasonably acceptable to the Agent (and in any event including a Collateral Access Agreement by Amalgamate Processing, Inc.);
- (e) Inventory that is located in a distribution center or warehouse leased by a Borrower unless (i) the applicable lessor has delivered to the Agent a Collateral Access Agreement or (ii) a Reserve based on amounts payable with respect to such location has been established by the Agent;
- (f) Inventory that is comprised of goods which (i) are damaged, defective, "seconds," or otherwise unmerchantable, (ii) are to be returned to the vendor, (iii) are obsolete or slow moving, or custom items, work-in-process, raw materials, or that constitute samples, spare parts, promotional,

marketing, labels, bags and other packaging and shipping materials or supplies used or consumed in a Borrower's business, (iv) are seasonal in nature and which have been packed away for sale in the subsequent season, (v) not in compliance with all standards imposed by any Governmental Authority having regulatory authority over such Inventory, its use or sale, or (vi) are bill and hold goods;

- (g) Inventory that is not subject to a perfected first-priority security interest in favor of the Agent;
  - (h) Inventory that is not insured in compliance with the provisions of Section 5.10 hereof;
- (i) Inventory that has been sold but not yet delivered or as to which a Borrower has
  accepted a deposit (except in the case of Inventory as to which a Borrower has accepted a deposit, to the
  extent that Reserves have been established in respect of such deposit);
- (j) Inventory that is subject to any licensing, patent, royalty, trademark, trade name or copyright agreement with any third party from which any Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries has received notice of a dispute in respect of any such agreement; or
- (k) Inventory acquired in a Permitted Acquisition or which is not of the type usually sold in the ordinary course of the Borrowers' business, unless and until the Agent has completed or received (i) an appraisal of such Inventory from appraisers <u>reasonably</u> satisfactory to the Agent and establishes any Reserves (if applicable) therefor, and otherwise agrees that such Inventory shall be deemed Eligible Inventory, and (ii) such other due diligence as the Agent may require, all of the results of the foregoing to be reasonably satisfactory to the Agent.

"Eligible Wholesale Receivables" means Accounts deemed by the Agent in its Permitted Discretion to be eligible for inclusion in the calculation of the Borrowing Base arising from the sale of the Inventory of a Borrower (other than Credit Card Receivables) that satisfies the criteria set forth herein at the time of creation and continues to meet the same at the time of such determination, and in each case is acceptable to the Agent in its Permitted Discretion, and is not ineligible for inclusion in the calculation of the Borrowing Base pursuant to any of clauses (a) through (s) below as determined by the Agent in its Permitted Discretion. Without limiting the foregoing, to qualify as an Eligible Wholesale Receivable, an Account shall indicate no Person other than a Borrower as payee or remittance party. In determining the amount to be so included, the face amount of an Account shall 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 a Borrower may be obligated to rebate to a customer pursuant to the terms of any agreement or understanding (written or oral)) and (ii) the aggregate amount of all cash received in respect of such Account but not yet applied by the Borrowers to reduce the amount of such Eligible Wholesale Receivable. Except as otherwise agreed by the Agent, any Account included within any of the following categories shall not constitute an Eligible Wholesale Receivable:

- (a) Accounts that are not evidenced by an invoice;
- (b) Accounts that have been outstanding for more than thirty (30) days from the date of sale or for such other period as the Agent may determine after the Closing Date, based on the receipt by the Agent of satisfactory reporting of Accounts of Borrowers pursuant to a field examination with respect to the Accounts of Borrowers after the Closing Date;
- (c) Accounts due from any account debtor which is obligated on any accounts described in clause (b) above;

- (d) Accounts owed by an account debtor and/or its Affiliates that together exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount of all Accounts at any one time (except in the case of Accounts owed by Summit Retail Solutions Inc. for which such percentage shall be higher as of the Closing Date and thereafter, subject to reduction by the Agent from time to time upon notice to the Lead Borrower), but the portion of the Accounts of an account debtor and/or its Affiliates not in excess of the applicable percentage of the amount of all Accounts that otherwise constitute Eligible Wholesale Receivables shall be deemed Eligible Wholesale Receivables;
- (e) Accounts (i) that are not subject to a perfected first-priority security interest in favor of the Agent, or (ii) with respect to which a Borrower does not have good, valid and marketable title thereto, free and clear of any Lien (other than Liens granted to the Agent pursuant to the Security Documents);
- (f) Accounts which are disputed or with respect to which a claim, counterclaim, offset or chargeback has been asserted, but only to the extent of such dispute, counterclaim, offset or chargeback;
- (g) Accounts which arise out of any sale made not in the ordinary course of business, made on a basis other than upon credit terms usual to the business of the Borrowers or are not payable in Dollars;
- (h) Accounts which are owed by any account debtor whose principal place of business is not within the continental United States;
  - (i) Accounts which are owed by any Affiliate or any employee of a Loan Party;
- (j) Accounts for which all consents, approvals or authorizations of, or registrations or declarations with any Governmental Authority required to be obtained, effected or given in connection with the performance of such Account by the account debtor or in connection with the enforcement of such Account by the Agent have been duly obtained, effected or given and are in full force and effect;
- (k) Accounts due from an account debtor which is the subject of any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, has had a trustee or receiver appointed for all or a substantial part of its property, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors or has suspended its business;
- (l) Accounts due from any Governmental Authority 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 and any similar state legislation;
- (m) Accounts (i) owing from any Person that is also a supplier to or creditor of a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries unless such Person has waived any right of setoff in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Agent or (ii) representing any manufacturer's or supplier's credits, discounts, incentive plans or similar arrangements entitling a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries to discounts on future purchase therefrom;
- (n) Accounts arising out of sales on a bill-and-hold, guaranteed sale, sale-or-return, sale on approval or consignment basis or subject to any right of return, set off or charge back;
- (o) Accounts arising out of sales to account debtors outside the United States unless such Accounts are fully backed by an irrevocable letter of credit on terms, and issued by a financial institution, acceptable to the Agent and such irrevocable letter of credit is in the possession of, and drawable by, the Agent;

- (p) Accounts payable other than in Dollars or that are otherwise on terms other than those normal and customary in the Loan Parties' business;
  - (q) Accounts evidenced by a promissory note or other instrument;
  - (r) Accounts consisting of amounts due from vendors as rebates or allowances;
- (s) Accounts which are in excess of the credit limit for such account debtor established by the Loan Parties in the ordinary course of business and consistent with past practices;
- (t) Accounts which include extended payment terms (datings) beyond those generally furnished to other account debtors in the ordinary course of business;
- (u) Accounts with respect to which the Account Debtor is a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity; or
- (v) Accounts which the Agent determines in its Permitted Discretion to be unacceptable for borrowing.

"Environmental Laws" means any and all Federal, state, local, and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements or governmental restrictions relating to pollution and the protection of the environment or the release of any materials into the environment, including those related to hazardous substances or wastes, air emissions and discharges to waste or public systems.

"Environmental Liability" means any liability, obligation, damage, loss, claim, action, suit, judgment, order, fine, penalty, fee, expense, or cost, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of any Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal or presence of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

"Equipment" has the meaning set forth in the UCC.

"Equity Interests" means, with respect to any Person, all of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with any Loan Party within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code (and Sections

"ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan; (b) a withdrawal by any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a substantial employer (as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA) or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification to the Lead Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate that a Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate, the treatment of a plan amendment as a termination of a Pension Plan or a Multiemployer Plan under Sections 4041 or 4041A of ERISA, or the commencement of proceedings by the PBGC to terminate a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (e) an event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (f) the imposition of any liability under Title IV of ERISA, other than for PBGC premiums due but not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA, upon the Lead Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate; or (g) the determination that any Pension Plan is considered to be an "at-risk" plan, or that any Multiemployer Plan is considered to be in "endangered" or "critical" status within the meaning of Sections 430, 431 and 432 of the Code or Sections 303, 304 or 305 of ERISA.

"Erroneous Payment" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 10.28(a).

"Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 10.28.

"Erroneous Payment Impacted Loans" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 10.28(d).

"Erroneous Payment Return Deficiency" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 10.28(d).

"EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule" means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in <u>Section 8.01</u>. An Event of Default shall be deemed to be continuing unless and until that Event of Default has been <u>cured or</u> duly waived as provided in Section 10.03 hereof.

"Excess Availability" means, as of any date of determination thereof by the Agent, the result of: (a) the Loan Cap, minus (b) the aggregate unpaid balance of Credit Extensions.

"Excluded Accounts" means (a) Deposit Accounts that are specifically and exclusively used for payroll, payroll taxes and other employee wage and benefit payments to or for the benefit of any Loan Party's salaried employees, (b) Deposit Accounts that are specifically and exclusively used for paying taxes, including sales taxes, (c) Deposit Accounts used for cash collateral pursuant to clauses (c) and (d) of the definition "Permitted Encumbrances", (d) Deposit Accounts for which the aggregate balance does not exceed \$150,000 at any time outstanding, and (e) Deposit Accounts that are zero balance accounts so that no funds are maintained in such accounts for more than one (1) Business Day.

"Excluded Swap Obligation" means, with respect to any GuaranterLoan Party, any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, all or a portion of the Guarantee of such GuaranterLoan Party of, or the grant by such GuaranterLoan Party of a security interest to secure, 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 for any reason to constitute an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder at the time the

Guarantee of such Guaranter Loan Party or the grant of such security interest becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation. 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 Agent, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of the Loan Parties hereunder, (a) taxes imposed on or measured by its overall net income (however denominated), and franchise taxes, in each case, (i) imposed on it (in lieu of net income taxes), by the jurisdiction (or any political subdivision thereof) under the laws of which such recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable Lending Office is located or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) any branch profits taxes imposed by the United States or any similar tax imposed by any other jurisdiction in which any Loan Party is located, (c) in the case of a Foreign Lender (other than an assignee pursuant to a request by the Lead Borrower under Section 10.13), any withholding tax that is imposed on amounts payable to such Foreign Lender at the time such Foreign Lender becomes a party hereto (or designates a new Lending Office) or is attributable to such Foreign Lender's failure or inability (other than as a result of a Change in Law) to comply with Section 3.01(e), 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 from the Loan Parties with respect to such withholding tax pursuant to Section 3.01(a), (d) any U.S. federal, state or local backup withholding tax, and (e) any U.S. federal withholding tax imposed under FATCA.

"Executive Order" has the meaning set forthspecified in Section 10.18.

"Existing Credit Agreement" means the Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of May 14, 2014, between Siena Lending Group LLC, as Lender, and SAC Acquisition LLC, as assumed by the Lead Borrower and as amended from time to time prior to the date hereof.

"Extraordinary Receipt" means any cash received by or paid to or for the account of any Person not in the ordinary course of business, including tax refunds, pension plan reversions, proceeds of insurance (other than proceeds of business interruption insurance to the extent such proceeds constitute compensation for lost earnings), condemnation awards (and payments in lieu thereof), indemnity payments and any purchase price adjustments.

"Facility Guaranty" means the Guaranty made by the Guarantors in favor of the Agent and the other Credit Parties, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, as the same now exists or may hereafter be executed, delivered, amended, modified, supplemented, renewed, restated or replaced.

"FATCA" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the <a href="#RCCode">IRCCode</a>, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with) <a href="mailto:and">and</a>, any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, <a href="mailto:any agreements">any agreements</a> entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code, and <a href="mailto:any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules, or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention among Governmental Authorities and implementing such Sections of the Code.

"Factored Receivables" means any Accounts originally owed or owing by a Loan Party to another Person which have been purchased by or factored with Wells Fargo or any of its Affiliates pursuant to a factoring arrangement or otherwise with the Person that sold the goods or rendered the services to the Loan Party which gave rise to such Account. "Federal Funds Rate" means, for any dayperiod, thea fluctuating interest rate per annum equal to, for each day during such period, the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers on such day, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the Business Day next succeeding such day; provided that (a), or, if such dayrate is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rateso published for suchany day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next preceding Business Day as so published on the next succeeding Business Day, and (b) if no such rate is so published on such next succeedingwhich is a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be the average rate (rounded upward, if necessary, to a whole multiple of 1/100 of 1%) charged to Wells Fargo on of the quotations for such day on such transactions as determined received by the Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by the Agent (and, if any such rate is below zero, then the rate determined pursuant to this definition shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement).

"Fee Letter" means the letter agreement, dated of even date herewith, among the Lead Borrower, the Agent and the Arranger. Amendment No. 6 Fee Letter, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, renewed, restated or replaced.

"Fiscal Month" means any fiscal month of any Fiscal Year, which month shall generally end on the Sunday closest to the last day of each calendar month in accordance with the fiscal accounting calendar of the Loan Parties.

"Fiscal Quarter" means any fiscal quarter of any Fiscal Year, which quarters shall generally end on the Sunday closest to the last day of each of April, July, October and January of such Fiscal Year in accordance with the fiscal accounting calendar of the Loan Parties.

"Fiscal Year" means any period of twelve (12) consecutive months ending on the Sunday closest to January 31 of any calendar year.

"Floor" means a rate of interest equal to 0%.

"Foreign Asset Assets Control Regulations" has the meaning set forthspecified in Section 10.18.

"Foreign Lender" means any Lender that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Lead Borrower is resident for tax purposes. For purposes of this definition, the United States, each State thereof and the District of Columbia shall be deemed to constitute a single jurisdiction.

"Foreign Vendor" means a Person that sells In-Transit Inventory to a Borrower.

"Foreign Vendor Agreement" means an agreement between a Foreign Vendor and the Agent in form and substance <u>reasonably</u> satisfactory to the Agent and pursuant to which, among other things, the parties shall agree upon their relative rights with respect to In-Transit Inventory of a Borrower purchased from such Foreign Vendor.

"FRB" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.

"Freight Forwarder Agreement" means an agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, among a Borrower, a Freight Forwarder or other carrier, and the Agent, in which the Freight Forwarder acknowledges that it has control over and holds the documents evidencing

to hold and dispose of the subject Inventory solely as directed by the Agent and providing for such other rights with respect thereto as Agent may reasonably require.

"Freight Forwarders" means the persons as may be selected by any Borrower who are reasonably acceptable to the Agent to handle the receipt of Inventory within the United States of America and/or to clear Inventory through the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (formerly the Customs Service) or other domestic or foreign export control authorities or otherwise perform port of entry services to process Inventory imported by the Borrowers and the Guarantors from outside the United States of America; each sometimes being referred to herein individually as a "Freight Forwarder".

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

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

"Guarantee" means, as to any Person, (a) any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation payable or performable by another Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of such Person, direct or indirect, (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance of such Indebtedness or other obligation, (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity or level of income or cash flow of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation, or (iv) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part), or (b) any Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other obligation is assumed by such Person (or any right, contingent or otherwise, of any holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien). The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the guaranteeing Person in good faith. The term "Guarantee" as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guarantor" means the Parent and each Subsidiary of the Parent Lead Borrower that shall be required to execute and deliver a Facility Guaranty pursuant to Section 6.12.

"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.

1	"Increase Effective Date" shall have the meaning provided therefor in Section 2.15.
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"Indebtedness" means, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP:

- (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money and all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;
- (b) the maximum amount of all direct or contingent obligations of such Person arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments;
  - (c) net obligations of such Person under any Swap Contract;
- (d) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business and, in each case, not past due for more than sixty (60) days after the date on which such trade account payable was created);
- (e) indebtedness (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse;
- (f) indebtedness of such Person (i) in respect of any Capital Lease Obligations of any Person, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, and (b) in respect of any Synthetic Lease Obligations, the capitalized amount of the remaining lease or similar payments under the relevant lease or other applicable agreement or instrument that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP if such lease, agreement or instrument were accounted for as a capital lease;
- (g) all obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment in respect of any Equity Interest in such Person or any other Person (including, without limitation, Disqualified Stock, or any warrant, right or option to acquire such Equity Interest, valued, in the case of a redeemable preferred interest, at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference <u>plus</u> accrued and unpaid dividends; and
  - (h) all Guarantees of such Person in respect of any of the foregoing.

For all purposes hereof, the Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, unless such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to such Person. The amount of any net obligation under any Swap Contract on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date.

"Indemnified Taxes" means Taxes other than Excluded Taxes.

"Indemnitees Indemnitee" has the meaning specified in Section 10.04(b).

"Information" has the meaning specified in Section 10.07.

"Intellectual Property" means all present and future: trade secrets, know-how and other proprietary information; trademarks, trademark applications, internet domain names, service marks, trade

and combinations of the foregoing) indicia and other source and/or business identifiers, and all registrations or applications for registrations which have heretofore been or may hereafter be issued thereon throughout the world; copyrights and copyright applications; (including copyrights for computer programs) and all tangible and intangible property embodying the copyrights, unpatented inventions (whether or not patentable); patents and patent applications; industrial design applications and registered industrial designs; license agreements related to any of the foregoing and income therefrom; books, customer lists, records, writings, computer tapes or disks, flow diagrams, specification sheets, computer software, source codes, object codes, executable code, data, databases and other physical manifestations, embodiments or incorporations of any of the foregoing; all other intellectual property; and all common law and other rights throughout the world in and to all of the foregoing.

"Intercreditor Provisions" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01(q).

"Intellectual Property Security Agreements" means the Trademark Security Agreement and Patent Security Agreement, each dated as of the Closing Date, among the Loan Parties and the Agent, granting a Lien in the Intellectual Property and certain other assets of the Loan Parties, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, renewed, restated or replaced.

"Interest Payment Date" means, (a) as to any <a href="LIBO RateSOFR">LIBO RateSOFR</a> Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to such Loan and the Maturity Date; provided, however, that if any Interest Period for a <a href="LIBO RateSOFR">LIBO RateSOFR</a> Loan exceeds three months, the respective dates that fall every three months after the beginning of such Interest Period shall also be Interest Payment Dates; and (b) as to any Base Rate Loan (including a Swing Line Loan), the first day after the end of each month and the Maturity Date.

"Interest Period" means, as to each LIBO Rate any SOFR Loan, the period commencing on the date such LIBO Rate SOFR Loan is disbursed or converted to or continued as a LIBO Rate SOFR Loan and ending on the date one, two, or three months thereafter, as selected by the Lead Borrower in its LIBO Rate SOFR Loan Notice; provided that:

- (a) interest shall accrue at the applicable rate based upon Term SOFR, from and including the first day of each Interest Period to, but excluding, the day on which any Interest Period expires;
- (b) (a) any Interest Period that would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such Business Day falls in another calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day;
- (c) (b) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such that is one or three months after the date on which the Interest Period; began, as applicable,
  - (d) (e) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Maturity Date; and
- (d) notwithstanding the provisions of clause (c), no Interest Period shall have a duration of less than one (1) month, and if any Interest Period applicable to a LIBO Borrowing would be for a shorter period, such Interest Period shall not be available hereunder.
- (e) no tenor that has been removed from this definition (and not reinstated) pursuant to Section 3.03(b)(iv) shall be available for specification in any SOFR Loan Notice or conversion or continuation notice.

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.

"Internal Control Event" means a material weakness in, or fraud that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in, the <a href="ParentLead Borrower">ParentLead Borrower</a>'s and/or its Subsidiaries' internal controls over financial reporting, in each case as described in the Securities Laws (provided, that, in the case of such a material weakness, if such weakness has been corrected, it shall cease to constitute an Internal Control Event).

"In-Transit Inventory" means Inventory of a Borrower which is in the possession of a common carrier and is in transit from a Foreign Vendor of a Borrower from a location outside of the continental United States to a location of a Borrower that is within the continental United States.

"Inventory" has the meaning given that term in the UCC, and shall also include, without limitation, all: (a) goods which (i) are leased by a Person as lessor, (ii) are held by a Person for sale or lease or to be furnished under a contract of service, (iii) are furnished by a Person under a contract of service, or (iv) consist of raw materials, work in process, or materials used or consumed in a business; (b) goods of said description in transit; (c) goods of said description which are returned, repossessed or rejected; and (d) packaging, advertising, and shipping materials related to any of the foregoing.

"Inventory Reserves" means such reserves as may be established from time to time by the Agent in its Permitted Discretion with respect to the determination of the salability, at retail, of the Eligible Inventory, which reflect such other factors as affect the market value of the Eligible Inventory or which reflect claims and liabilities that the Agent determines will need to be satisfied in connection with the realization upon such Inventory. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Inventory Reserves may, in the Agent's Permitted Discretion, include (but are not limited to) reserves based on: (a) obsolescence; (b) seasonality; (c) Shrink; (d) imbalance; (e) change in Inventory character; (f) change in Inventory composition; (g) change in Inventory mix; (h) markdowns (both permanent and point of sale); (i) retail markdowns and markups inconsistent with prior period practice and performance, industry standards, current business plans or advertising calendar and planned advertising events; and (j) out-of-date and/or expired Inventory.

"Investment" means, as to any Person, any direct or indirect acquisition or investment by such Person, whether by means of (a) the purchase or other acquisition of Equity Interests of another Person, (b) a loan, advance or capital contribution to, Guarantee or assumption of debt of, or purchase or other acquisition of any other debt or interest in, another Person, or (c) any Acquisition, or (d) any other investment of money or capital in order to obtain a profitable return. For purposes of covenant compliance, the amount of any Investment shall be the amount actually invested, without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment.

"IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"ISP" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the International Standby Practices 1998 (International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 590) and any subsequent revision thereof adopted by the International Chamber of Commerce on the date such Letter of Credit is issued.

"Issuer Documents" means with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Letter Credit Application, the Standby Letter of Credit Agreement or Commercial Letter of Credit Agreement, as applicable, and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by the L/C Issuer and the Borrower (or any Subsidiary) or in favor of the L/C Issuer and relating to any such Letter of Credit.

"Joinder" means an agreement, in form <u>reasonably</u> satisfactory to the Agent pursuant to which, among other things, a Person becomes a party to, and bound by the terms of, this Agreement and/or the other Loan Documents in the same capacity and to the same extent as either a Borrower or a Guarantor, as the Agent may determine.

"Landlord Lien State" means such state(s) in which a landlord's claim for rent may have priority over the Lien of the Agent in any of the Collateralapplicable.

"Laws" means each international, foreign, Federal, state and local statute, treaty, rule, guideline, regulation, ordinance, code and administrative or judicial precedent or authority, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and each applicable administrative order, directed duty, request, license, authorization and permit of, and agreement with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law.

"L/C Credit Extension" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the issuance thereof or extension of the expiry date thereof, or the increase of the amount thereof, or the renewal thereof.

"L/C Issuer" means Wells Fargo in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, or any successor issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder (which successor may only be a Lender selected by the Agent and the Lead Borrower in itstheir discretion). The L/C Issuer may, in its discretion and with the consent of the Lead Borrower, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by Affiliates of the L/C Issuer and/or for such Affiliate to act as an advising, transferring, confirming and/or nominated bank in connection with the issuance or administration of any such Letter of Credit, in which case the term "L/C Issuer" shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate.

"L/C Obligations" means, as at any date of determination, the aggregate undrawn amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit. For purposes of computing the amounts available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of any Rule under the ISP or any article of the UCP, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" in the amount so remaining available to be drawn.

"Lead Borrower" has the meaning assigned to such termspecified in the preamble of this Agreement.

"Lease" means any <u>written</u> agreement, whether written or oral, no matter how styled or structured, pursuant to which a Loan Party is entitled to the use or occupancy of any space in a structure, land, improvements or premises for any period of time.

"Lender" has and "Lenders" have the meaningmeanings specified in the introductory paragraph heretopreamble of this Agreement and, as the context requires, includes the Swing Line Lender.

"Lending Office" means, as to any Lender, the office or offices of such Lender described as such in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire, or such other office or offices as a Lender may from time to time notify the Borrower and the Agent.

"Letter of Credit" means each Standby Letter of Credit and each Commercial Letter of Credit issued hereunder.

"Letter of Credit Application" means an application for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit in the form from time to time in use by the L/C Issuer.

"Letter of Credit Disbursement" means a payment made by the L/C Issuer pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

"Letter of Credit Expiration Date" means the day that is seven (7) days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day).

"Letter of Credit Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(1).

"Letter of Credit Indemnified Costs" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(f).

"Letter of Credit Related Person" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(f).

"Letter of Credit Sublimit" means an amount equal to \$500,0001,000,000. The Letter of Credit Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Commitments. A permanent reduction of the Aggregate Commitments shall not require a corresponding pro rata reduction in the Letter of Credit Sublimit; provided, however, that if the Aggregate Commitments are reduced to an amount less than the Letter of Credit Sublimit, then the Letter of Credit Sublimit shall be reduced to an amount equal to (or, at the Lead Borrower's option, less than) the Aggregate Commitments.

"LIBO Borrowing" means a Borrowing comprised of LIBO Rate Loans.

"LIBO Rate" means for any Interest Period with respect to a LIBO Rate Loan, the rate per annum rate which appears on the Reuters Screen LIBOR01 page as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on the second London Business Day preceding the first day of such Interest Period (or if such rate does not appear on the Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page, then the rate as determined by the Agent from another recognized source or interbank quotation), for a term, and in an amount, comparable to the Interest Period and the amount of the LIBO Rate Loan requested (whether as an initial LIBO Rate Loan or as a continuation of a LIBO Rate Loan or as a conversion of a Base Rate Loan to a LIBO Rate Loan) by Borrowers in accordance with this Agreement (and, if any such rate is below zero, the LIBO Rate shall be deemed to be zero), which determination shall be made by Agent and shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. If such rate is not available at such time for any reason, then the "LIBO Rate" for such Interest Period shall be the rate per annum determined by the Agent to be the rate at which deposits in Dollars for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period in same day funds in the approximate amount of the LIBO Rate Loan being made, continued or converted by Wells Fargo and with a term equivalent to such Interest Period would be offered to Wells Fargo by major banks in the London interbank eurodollar market in which Wells Fargo participates at their request at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period.

"LIBO Rate Loan" means a Committed Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the Adjusted LIBO Rate.

"LIBO Rate Loan Notice" means a notice for a LIBO Borrowing or continuation pursuant to Section 2.02(b), which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

"Lien" means (a) any mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge, or preference, priority or other security

(including any conditional sale, Capital Lease Obligation, Synthetic Lease Obligation, or other title retention agreement, any easement, right of way or other encumbrance on title to real property, and any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) and (b) in the case of securities, any purchase option, call or similar right of a third party with respect to such securities.

"Liquidation" means the exercise by the Agent of those rights and remedies accorded to the Agent under the Loan Documents and applicable Law as a creditor of the Loan Parties with respect to the realization on the Collateral, including (after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default) the conduct by the Loan Parties acting with the consent of the Agent, of any public, private or "going out of business", "store closing", or other similarly themed sale or other disposition of the Collateral for the purpose of liquidating the Collateral. Derivations of the word "Liquidation" (such as "Liquidate") are used with like meaning in this Agreement.

"Loan" means an extension of credit by a Lender to the Borrowers under <u>Article II</u> in the form of a Committed Loan or a Swing Line Loan.

"Loan Account" has the meaning assigned to such termspecified in Section 2.11(a).

"Loan Cap" means, at any time of determination, the lesser of (a) the Aggregate Commitments or, and (b) the Borrowing Base.

"Loan Documents" means this Agreement, each Note, each Issuer Document, the Fee Letter, all Borrowing Base Certificates, the Control Agreements, the Credit Card Notifications, the Security Documents, the Facility Guaranty, each Request for Credit Extension, and any other instrument or agreement now or hereafter executed and delivered in connection herewith, or in connection with any transaction arising out of any Cash Management Services and Bank Products provided by the Agent or any of its Affiliates, each as amended and in effect from time to time; provided that for purposes of the definition of "Material Adverse Effect" and Article VII, the term "Loan Documents" shall not include agreements relating to Cash Management Services and Bank Products.

"Loan Parties" means, collectively, the Borrowers and the Guarantors.

"London Business Day" means a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London, England.

"Material Adverse Effect" means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, properties, liabilities (actual or contingent), or financial condition of any Loan Party and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; (b) a material impairment of the ability of any Loan Party to perform its obligations under any Loan Document to which it is a party; or (c) a material impairment of the rights and remedies of the Agent or any Lender under any Loan Document or a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against any Loan Party of any Loan Document to which it is a party. In determining whether any individual event would result in a Material Adverse Effect, notwithstanding that such event in and of itself does not have such effect, a Material Adverse Effect shall be deemed to have occurred if the cumulative effect of such event and all other then existing events would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

"Material Contract" means, with respect to any Person, each contract to which such Person is a party involving aggregate consideration payable to or by such Person of \$500,0004,000,000 or more in any Fiscal Year or otherwise material to the business, condition (financial or otherwise), operations, performance, properties or prospects of such Person. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, purchase orders for equipment or inventory entered into in the ordinary course of business

shall not constitute a "Material Contract".

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"Material Indebtedness" means Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) of the Loan Parties in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$500,0004,000,000. For purposes of determining the amount of Material Indebtedness at any time, (a) the amount of the obligations in respect of any Swap Contract at such time shall be calculated at the Swap Termination Value thereof, (b) undrawn committed or available amounts shall be included, and (c) all amounts owing to all creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement shall be included.

"Maturity Date" means February 6 March 25, 2023 2024.

"Maximum Rate" has the meaning provided therefore pecified in Section 10.09.

"Monthly Average Excess Availability" means, at any time, the average of the aggregate amount of Excess Availability for the immediately preceding Fiscal Month as calculated by the Agent.

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

"Multiemployer Plan" means any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which the Lead Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the preceding five plan years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.

"Net Proceeds" means, with respect to any Disposition by any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Extraordinary Receipt received or paid to the account of any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, the excess, if any, of (i) the sum of cash and cash equivalents actually received by any Loan Party in connection with such transaction (including any cash or cash equivalents received by way of deferred payment pursuant to, or by monetization of, a note receivable or otherwise, but only as and when so received) over (ii) the sum of (A) the principal amount of any Indebtedness that is secured by the applicable asset by a Lien permitted hereunder which is senior to the Agent's Lien on such asset and that is required to be repaid (or to establish an escrow for the future repayment thereof) in connection with such transaction (other than Indebtedness under the Loan Documents) and (B) the reasonable and customary out-of-pocket expenses incurred by such Loan Party or such Subsidiary in connection with such transaction (including, without limitation, appraisals, and brokerage, legal, title and recording or transfer tax expenses and commissions) paid by any Loan Party to third parties (other than Affiliates)).

"Net Recovery Percentage" means the fraction, expressed as a percentage (a) the numerator of which is the amount equal to the recovery on the aggregate amount of the applicable category of Eligible Inventory at such time on a "net orderly liquidation value" basis as set forth in the most recent acceptable inventory appraisal received by Agent in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, net of operating expenses, liquidation expenses and commissions reasonably anticipated in the disposition of such assets and (b) the denominator of which is the original cost of the aggregate amount of the Eligible Inventory subject to such appraisal.

"Non-Consenting Lender" has the meaning provided therefore specified in Section 10.01.

"Non-Defaulting Lender" means each Lender other than a Defaulting Lender.

"Note" means (a) a promissory note made by the Borrowers in favor of a Lender evidencing Committed Loans made by such Lender, substantially in the form of Exhibit C-1, and (b) the Swing Line Note, as each may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time. As of the Amendment No. 6 Effective Date, neither the Swing Line Lender nor any Lender has requested the issuance of any Note.

"Obligations" means (a) all advances to, and debts (including principal, interest, fees, costs, and expenses), liabilities, obligations, covenants, indemnities, and duties of, any Loan Party arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit (including payments in respect of reimbursement of disbursements, interest thereon and obligations to provide cash collateral therefor), whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest, fees, costs, expenses and indemnities that accrue after the commencement by or against any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest ,fees, costs, expenses and indemnities are allowed claims in such proceeding, and (b) any Other Liabilities; provided, that, the Obligations shall not include any Excluded Swap Obligations.

"OFAC" means the U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control.

"Organization Documents" means, (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating agreement or limited liability company agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity, and (d) in each case, all shareholder or other equity holder agreements, voting trusts and similar arrangements to which such Person is.

"Other Connection Taxes" means, with respect to any recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such recipient having executed, delivered, become a party or which is applicable to, performed its Equity Interests and all other arrangements relatingobligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to the Control or management of such Personenforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).

"Other Liabilities" means (a) any obligation on account of (i) any Cash Management Services furnished to any of the Loan Parties or any of their Subsidiaries and/or (ii) any transaction with the Agent or any of its Affiliates, which arises out of any Bank Product entered into with any Loan Party and any such Person, as each may be amended from time to time.

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp, <u>court</u> or documentary taxes <u>or any other excise</u> <u>or property taxes</u>, intangible, recording, filing or similar <u>levies arising</u>Taxes that arise from any payment made <u>hereunder or</u> under <u>any other Loan Document or</u>, from the execution, delivery <u>or</u>, <u>performance</u>, enforcement <u>of</u> or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, <u>this Agreement or</u> any <u>other</u> Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are <u>Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 10.13).</u>

"Outstanding Amount" means (a) with respect to Committed Loans and Swing Line Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of Committed Loans and Swing Line Loans, as the case may be, occurring on such date; and (b) with respect to any L/C Obligations on any date, the amount of such L/C Obligations on such date after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension or any reimbursement of any drawing under

any Letter of Credit, in each case, occurring on such date and any other changes in the aggregate amount of the L/C Obligations as of such date.

"Overadvance" means a Credit Extension to the extent that, immediately after its having been made, Excess Availability is less than zero.

"Parent" means SAC Acquisition LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Participant" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(d).

"Participant Register" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(d).

"Patriot Act" shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.17.

"Payment Conditions" means with respect to any transaction or payment the following:

- (a) as of the date of any such transaction or payment, and after giving effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall exist or have occurred and be continuing,
- (b) as of the date of any such transaction or payment, and after giving effect thereto, (i) in the case of an Acquisition, Investment or other transaction or payment (other than a Restricted Payment), on a pro forma basis, Excess Availability (using the most recent calculation of the Borrowing Base immediately prior to any such transaction or payment) shall be not less than the greater of fiftyforty percent (50.040.0%) of the Loan Cap or \$7,500,000, or (ii) in the case of a Restricted Payment, on a pro forma basis, Excess Availability (using the most recent calculation of the Borrowing Base immediately prior to any such transaction or payment) shall be not less than the greater of fortythirty percent (40.030.0%) of the Loan Cap or \$6,000,000,
- (c) receipt by Agent of projections for the nine (9) month period after the date of such transaction or payment showing, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such transaction or payment, minimum Excess Availability at all times during such period of not less than the applicable amount under clause (b) above, and
- (d) the Agent shall have received a certificate of a Responsible Officer of Lead Borrower certifying as to compliance with the preceding clauses and demonstrating (in reasonable detail) the calculations required thereby.

"Payment Recipient" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 10.28(a).

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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"PCAOB" means the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

"Pension Plan" means any "employee pension benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA), other than a Multiemployer Plan, that is subject to Title IV of ERISA and is sponsored or maintained by the Lead Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate or to which the Lead Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate contributes or has an obligation to contribute, or in the case of a multiple employer or other plan described in Section 4064(a) of ERISA, has made contributions at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years.

"Permitted Acquisition" means an Acquisition in which all of the following conditions are

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- (a) such Acquisition shall have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Person (or similar governing body if such Person is not a corporation) which is the subject of such Acquisition and such Person shall not have announced that it will oppose such Acquisition or shall not have commenced any action which alleges that such Acquisition shall violate applicable Law;
- (b) the Lead Borrower shall have furnished the Agent with thirty (30) days' (or such shorter period as may be agreed by Agent) prior written notice of such intended Acquisition and shall have furnished the Agent with a current draft of the acquisition documents (and final copies thereof as and when executed and delivered), a summary of any due diligence undertaken by the Loan Parties in connection with such Acquisition, appropriate financial statements of the Person which is the subject of such Acquisition, pro forma projected financial statements for the twelve (12) month period following such Acquisition after giving effect to such Acquisition (including balance sheets, cash flows and income statements by month for the acquired Person, individually, and on a Consolidated basis with all Loan Parties), and such other information as the Agent may reasonably require, all of which shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Agent;
- (c) either (i) the legal structure of the Acquisition shall be acceptable to the Agent in its discretion, or (ii) the Loan Parties shall have provided the Agent with a favorable solvency opinion from an unaffiliated third party valuation firm reasonably satisfactory to the Agent;
- (d) after giving effect to the Acquisition, if the Acquisition is an Acquisition of the Equity Interests, a Loan Party shall acquire and own, directly or indirectly, a majority of the Equity Interests in the Person being acquired and shall Control a majority of any voting interests or shall otherwise Control the governance of the Person being acquired;
- (e) any assets acquired shall be utilized in, and if the Acquisition involves a merger, consolidation or Acquisition of Equity Interests, the Person which is the subject of such Acquisition shall be engaged in, a business otherwise permitted to be engaged in by a Borrower under this Agreement;
- (f) if the Person which is the subject of such Acquisition will be maintained as a Subsidiary of a Loan Party, or if the assets acquired in an acquisition will be transferred to a Subsidiary which is not then a Loan Party, such Subsidiary shall have been joined as a "Borrower" hereunder or as a "Guarantor," as the Agent shall determine, and the Agent shall have received a first priority security interest (subject to Permitted Encumbrances) in such Subsidiary's Equity Interests, Inventory, Accounts and other property of the same nature as constitutes collateral under the Security Documents;
- (g) the total consideration paid for all such Acquisitions (whether in cash, tangible property, notes or other property) after the Closing Date shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$1,000,000[intentionally omitted]; and
- (h) as of the date of any such Acquisition, and after giving effect thereto, each of the Payment Conditions is satisfied.

"Permitted Discretion" means, as used in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents with reference to the Agent, a determination made in good faith in the exercise of its reasonable business judgment based on how an asset-based lender with similar rights providing a credit facility of the type set forth herein would act in similar circumstances at the time with the information then available to it.

"Permitted Disposition" means any of the following:

(a) Dispositions of inventory in the ordinary course of business;

- (b) bulk sales of other Dispositions of the Inventory of a Loan Party not in the ordinary course of business in connection with Store closings, at arm's length, provided, that, (i) such Store closures and related Dispositions of Inventory shall not exceed (A) in any Fiscal Year of the ParentLead Borrower and its Subsidiaries, ten percent (10%) of the number of the Loan Parties' Stores as of the beginning of such Fiscal Year (net of new Store openings) and (B) in the aggregate from and after the Closing Date, fifteen percent (15%) of the number of the Loan Parties' Stores in existence as of the Closing Date (net of new Store openings), (ii) all sales of Inventory in connection with Store closings shall be in accordance with liquidation agreements and with professional liquidators reasonably acceptable to the Agent, and (iii) all Net Proceeds received in connection therewith are applied to the Obligations if then required in accordance with Section 2.05 hereof;
- (c) non-exclusive licenses of Intellectual Property of a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (d) licenses for the conduct of licensed departments within the Loan Parties' Stores in the ordinary course of business; provided, that, if requested by the Agent, the Agent shall have entered into an intercreditor agreement with the Person operating such licensed department on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Agent;
- (e) Dispositions of Equipment in the ordinary course of business that is substantially worn, damaged, obsolete or, in the judgment of a Loan Party, no longer useful or necessary in its business or that of any Subsidiary and is not replaced with similar property having at least equivalent value;
- (f) sales, transfers and Dispositions among the Loan Parties (other than to Parent Lead Borrower except as permitted as a Permitted Investment) or by any Subsidiary to a Loan Party; and
- (g) sales, transfers and Dispositions by any Subsidiary which is not a Loan Party to another Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party-; and
- (h) other Dispositions for cash payable upon the consummation of such Disposition in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 during any Fiscal Year.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means:

- (a) Liens imposed by law for Taxes that are not yet due or are being contested in compliance with Section 6.04;
- (b) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's and other like Liens imposed by applicable Law, arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations that are not overdue or are being contested in compliance with Section 6.04;
- (c) pledges and deposits of cash or Cash Equivalents made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations, other than any Lien imposed by ERISA;
- (d) deposits of cash or Cash Equivalents to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts and leases (other than Indebtedness), statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
  - (e) Liens in respect of judgments that would not constitute an Event of Default hereunder;

- (f) easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, building code laws, 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 materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of a Loan Party and such other minor title defects or survey matters that are disclosed by current surveys that, in each case, do not materially interfere with the current use of the real property;
- (g) Liens existing on the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date and listed on Schedule 7.01 and any Liens securing Indebtedness that is a Permitted Refinancing of the Indebtedness securing such Liens existing on the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date and listed on such schedule;
- (h) Liens on fixed or capital assets acquired by any Loan Party which are permitted under clause (c) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness so long as (i) such Liens and the Indebtedness secured thereby are incurred prior to or within ninety (90) days after such acquisition, (ii) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost of acquisition of such fixed or capital assets and (iii) such Liens shall not extend to any other property or assets of the Loan Parties;
  - (i) Liens in favor of the Agent;
- (j) (i) statutory Liens of landlords and lessors in respect of rent not in default, and (ii) consensual liens of record filed by landlords, as secured parties, against Loan Parties, provided, that such Lien (A) only secures rent and other charges in respect of that specific location, (B) [intentionally omitted], and (C) the total amount of rent and other charges secured by all such Liens at any time does not exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate (for the avoidance of doubt, the Lien evidenced by UCC filing no. 2020 1233024 with the Delaware Secretary of State, in favor of Crossgates Mall General Company Newco, LLC, as a landlord against Borrower, as a tenant, shall be included in the calculation made in respect of clause (C) hereof);
- (k) possessory Liens in favor of brokers and dealers arising in connection with the acquisition or disposition of Investments owned as of the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date and Permitted Investments, provided that such liens (a) attach only to such Investments and (b) secure only obligations incurred in the ordinary course and arising in connection with the acquisition or disposition of such Investments and not any obligation in connection with margin financing;
- (1) Liens arising solely by virtue of any statutory or common law provisions relating to banker's liens, liens in favor of securities intermediaries, rights of setoff or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts or securities accounts or other funds maintained with depository institutions or securities intermediaries;
- (m) Liens arising from precautionary UCC filings regarding "true" operating leases or, to the extent permitted under the Loan Documents, the consignment of goods to a Loan Party;
- (n) voluntary Liens on property (other than property of the type included in the Borrowing Base) in existence at the time such property is acquired pursuant to a Permitted Acquisition or on such property of a Subsidiary of a Loan Party in existence at the time such Subsidiary is acquired pursuant to a Permitted Acquisition; provided, that, such Liens are not incurred in connection with or in anticipation of such Permitted Acquisition and do not attach to any other assets of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary;
- (o) Liens in favor of customs and revenues authorities imposed by applicable Law arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with the importation of goods solely to the extent the following conditions are satisfied: (i) such Liens secure obligations that are being contested in good faith

by appropriate proceedings, (ii) the applicable Loan Party or Subsidiary has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP and (iii) such contest effectively suspends collection of the contested obligation and enforcement of any Lien securing such obligation; or

(p) <u>Liens securing Indebtedness (other than for borrowed money) permitted to be incurred</u> pursuant to clause (j) of the "Permitted Indebtedness" definition.

"Permitted Indebtedness" means each of the following as long as no Default or Event of Default exists or would arise from the incurrence thereof:

- (a) Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date and listed on Schedule 7.03 and any Permitted Refinancing thereof;
  - (b) Indebtedness of any Loan Party to any other Loan Party;
- (c) purchase money Indebtedness of any Loan Party to finance the acquisition of any personal property consisting solely of fixed or capital assets, including Capital Lease Obligations, and any Indebtedness assumed in connection with the acquisition of any such assets or secured by a Lien on any such assets prior to the acquisition thereof, and Permitted Refinancings thereof, provided, that, (i) the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this clause (c) shall not exceed \$250,0002,000,000 at any time outstanding and (ii) if requested by the Agent, the Loan Parties shall, subject to the terms of the applicable Lease, use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the holders of such Indebtedness to enter into a Collateral Access Agreement on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Agent;
- (d) obligations (contingent or otherwise) of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof existing or arising under any Swap Contract, <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>, (i) such obligations are (or were) entered into by such Person in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of directly mitigating risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates or foreign exchange rates, and not for purposes of speculation or taking a "market view;" and (ii) the aggregate Swap Termination Value thereof shall not exceed \$100,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (e) contingent liabilities under surety bonds or similar instruments incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with the construction or improvement of Stores;
- (f) Indebtedness incurred for the construction or acquisition or improvement of, or to finance or to refinance, any Real Estate owned by any Loan Party (including therein any Indebtedness incurred in connection with sale-leaseback transactions permitted hereunder and any Synthetic Lease Obligations), provided, that, (i) all Net Proceeds received in connection with any such Indebtedness are applied to the Obligations, and (ii) the Loan Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the holders of such Indebtedness and the lessors under any sale-leaseback transaction, subject to the terms of the applicable Lease, to enter into a Collateral Access Agreement on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Agent;
- (g) Indebtedness with respect to the deferred purchase price for any Permitted Acquisition, provided, that, such Indebtedness does not require the payment in cash of principal (other than in respect of working capital adjustments) prior to the Maturity Date, has a maturity which extends beyond the Maturity Date, and is subordinated to the Obligations on terms reasonably acceptable to the Agent;
- (h) Indebtedness of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary of a Loan Party in a Permitted Acquisition, which Indebtedness is existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of a Loan

Party (other than Indebtedness incurred solely in contemplation of such Person's becoming a Subsidiary of a Loan Party);

- (i) the Obligations; and
- (j) Indebtedness not otherwise specifically described herein in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$250,000 at any time outstanding.

"Permitted Investments" means each of the following as long as no Default or Event of Default exists or would arise from the making of such Investment:

- (a) Investments in cash and Cash Equivalents, provided, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, no Investments in each or Cash Equivalents or additional Investments in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents in each case shall be permitted, except if no Loans are then outstanding and no Letters of Credit are outstanding which have not been Cash Collateralized if then required to be Cash Collateralized, except, that, notwithstanding that any Loans are outstanding (or such Letters of Credit), a Loan Party may from time to time in the ordinary course of business consistent with its current practices as of the date hereof make deposits of cash or other immediately available funds with proceeds of Revolving Loans in operating demand Deposit Accounts used for disbursements to the extent required to provide funds for amounts drawn or anticipated to be drawn shortly on such accounts and such funds may be held in Cash Equivalents consisting of overnight investments until so drawn (so long as (i) such funds and Cash Equivalents are not held more than two (2) Business Days from the date of the initial deposit thereof) and there may be deposits of cash in Collection Accounts prior to the transfer thereof to the Concentration Account and from the Concentration Account to the Agent Payment Account as provided for herein and (ii) so long as such Investments are pledged to the Agent as additional collateral for the Obligations pursuant to such agreements as may be reasonably required by the Agent);
- (b) Investments existing on the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date, and set forth on Schedule 7.02, but not any increase in the amount thereof or any other modification of the terms thereof;
- (c) (i) Investments by any Loan Party and its Subsidiaries in their respective Subsidiaries outstanding on the ClosingAmendment No. 6 Effective Date, (ii) additional Investments by any Loan Party and its Subsidiaries in Loan Parties (other than the ParentLead Borrower), (iii) additional Investments by Subsidiaries of the Loan Parties that are not Loan Parties in other Subsidiaries that are not Loan Parties and (iv) additional Investments by the Loan Parties in Subsidiaries that are not Loan Parties, provided, that, as of the date of any such Investment and after giving effect thereto, (A) the aggregate amount of all such additional Investments subject to this clause (iv) shall not exceed \$250,0002,000,000 at any time outstanding and (B) each of the Payment Conditions is satisfied and in no event shall any such Investment be made with any asset or property other than cash or Cash Equivalents;
- (d) Investments consisting of extensions of credit in the nature of accounts receivable or notes receivable arising from the grant of trade credit in the ordinary course of business, and Investments received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof from financially troubled account debtors to the extent reasonably necessary in order to prevent or limit loss;
  - (e) Guarantees constituting Permitted Indebtedness;
- (f) Investments by any Loan Party in Swap Contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business and for bona fide business (and not speculative purposes) to protect against fluctuations in interest rates in respect of the Obligations;

- (g) Investments received in connection with the bankruptcy or reorganization of, or settlement of delinquent accounts and disputes with, customers and suppliers, in each case in the ordinary course of business;
- (h) advances to officers, directors and employees of the Loan Parties and Subsidiaries in the
  ordinary course of business in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to any individual at any time or in an
  aggregate amount not to exceed \$150,000 at any time outstanding, for travel, entertainment, relocation
  and similar ordinary business purposes;
  - (i) Investments constituting Permitted Acquisitions;
  - (j) capital contributions made by any Loan Party to a Borrower; or
- (k) other Investments (other than Acquisitions) not otherwise specifically described herein; provided, that, as of the date of any such Investment and after giving effect thereto, (A) the aggregate amount of all such additional Investments subject to this clause (k) shall not exceed \$250,000 at any time outstanding and (B) each of the Payment Conditions is satisfied and in no event shall any such Investment be made with any asset or property other than cash or Cash Equivalents.

"Permitted Overadvance" means an Overadvance made by the Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, which:

- (a) is made to maintain, protect or preserve the Collateral and/or the Credit Parties' rights under the Loan Documents or which is otherwise for the benefit of the Credit Parties; or
- (b) is made to enhance the likelihood of, or to maximize the amount of, repayment of any Obligation; or
  - (c) is made to pay any other amount chargeable to any Loan Party hereunder; and
- (d) together with all other Permitted Overadvances then outstanding, shall not (i) exceed ten percent (10%) of the Borrowing Base at any time or (ii) unless a Liquidation is occurring, remain outstanding for more than forty-five (45) consecutive Business Days, unless in each case, the Required Lenders otherwise agree.

provided, that, the foregoing shall not (i) modify or abrogate any of the provisions of Section 2.03 regarding the Lenders' obligations with respect to Letters of Credit or Section 2.04 regarding the Lenders' obligations with respect to Swing Line Loans, or (ii) result in any claim or liability against the Agent (regardless of the amount of any Overadvance) for Unintentional Overadvances and such Unintentional Overadvances shall not reduce the amount of Permitted Overadvances allowed hereunder, and further provided further that in no event shall the Agent make an Overadvance, if after giving effect thereto, the principal amount of the Credit Extensions would exceed the Aggregate Commitments (as in effect prior to any termination of the Commitments pursuant to Section 2.06 or Section 8.02 hereof).

"Permitted Refinancing" means, with respect to any Person, any Indebtedness issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund (collectively, to "Refinance"), the Indebtedness being Refinanced (or previous refinancings thereof constituting a Permitted Refinancing); provided, that, (a) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness so Refinanced (plus unpaid accrued interest and premiums thereon and underwriting discounts, defeasance costs, fees, commissions and expenses), (b) the weighted average life

to maturity of such Permitted Refinancing is greater than or equal to the weighted average life to maturity of the Indebtedness being Refinanced (c) such Permitted Refinancing shall not require any scheduled principal payments due prior to the Maturity Date in excess of, or prior to, the scheduled principal payments due prior to such Maturity Date for the Indebtedness being Refinanced, (d) if the Indebtedness being Refinanced is subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations under this Agreement, such Permitted Refinancing shall be subordinated in right of payment to such Obligations on terms at least as favorable to the Credit Parties as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being Refinanced (e) no Permitted Refinancing shall have direct or indirect obligors who were not also obligors of the Indebtedness being Refinanced, or greater guarantees or security, than the Indebtedness being Refinanced, (f) such Permitted Refinancing shall be otherwise on terms not materially less favorable to the Credit Parties than those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being Refinanced, including, without limitation, with respect to financial and other covenants and events of default, (g) the interest rate applicable to any such Permitted Refinancing shall not exceed the then applicable market interest rate, and (h) at the time thereof, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

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

"Plan" means any "employee benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) established by any Loan Party or, with respect to any such plan that is subject to Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA, any ERISA Affiliate, other than a Multiemployer Plan.

"Platform" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"Portal" has the meaning specified in Section 2.02.

"Public Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"Qualifying IPO" means the issuance by Parent of its Securities in an underwritten primary public offering (other than a public offering pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-8) pursuant to an effective registration statement filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (or any successor thereto) in accordance with the Securities Act (whether alone or in connection with a secondary public offering).

QFC" has the meaning assigned to the term "qualified financial contract" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 5390(c)(8)(D).

"QFC Credit Support" has the meaning specified in Section 10.27.

"Qualified ECP Guarantor" means, in respect of any Swap Obligation, each Loan Party that has total assets exceeding \$10,000,000 at the time the relevant Guarantee or grant of the relevant security interest becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation or such other person as 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" at such time by entering into a keepwell under Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Quarterly Average Excess Availability" means, with respect to any Fiscal Quarter, the sum of the aggregate amount of Excess Availability for each day in such period (as calculated by the Agent as of

I	the end of each respective day) divided by the number of days in such period.
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"Real Estate" means all Leases and all land, together with the buildings, structures, parking areas, and other improvements thereon, now or hereafter owned by any Loan Party, including all easements, rights-of-way, and similar rights relating thereto and all leases, tenancies, and occupancies thereof.

"Receivables Reserves" means such Reserves as may be established from time to time by the Agent in the Agent's Permitted Discretion with respect to the determination of the collectability in the ordinary course of Eligible Wholesale Receivables, including, without limitation, on account of dilution.

"Register" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(c).

"Registered Public Accounting Firm" has the meaning specified by the Securities Laws and shall be independent of the Parent Lead Borrower and its Subsidiaries as prescribed by the Securities Laws.

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"Relevant Governmental Body" means the FRB or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the FRB or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any successor thereto.

"Reportable Event" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than events for which the 30 day notice period has been waived.

"Reports" has the meaning provided specified in Section 9.12(b).

"Request for Credit Extension" means (a) with respect to a Committed Borrowing, conversion or continuation of Committed Loans, an electronic notice via the Portal or LIBO Ratea SOFR Loan Notice, (b) with respect to an L/C Credit Extension, a Letter of Credit Application and, if required by the L/C Issuer, a Standby Letter of Credit Agreement or Commercial Letter of Credit Agreement, as applicable, and (c) with respect to a Swing Line Loan, a Swing Line Loan Notice.

"Required Lenders" means, as of any date of determination, at least two Lenders holding more than fifty percent (50%) of the Aggregate Commitments or, if the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02, at least two Lenders holding in the aggregate more than fifty percent (50%) of the Total Outstandings (with the aggregate amount of each Lender's risk participation and funded participation in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans being deemed "held" by such Lender for purposes of this definition); provided, that, (i) the Commitment of, and the portion of the Total Outstandings held or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Lenders, and (ii) if there are two or more Lenders, Required Lenders shall require at least two (2) non-affiliated Lenders.

"Reserves" means all Receivables Reserves, Inventory Reserves and Availability Reserves. To the extent that such Reserve is in respect of amounts that may be payable to third parties, the Agent may, at its option, deduct such Reserve from the amount equal to the Aggregate Commitments, at any time that the Aggregate Commitments are less than the amount of the Borrowing Base.

"Resolution Authority" means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

"Responsible Officer" means the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer or assistant treasurer of a Loan Party or any of the other individuals designated in writing to the Agent by an existing Responsible Officer of a Loan Party as an authorized signatory of any certificate or other document to be delivered hereunder. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of a Loan Party shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Loan Party and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Loan Party.

"Restricted Payment" means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any capital stock or other Equity Interest of any Person or any of its Subsidiaries, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, defeasance, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such capital stock or other Equity Interest, or on account of any return of capital to such Person's stockholders, partners or members (or the equivalent of any thereof), or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any such dividend or other distribution or payment. Without limiting the foregoing, "Restricted Payments" with respect to any Person shall also include all payments made by such Person with any proceeds of a dissolution or liquidation of such Person.

"Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page" means the display page LIBOR01 on the Reuters service or any successor display page, other published source, information vendor or provider that has been designated by the sponsor of Reuters Screen LIBOR01 page.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and any successor thereto.

"Sanctioned Entity" means (a) a country or a government of a country, (b) an agency of the government of a country, (c) an organization directly or indirectly controlled by a country or its government, or (d) a Person resident in or determined to be resident in a country, in each case of clauses (a) through (d) that is a target of Sanctions, including a target of any country sanctions program administered and enforced by OFAC.

"Sanctioned Person" means, at any time, (a) any a Person named on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by OFAC, or any other Sanctions-related list maintained by any relevant Sanctions authority, (b) a Person or legal entity that is a target of Sanctions, (c) any Person operating, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Entity, or (d) any Person directly or indirectly owned or controlled (individually or in the aggregate) by or acting on behalf of any such Person or Persons described in clauses (a) through (c) above.

"Sanctions" means individually and collectively, respectively, any and all economic, trade, financial or other sanctions laws, regulations or embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by: (a) the United States of America, including, without limitation, those administered by OFAC or the U.S. Department of State, (b) the United Nations Security Council, (c) the European Union or any European Union member state, or (d) Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom, or (e) any other governmental authority in any jurisdiction in which any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is located or doing business.

"Sarbanes-Oxley" means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions.

"Securities Account" has the meaning given to such term in the UCC.

"Securities Laws" means the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Sarbanes-Oxley, and the applicable accounting and auditing principles, rules, standards and practices promulgated, approved or incorporated by the SEC or the PCAOB.

"Security Agreement" means the Security Agreement dated as of the Closing Date among the Loan Parties and the Agent, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, modified, supplemented, renewed, restated or replaced.

"Security Documents" means the Security Agreement, the Intellectual Property Security AgreementAgreements, the Control Agreements, the Credit Card Notifications, and each other security agreement or other instrument or document executed and delivered to the Agent pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document granting a Lien to secure any of the Obligations.

"Settlement Date" has the meaning provided in Section 2.14(a).

"Shareholders' Equity" means, as of any date of determination, consolidated shareholders' equity of the Lead Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of that date determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Shrink" means Inventory which has been lost, misplaced, stolen, or is otherwise unaccounted for.

"SOFR" means a rate equal to the secured overnight financing rate as administered by the SOFR Administrator.

"SOFR Administrator" means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of the secured overnight financing rate).

"SOFR Borrowing" means a Borrowing comprised of SOFR Loans.

"SOFR Loan" means a Committed Loan that bears interest at a rate determined by reference to Term SOFR (other than pursuant to clause (c) of the definition of "Base Rate").

"SOFR Loan Notice" means a notice for a SOFR Borrowing or continuation or conversion pursuant to Section 2.02(b), which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1.

"Solvent" and "Solvency" means, with respect to any Person as of any date of determination, that (a) at fair valuations, the sum of such Person's debts (including contingent liabilities) is less than all of such Person's assets, (b) such Person is not engaged or about to engage in a business or transaction for which the remaining assets of such Person are unreasonably small in relation to the business or transaction or for which the property remaining with such Person is an unreasonably small capital, and (c) such Person has not incurred and does not intend to incur, or reasonably believe that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due (whether at maturity or otherwise), and (d) such Person is "solvent" or not "insolvent", as applicable within the meaning given those terms and similar terms under applicable laws relating to fraudulent transfers and conveyances. For purposes of this definition, the amount of any contingent liability at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in light of all of the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability (irrespective of whether such contingent liabilities meet the criteria for accrual under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 5).

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"Sponsor Management Agreement" means (a) the Amended and Restated Monitoring and Management Agreement, effective as of the Amendment No. 1 Effective Date, between Lead Borrower (as successor to Parent) and Mistral Capital Management, LLC, and (b) the letter agreement, dated March 30, 2017, by and among Lead Borrower, Satori Capital, LLC, Satori Capital Strategic Opportunities, LP and Satori Capital III, LP, as amended pursuant to the letter agreement, dated June 22, 2018.

"Standard Letter of Credit Practice" means, for the L/C Issuer, any domestic or foreign Law or letter of credit practices applicable in the city in which the L/C Issuer issued the applicable Letter of Credit or, for its branch or correspondent, such Laws and practices applicable in the city in which it has advised, confirmed or negotiated such Letter of Credit, as the case may be, in each case, (a) which letter of credit practices are of banks that regularly issue letters of credit in the particular city, and (b) which laws or letter of credit practices are required or permitted under ISP or UCP, as chosen in the applicable Letter of Credit.

"Standby Letter of Credit" means any Letter of Credit that is not a Commercial Letter of Credit and that (a) is used in lieu or in support of performance guaranties or performance, surety or similar bonds (excluding appeal bonds) arising in the ordinary course of business, (b) is used in lieu or in support of stay or appeal bonds, (c) supports the payment of insurance premiums for reasonably necessary casualty insurance carried by any of the Loan Parties, or (d) supports payment or performance for identified purchases or exchanges of products or services in the ordinary course of business.

"Standby Letter of Credit Agreement" means the <u>Standby Letter of Credit Agreementstandby letter of credit agreement</u> relating to the issuance of a Standby Letter of Credit in <u>substantially</u> the form from time to time in use by the L/C Issuer.

"Stated Amount" means at any time the maximum amount for which a Letter of Credit may be honored.

"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 FRB to which the 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. LIBO Rate Loans shall be deemed to constitute eurocurrency funding and to be subject to such reserve requirements without benefit of or credit for proration, exemptions or offsets that may be available from time to time to any Lender under 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.

"Store" means any retail store or showroom (which may include any real property, fixtures, equipment, inventory and other property related thereto) operated, or to be operated, by any Loan Party.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means Indebtedness which is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations for which a claim has not been asserted) and which is in form and on terms approved in writing by the Agent.

"Subsidiary" of a Person means a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other business entity of which a majority of the Equity Interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or other governing body are at the time beneficially owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of a Loan Party.

## "Supported QFC" has the meaning specified in Section 10.27.

"Swap Contract" means (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, cross-currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement (any such master agreement, together with any related schedules, a "Master Agreement"), including any such obligations or liabilities under any Master Agreement.

"Swap Obligation" means, with respect to any Guarantor Loan Party, any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract or transaction that constitutes a "swap" within the meaning of section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Swap Termination Value" means, in respect of any one or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts (which may include a Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender).

"Swing Line Borrowing" means a borrowing of a Swing Line Loan pursuant to Section 2.04.

"Swing Line Lender" means Wells Fargo, in its capacity as provider of Swing Line Loans, or any successor swing line lender hereunder.

"Swing Line Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.04(a).

"Swing Line Loan Notice" means a notice of a Swing Line Borrowing pursuant to <u>Section</u> 2.04(b), which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit B.

"Swing Line Note" means the promissory note of the Borrowers substantially in the form of Exhibit C-2, payable to the order of the Swing Line Lender, evidencing the Swing Line Loans made by the Swing Line Lender. "Swing Line Sublimit" means an amount equal to the lesser of (a) \$2,500,0004,000,000 and (b) the Aggregate Commitments. The Swing Line Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Commitments.

"Synthetic Lease Obligation" means the monetary obligation of a Person under (a) a so-called synthetic, off-balance sheet or tax retention lease, or (b) an agreement for the use or possession of property (including sale and leaseback transactions), in each case, creating obligations that do not appear on the balance sheet of such Person but which, upon the application of any Debtor Relief Laws to such Person, would be characterized as the indebtedness of such Person (without regard to accounting treatment).

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

## "Term SOFR" means,

- Rate for a tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period on the day (such day, the "Periodic Term SOFR Determination Day") that is two (2) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period, as such rate is published by the Term SOFR Administrator; provided, however, that if as of 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on any Periodic Term SOFR Determination Day the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the applicable tenor has not been published by the Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Reference Rate has not occurred, then Term SOFR will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor as published by the Term SOFR Administrator on the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor was published by the Term SOFR Administrator so long as such first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day is not more than three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such Periodic Term SOFR Determination Day, and
- Reference Rate for a tenor of one month on the day (such day, the "Base Rate Term SOFR Determination Day") that is two (2) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such day, as such rate is published by the Term SOFR Administrator; provided, however, that if as of 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on any Base Rate Term SOFR Determination Day the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the applicable tenor has not been published by the Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Reference Rate has not occurred, then Term SOFR will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor as published by the Term SOFR Administrator on the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor was published by the Term SOFR Administrator so long as such first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day is not more than three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such Base Rate Term SOFR Determination Day;

provided, further, that if Term SOFR determined as provided above (including pursuant to the proviso under clause (a) or clause (b) above) shall ever be less than the Floor, then Term SOFR shall be deemed to be the Floor.

<u>"Term SOFR Administrator" means CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited (CBA) (or a successor administrator of the Term SOFR Reference Rate selected by the Agent in its reasonable discretion).</u>

1	"Term SOFR Reference Rate" means the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR.
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"Termination Date" means the earliest to occur of (a) the Maturity Date, (b) the date on which the maturity of the Obligations is accelerated (or deemed accelerated) and the Commitments are irrevocably terminated (or deemed terminated) in accordance with <a href="Article VIII">Article VIII</a>, or (c) the termination of the Commitments in accordance with the provisions of <a href="Section 2.06(a">Section 2.06(a</a>) hereof.

"Total Outstandings" means the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Loans and all L/C Obligations.

"Trading with the Enemy Act" has the meaning set forthspecified in Section 10.18.

"Type" means, with respect to a Committed Loan, its character as a Base Rate Loan or a LIBO RateSOFR Loan.

"UCC" or "Uniform Commercial Code" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York; provided, that, (a) if a term is defined in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code differently than in another Article thereof, the term shall have the meaning set forth in Article 9; (b) if by reason of mandatory provisions of law, perfection, or the effect of perfection or non-perfection, of a security interest in any Collateral or the availability of any remedy hereunder is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York "Uniform Commercial Code" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such perfection or effect of perfection or non-perfection or availability of such remedy, as the case may be.

"UCP" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits 2007 Revision, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600 and any subsequent revision thereof adopted by the International Chamber of Commerce on the date such Letter of Credit is issued.

"UFCA" has the meaning specified in Section 10.22(d).

"UFTA" has the meaning specified in Section 10.22(d).

"UK Financial Institution" means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

"UK Resolution Authority" means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

"Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

"Unfunded Pension Liability" means the excess of a Pension Plan's benefit liabilities under Section 4001(a)(16) of ERISA, over the current value of that Pension Plan's assets, determined in accordance with the assumptions used for funding the Pension Plan pursuant to Section 412 of the Code for the applicable plan year.

"Unintentional Overadvance" means an Overadvance which, to the Agent's knowledge, did not

circumstances beyond the control of the Credit Parties, including, without limitation, a reduction in the appraised value of property or assets included in the Borrowing Base, increase in Reserves or misrepresentation by the Loan Parties.

"United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America.

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day" means any day except for (i) a Saturday, (ii) a Sunday or (iii) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, or any successor thereto, recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities; provided, that for purposes of notice requirements in Section 2.02(b), such day is also a Business Day.

"U.S. Special Resolution Regimes" has the meaning specified in Section 10.27.

"UVTA" has the meaning specified in Section 10.22(d).

"Wells Fargo" means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association and its successors.

"Write-Down and Conversion Powers" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

- 1.02 **Other Interpretive Provisions.** With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document:
- (a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context requires otherwise, (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document (including any Organization Document) shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, amendments and restatements, supplements or modifications set forth herein or in any other Loan Document), (ii) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (iii) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder," and words of similar import when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to refer to such Loan Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision thereof, (iv) all references in a Loan Document to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, the Loan Document in which such references appear, (v) any reference to any law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending replacing or interpreting such law and any reference to any law or regulation shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and (vi) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and

- (b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including;" the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding;" and the word "through" means "to and including."
- (c) Section headings herein and in the other Loan Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
- (d) Any reference herein or in any other Loan Document to the satisfaction, repayment, or payment in full of the Obligations shall mean the repayment in Dollars in full in cash or immediately available funds (or, in the case of contingent reimbursement obligations with respect to Letters of Credit and Bank Products (other than Swap Contracts) and any other contingent Obligation, including indemnification obligations, providing Cash Collateralization) or other collateral as may be requested by the Agent of all of the Obligations (including the payment of any termination amount then applicable (or which would or could become applicable as a result of the repayment of the other Obligations) under Swap Contracts) other than (i) unasserted contingent indemnification Obligations, (ii) any Obligations relating to Bank Products (other than Swap Contracts) that, at such time, are allowed by the applicable Bank Product provider to remain outstanding without being required to be repaid or Cash Collateralized or other collateral as may be requested by the Agent, and (iii) any Obligations relating to Swap Contracts that, at such time, are allowed by the applicable provider of such Swap Contracts to remain outstanding without being required to be repaid.

## 1.03 Accounting Terms.

- (a) <u>Generally</u>. All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the Audited Financial Statements, <u>except</u> as otherwise specifically prescribed herein.
- (b) Changes in GAAP. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either the Lead Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, the Agent, the Lenders and the Lead Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); provided, that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Lead Borrower shall provide to the Agent and the Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP; provided, further that all obligations of any Person that are or would have been treated as operating leases for purposes of GAAP prior to the effectiveness of FASB ASC 842 shall continue to be accounted for as operating leases for all purposes of this Agreement, including, without limitation, for purposes of all financial definitions and calculations hereunder (whether or not such operating lease obligations were in effect on such date) notwithstanding the fact that such obligations are required in accordance with FASB ASC 842 (on a prospective or retroactive basis or otherwise) to be treated as Capital Lease Obligations in the financial statements.
- 1.04 **Rounding.** Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Borrowers pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest

number).

- 1.05 Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).
- 1.06 Letter of Credit Amounts. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the Stated Amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time; provided, however, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms of any Issuer Documents related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the Stated Amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum Stated Amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum Stated Amount is in effect at such time.
- 1.07 **Divisions.** For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws); (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.
- 1.08 Rates. The Agent does not warrant or accept any responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to, (a) the continuation of, administration of, submission of, calculation of or any other matter related to the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Term SOFR or any other Benchmark, any component definition thereof or rates referred to in the definition thereof, or with respect to any alternative, successor or replacement rate thereto (including any then-current Benchmark or any Benchmark Replacement), including whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement rate (including any Benchmark Replacement), as it may or may not be adjusted pursuant to Section 3.03(b), will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of, or have the same volume or liquidity as, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Term SOFR or any other Benchmark, prior to its discontinuance or unavailability, or (b) the effect, implementation or composition of any Conforming Changes. The Agent and its affiliates or other related entities may engage in transactions that affect the calculation of the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Term SOFR, any alternative, successor or replacement rate (including any Benchmark Replacement) or any relevant adjustments thereto and such transactions may be adverse to a Borrower. The Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain the Term SOFR Reference Rate or Term SOFR, or any other Benchmark, any component definition thereof or rates referred to in the definition thereof, in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to any Borrower, any Lender or any other Person for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or calculation of any such rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service.

# ARTICLE II THE COMMITMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS

## 2.01 Committed Loans; Reserves.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make loans (each such loan, a "Committed Loan") to the Borrowers from time to time, on any Business Day during the Availability Period, in an aggregate <u>principal</u> amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the lesser of (x) the amount of such Lender's Commitment, or (y) such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Borrowing Base; subject in each case to the following limitations:

- (i) after giving effect to any Committed Borrowing, the Total Outstandings shall not exceed the Loan Cap,
- (ii) after giving effect to any Committed Borrowing, the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Committed Loans of any Lender, <u>plus</u> such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations, <u>plus</u> such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of all Swing Line Loans shall not exceed such Lender's Commitment, <u>and</u>
- (iii) the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations shall not at any time exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit

Within the limits of each Lender's Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow under this <u>Section 2.01</u>, prepay under <u>Section 2.05</u>, and reborrow under this <u>Section 2.01</u>. Committed Loans may be Base Rate Loans or <u>LIBO Rate SOFR</u> Loans, as further provided herein.

- (b) The Reserves as of the Closing Date are set forth in the Borrowing Base Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 4.01(c) hereof.
- (c) The Agent shall have the right, at any time and from time to time after the Closing Date in its Permitted Discretion to establish, modify or eliminate Reserves. The Agent will provide notice to Lead Borrower of any new categories of Reserves that may be established after the Closing Date or any changes in the methodology of the calculation of an existing category of Reserves and will be available to consult with the Lead Borrower in connection with the basis for such new categories of Reserves to the extent the Lead Borrower requests in a reasonably timely manner, provided, that, no such notice shall be required at any time a Default or an Event of Default exists or has occurred and is continuing, or a change solely as a result of mathematical calculations. Without limitation of the rights of Agent under Section 2.01(c) of the Credit Agreement to establish, modify or eliminate Reserves, on and after the Amendment No. 5 Effective Date, the Availability Reserve based on the amount of the deposits made by customers with respect to the purchase of goods or the performance of services and layaway obligations of the Borrowers shall be 50% of such amount, provided, that, (a) if at any time the amount equal to (i) the unrestricted cash of the Borrowers based on the most recent financial statements of the Borrowers, or at the Agent's option, such other more current reports of such amounts as the Agent may receive, minus (ii) the amount of the then outstanding Obligations is less than \$10,000,000, the Agent may increase the amount of such Availability Reserve up to 100% of the amount of such deposits (or such lesser amount as the Agent may determine, but without limitation of the right of the Agent from time to time thereafter to increase it) and (b) if at any time a Default or Event of Default exists or has occurred and is continuing, the Agent may increase the amount of such Availability Reserve up to 100% of the amount of such deposits (or such lesser amount as Agent may determine, but without limitation of the right of Agent from time to time thereafter to increase it). Without limitation of any other rights of the Agent, the Borrowers shall provide to the Agent such information with respect to the unrestricted cash of the Borrowers from time to time promptly upon the request of the Agent.

## 2.02 Borrowings, Conversions and Continuations of Committed Loans.

(a) Committed Loans (other than Swing Line Loans) shall be either Base Rate Loans or <a href="LIBO-RateSOFR"><u>LIBO-RateSOFR</u></a> Loans as the Lead Borrower may request subject to and in accordance with this <a href="Section 2.02">Section 2.02</a>. All Swing Line Loans shall be only Base Rate Loans. Subject to the other provisions of this <a href="Section 2.02">Section 2.02</a>, Committed Borrowings of more than one Type may be incurred at the same time.

- (b) Each request for a Committed Borrowing consisting of a Base Rate Loan shall be made by electronic request of the Lead Borrower through the Agent's Commercial Electronic Office Portal or through such other electronic portal provided by the Agent (the "Portal"), which must be received by the Agent not later than 2:00 p.m. on the requested date of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans. The Borrowers hereby acknowledge and agree that any request made through the Portal shall be deemed made by a Responsible Officer of the Borrowers. Each request for a Committed Borrowing consisting of a LIBO Rate SOFR Loan shall be made pursuant to the Lead Borrower's submission of a LIBO RateSOFR Loan Notice, which must be received by the Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the requested date of any Borrowing or continuation of LIBO RateSOFR Loans, provided, that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, except as Agent may expressly otherwise agree in writing, the request for the initial Committed Loan or Swing Line Loan shall be received not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the date that such Loan is made. Each LIBO Rate SOFR Loan Notice shall specify (i) the requested date of the Borrowing or continuation, as the case may be (which shall be a Business Day), (ii) the principal amount of LIBO RateSOFR Loans to be borrowed or continued (which shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof), and (iii) the duration of the Interest Period with respect thereto. If the Lead Borrower fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one month. On the requested date of any LIBO Rate Loan, (i) in the event that Base Rate Loans are outstanding in an amount equal to or greater than the requested LIBO Rate Loan, all or a portion of such Base Rate Loans shall be automatically converted to a LIBO Rate Loan in the amount requested by the Lead Borrower, and (ii) if Base Rate Loans are not outstanding in an amount at least equal to the requested LIBO Rate Loan, the Lead Borrower shall make an electronic request via the Portal for additional Base Rate Loans in an such amount, when taken with the outstanding Base Rate Loans (which shall be converted automatically at such time), as is necessary to satisfy the requested LIBO Rate Loan. If the Lead Borrower fails to make such additional request via the Portal as required pursuant to clause (ii) of the foregoing sentence, then the Borrowers shall be responsible for all amounts due pursuant to Section 3.05 hereof arising on account of such failure. If the Lead Borrower fails to give a timely notice with respect to any continuation of a LIBO Rate SOFR Loan, then the applicable Committed Loans shall be converted to Base Rate Loans, effective as of the last day of the Interest Period then in effect with respect to the applicable LIBO RateSOFR Loans. All requests for a Base Rate Loan which are not made by electronic request of the Lead Borrower through the Portal shall be subject. to (and unless the Agent elects otherwise in the exercise of its sole discretion, such Base Rate Loan shall not be made until the completion of) the Agent's authentication process (with results satisfactory to the Agent) prior to the funding of any such requested Committed Loan.
- (c) The Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the amount of its Applicable Percentage of the applicable Committed Loans, and if no timely notice of a conversion or continuation is provided by the Lead Borrower, the Agent shall notify each Lender of the details of any automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans described in Section 2.02(b). In the case of a Committed Borrowing, each Lender shall make the amount of its Committed Loan available to the Agent in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the applicable notice. Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (and, if such Borrowing is the initial Credit Extension, Section 4.01), the Agent shall use reasonable efforts to make all funds so received available to the Borrowers in like funds by no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of receipt by the Agent either by (i) crediting the account of the Lead Borrower on the books of Wells Fargo with the amount of such funds or (ii) wire transfer of such funds, in each case in accordance with instructions provided to (and reasonably acceptable to) the Agent by the Lead Borrower.
- (d) The Agent, without the request of the Lead Borrower, may advance any interest, fee, service charge (including direct wire fees), Credit Party Expenses, or other payment to which any Credit Party is entitled from the Loan Parties pursuant hereto or any other Loan Document and may charge the

same to the Loan Account notwithstanding that an Overadvance may result thereby. The Agent shall advise the Lead Borrower of any such advance or charge promptly after the making thereof. Such action on the part of the Agent shall not constitute a waiver of the Agent's rights and the Borrowers' obligations under Section 2.05(c). Any amount which is added to the principal balance of the Loan Account as provided in this Section 2.02(d) shall bear interest at the interest rate then and thereafter applicable to Base Rate Loans.

- (e) Except as otherwise provided herein, a <u>LIBO RateSOFR</u> Loan may be continued or converted only on the last day of an Interest Period for such <u>LIBO RateSOFR</u> Loan. During the existence of a Default or an Event of Default, no Loans may be requested as, converted to or continued as <u>LIBO RateSOFR</u> Loans without the Consent of the Required Lenders.
- (f) The Agent shall promptly notify the Lead Borrower and the Lenders of the interest rate applicable to any Interest Period for <u>LIBO RateSOFR</u> Loans upon determination of such interest rate. At any time that Base Rate Loans are outstanding, the Agent shall notify the Lead Borrower and the Lenders of any change in Wells Fargo's prime rate used in determining the Base Rate promptly following the public announcement of such change.
- (g) After giving effect to all Committed Borrowings, all conversions of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Committed Loans as the same Type, there shall not be more than five (5) Interest Periods in effect with respect to <a href="LIBO-RateSOFR"><u>LIBO-RateSOFR</u></a> Loans.
- (h) The Agent, the Lenders, the Swing Line Lender and the L/C Issuer shall have no obligation to make any Loan or to provide any Letter of Credit if an Overadvance would result. The Agent may, in its Permitted Discretion, make Permitted Overadvances without the consent of the Borrowers, the Lenders, the Swing Line Lender and the L/C Issuer and the Borrowers and each Lender and L/C Issuer shall be bound thereby. Any Permitted Overadvance may constitute a Swing Line Loan. A Permitted Overadvance is for the account of the Borrowers and shall constitute a Base Rate Loan and an Obligation and shall be repaid by the Borrowers in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.05(c). The making of any such Permitted Overadvance on any one occasion shall not obligate the Agent or any Lender to make or permit any Permitted Overadvance on any other occasion or to permit such Permitted Overadvances to remain outstanding. The making by the Agent of a Permitted Overadvance shall not modify or abrogate any of the provisions of Section 2.03 regarding the Lenders' obligations to purchase participations with respect to LetterLetters of CreditsCredit or of Section 2.04 regarding the Lenders' obligations to purchase participations with respect to Swing Line Loans. The Agent shall have no liability for, and no Loan Party or Credit Party shall have the right to, or shall, bring any claim of any kind whatsoever against the Agent with respect to Unintentional Overadvances regardless of the amount of any such Overadvance(s).

## 2.03 Letters of Credit.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon the request of the Lead Borrower made in accordance herewith, and prior to the Maturity Date, the L/C Issuer agrees to issue a requested Letter of Credit for the account of the Loan Parties. By submitting a request to the L/C Issuer for the issuance of a Letter of Credit, the Borrowers shall be deemed to have requested that the L/C Issuer issue the requested Letter of Credit. Each request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit, or the amendment, renewal, or extension of any outstanding Letter of Credit, shall be irrevocable and shall be made in writing pursuant to a Letter of Credit Application by a Responsible Officer and delivered to the L/C Issuer and the Agent via telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission reasonably acceptable to the L/C Issuer not later than 11:00 a.m. at least two (2) Business Days (or such other date and time as the Agent and the L/C Issuer may agree in a particular instance in their sole discretion) prior

to the requested date of issuance, amendment, renewal, or extension, except that the initial request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit hereunder shall be not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the requested date of issuance. Each such request shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the L/C Issuer and (i) shall specify (A) the amount of such Letter of Credit, (B) the date of issuance, amendment, renewal, or extension of such Letter of Credit, (C) the proposed expiration date of such Letter of Credit, (D) the name and address of the beneficiary of the Letter of Credit, and (E) such other information (including, the conditions to drawing, and, in the case of an amendment, renewal, or extension, identification of the Letter of Credit to be so amended, renewed, or extended) as shall be necessary to prepare, amend, renew, or extend such Letter of Credit, and (ii) shall be accompanied by such Issuer Documents as the Agent or the L/C Issuer may request or require, to the extent that such requests or requirements are consistent with the Issuer Documents that the L/C Issuer generally requests for Letters of Credit in similar circumstances. The Agent's records of the content of any such request will be conclusive absent manifest error.

- (b) The L/C Issuer shall have no obligation to issue a Letter of Credit if, after giving effect to the requested issuance, (i) the Total Outstandings would exceed the Loan Cap, (ii) the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Committed Loans of any Lender, plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations, plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of all Swing Line Loans would exceed such Lender's Commitment, or (iii) the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations would exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit;
- (c) In the event there is a Defaulting Lender as of the date of any request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer shall not be required to issue or arrange for such Letter of Credit to the extent (i) the Defaulting Lender's participation with respect to such Letter of Credit may not be reallocated pursuant to Section 9.16(b), or (ii) the L/C Issuer has not otherwise entered into arrangements reasonably satisfactory to it and the Borrowers to eliminate the L/C Issuer's risk with respect to the participation in such Letter of Credit of the Defaulting Lender, which arrangements may include the Borrowers cash collateralizing such Defaulting Lender's participation with respect to such Letter of Credit in accordance with Section 9.16(b). Additionally, the L/C Issuer shall have no obligation to issue and/or extend a Letter of Credit if (A) any order, judgment, or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall, by its terms, purport to enjoin or restrain the L/C Issuer from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any Law applicable to the L/C Issuer or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of Law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over the L/C Issuer shall prohibit or request that the L/C Issuer refrain from the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular, or (B) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of the L/C Issuer applicable to letters of credit generally, or (C) if the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur after the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, unless either such Letter of Credit is Cash Collateralized on or prior to the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit (or such later date as to which the Agent may agree) or all the Lenders have approved such expiry date.
- (d) Any L/C Issuer (other than Wells Fargo or any of its Affiliates) shall notify the Agent in writing no later than the Business Day immediately following the Business Day on which such L/C Issuer issued any Letter of Credit; provided, that, (i) until the Agent advises any such L/C Issuer that the provisions of Section 4.02 are not satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 10.1), or (ii) unless the aggregate amount of the Letters of Credit issued in any such week exceeds such amount as shall be agreed by the Agent and such L/C Issuer, such L/C Issuer shall be required to so notify the Agent in writing only once each week of the Letters of Credit issued by such L/C Issuer during the immediately preceding week as well as the daily amounts outstanding for the prior week, such notice to be furnished on such day of the week as the Agent and such L/C Issuer may agree. Each Letter of Credit shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the L/C Issuer, including the requirement that the amounts pavable thereunder must be pavable in Dollars. If the L/C Issuer makes a payment under a Letter of

Credit, the Borrowers shall pay to Agent an amount equal to the applicable Letter of Credit Disbursement on the Business Day such Letter of Credit Disbursement is made and, in the absence of such payment, the amount of the Letter of Credit Disbursement immediately and automatically shall be deemed to be a Committed Loan hereunder (notwithstanding any failure to satisfy or waive any condition precedent set forth in Section 4.02 hereof) and, initially, shall bear interest at the rate then applicable to Committed Loans that are Base Rate Loans. If a Letter of Credit Disbursement is deemed to be a Committed Loan hereunder, the Borrowers' obligation to pay the amount of such Letter of Credit Disbursement to the L/C Issuer shall be automatically converted into an obligation to pay the resulting Committed Loan. Promptly following receipt by the Agent of any payment from the Borrowers pursuant to this paragraph, the Agent shall distribute such payment to the L/C Issuer or, to the extent that the Lenders have made payments pursuant to Section 2.03(e) to reimburse the L/C Issuer, then to such Lenders and the L/C Issuer as their interests may appear.

- (e) Promptly following receipt of a notice of a Letter of Credit Disbursement pursuant to Section 2.03(d), each Lender agrees to fund its Applicable Percentage of any Committed Loan deemed made pursuant to Section 2.03(d) on the same terms and conditions as if the Borrowers had requested the amount thereof as a Committed Loan and the Agent shall promptly pay to the L/C Issuer the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment, renewal, or extension of a Letter of Credit) and without any further action on the part of the L/C Issuer or the Lenders, the L/C Issuer shall be deemed to have granted to each Lender, and each Lender shall be deemed to have purchased, a participation in each Letter of Credit issued by the L/C Issuer, in an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of such Letter of Credit, and each such Lender agrees to pay to the Agent, for the account of the L/C Issuer, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of any Letter of Credit Disbursement made by the L/C Issuer under the applicable Letter of Credit. In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to the Agent, for the account of the L/C Issuer, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of each Letter of Credit Disbursement made by the L/C Issuer and not reimbursed by Borrowers on the date due as provided in Section 2.03(d), or of any reimbursement payment that is required to be refunded (or that the Agent or the L/C Issuer elects, based upon the advice of counsel, to refund) to the Borrowers for any reason. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to deliver to the Agent, for the account of the L/C Issuer, an amount equal to its respective Applicable Percentage of each Letter of Credit Disbursement pursuant to this Section 2.03(e) shall be absolute and unconditional and such remittance shall be made notwithstanding the occurrence or continuation of a Default or Event of Default or the failure to satisfy or waive any condition set forth in Section 4.02 hereof. If any such Lender fails to make available to the Agent the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of a Letter of Credit Disbursement as provided in this Section, such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender and the Agent (for the account of the L/C Issuer) shall be entitled to recover such amount on demand from such Lender together with interest thereon at the Defaulting Lender Rate until paid in full.
- (f) Each Borrower agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each Credit Party (including the L/C Issuer and its branches, Affiliates, and correspondents) and each such Person's respective directors, officers, employees, attorneys and agents (each, including the L/C Issuer, a "Letter of Credit Related Person") (to the fullest extent permitted by Law) from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, investigations, proceedings, liabilities, fines, reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs, penalties, and damages, and all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and disbursements of attorneys, experts, or consultants and all other reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith or in connection with the enforcement of this indemnification (as and when they are incurred and irrespective of whether suit is brought), which may be incurred by or awarded against any such Letter of Credit Related Person (other than Taxes, which shall be governed by Section 3.01) (the "Letter of Credit Indemnified Costs"), and which arise out of or in connection with, or as a result of:

- (i) any Letter of Credit or any pre-advice of its issuance;
- (ii) any transfer, sale, delivery, surrender or endorsement of any Drawing
   Document at any time(s) held by any such Letter of Credit Related Person in connection with any Letter of Credit;
- (iii) any action or proceeding arising out of, or in connection with, any Letter of Credit (whether administrative, judicial or in connection with arbitration), including any action or proceeding to compel or restrain any presentation or payment under any Letter of Credit, or for the wrongful dishonor of, or honoring a presentation under, any Letter of Credit;
  - (iv) any independent undertakings issued by the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit;
- (v) any unauthorized instruction or request made to the L/C Issuer in connection with any Letter of Credit or requested Letter of Credit or error in computer or electronic transmission;
- (vi) an adviser, confirmer or other nominated person seeking to be reimbursed, indemnified or compensated;
- (vii) any third party seeking to enforce the rights of an applicant, beneficiary, nominated person, transferee, assignee of Letter of Credit proceeds or holder of an instrument or document;
- (viii) the fraud, forgery or illegal action of parties other than the Letter of Credit Related Person;
- (ix) the L/C Issuer's performance of the obligations of a confirming institution or entity that wrongfully dishonors a confirmation; or
- (x) the acts or omissions, whether rightful or wrongful, of any present or future de jure or de facto governmental or regulatory authority or cause or event beyond the control of the Letter of Credit Related Person;

in each case, including that resulting from the Letter of Credit Related Person's own negligence; provided, that, such indemnity shall not be available to any Letter of Credit Related Person claiming indemnification under clauses (i) through (x) above to the extent that such Letter of Credit Indemnified Costs may be finally determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted directly from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Letter of Credit Related Person claiming indemnity. The Borrowers hereby agree to pay the Letter of Credit Related Person claiming indemnity on demand from time to time all amounts owing under this Section 2.03(f). If and to the extent that the obligations of the Borrowers under this Section 2.03(f) are unenforceable for any reason, the Borrowers agree to make the maximum contribution to the Letter of Credit Indemnified Costs permissible under applicable Law. This indemnification provision shall survive termination of this Agreement and all Letters of Credit.

(g) The liability of the L/C Issuer (or any other Letter of Credit Related Person) under, in connection with or arising out of any Letter of Credit (or pre-advice), regardless of the form or legal grounds of the action or proceeding, shall be limited to direct damages suffered by the Borrowers that are caused directly by the L/C Issuer's gross negligence or willful misconduct in (i) honoring a presentation under a Letter of Credit that on its face does not at least substantially comply with the terms and conditions of such Letter of Credit, (ii) failing to honor a presentation under a Letter of Credit that

strictly complies with the terms and conditions of such Letter of Credit or (iii) retaining Drawing Documents presented under a Letter of Credit. The L/C Issuer shall be deemed to have acted with due diligence and reasonable care if the L/C Issuer's conduct is in accordance with Standard Letter of Credit Practice or in accordance with this Agreement. The Borrowers' aggregate remedies against the L/C Issuer and any Letter of Credit Related Person for wrongfully honoring a presentation under any Letter of Credit or wrongfully retaining honored Drawing Documents shall in no event exceed the aggregate amount paid by the Borrowers to the L/C Issuer in respect of the honored presentation in connection with such Letter of Credit under Section 2.03(d), plus interest at the rate then applicable to Base Rate Loans hereunder. The Borrowers shall take action to avoid and mitigate the amount of any damages claimed against the L/C Issuer or any other Letter of Credit Related Person, including by enforcing its rights against the beneficiaries of the Letters of Credit. Any claim by the Borrowers under or in connection with any Letter of Credit shall be reduced by an amount equal to the sum of (x) the amount (if any) saved by the Borrowers as a result of the breach or alleged wrongful conduct complained of; and (y) the amount (if any) of the loss that would have been avoided had the Borrowers taken all reasonable steps to mitigate any loss, and in case of a claim of wrongful dishonor, by specifically and timely authorizing the L/C Issuer to effect a cure.

- (h) The Borrowers shall be responsible for preparing or approving the final text of the Letter of Credit as issued by the L/C Issuer, irrespective of any assistance the L/C Issuer may provide such as drafting or recommending text or by the L/C Issuer's use or refusal to use text submitted by the Borrowers. The Borrowers are solely responsible for the suitability of the Letter of Credit for the Borrowers' purposes. With respect to any Letter of Credit containing an "automatic amendment" to extend the expiration date of such Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer, in its sole and absolute discretion, may give notice of nonrenewal of such Letter of Credit and, if the Borrowers do not at any time want such Letter of Credit to be renewed, the Borrowers will so notify the Agent and the L/C Issuer at least 15 calendar days before the L/C Issuer is required to notify the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit or any advising bank of such nonrenewal pursuant to the terms of such Letter of Credit.
- (i) The Borrowers' reimbursement and payment obligations under this <u>Section 2.03</u> are absolute, unconditional and irrevocable and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever, including:
- (i) any lack of validity, enforceability or legal effect of any Letter of Credit or this Agreement or any term or provision therein or herein;
- (ii) payment against presentation of any draft, demand or claim for payment under any Drawing Document that does not comply in whole or in part with the terms of the applicable Letter of Credit or which proves to be fraudulent, forged or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect, or which is signed, issued or presented by a Person or a transferee of such Person purporting to be a successor or transferee of the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit;
- (iii) the L/C Issuer or any of its branches or Affiliates being the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit;
- (iv) the L/C Issuer or any correspondent honoring a drawing against a Drawing Document up to the amount available under any Letter of Credit even if such Drawing Document claims an amount in excess of the amount available under the Letter of Credit;
- (v) the existence of any claim, set-off, defense or other right that the ParentLead Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries may have at any time against any beneficiary, any assignee of proceeds, the L/C Issuer or any other Person;

- (vi) any other event, circumstance or conduct whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing that might, but for this Section 2.03(i), constitute a legal or equitable defense to or discharge of, or provide a right of set-off against, any Borrower's or any of its Subsidiaries' reimbursement and other payment obligations and liabilities, arising under, or in connection with, any Letter of Credit, whether against the L/C Issuer, the beneficiary or any other Person; or
- (vii) the fact that any Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

provided, however, that subject to Section 2.03(g) above, the foregoing shall not release the L/C Issuer from such liability to the Borrowers as may be finally determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction against the L/C Issuer following reimbursement or payment of the obligations and liabilities, including reimbursement and other payment obligations, of the Borrowers to the L/C Issuer arising under, or in connection with, this Section 2.03 or any Letter of Credit.

- (j) Without limiting any other provision of this Agreement, the L/C Issuer and each other Letter of Credit Related Person (if applicable) shall not be responsible to the Borrowers for, and the L/C Issuer's rights and remedies against the Borrowers and the obligation of the Borrowers to reimburse the L/C Issuer for each drawing under each Letter of Credit shall not be impaired by:
- (i) honor of a presentation under any Letter of Credit that on its face substantially complies with the terms and conditions of such Letter of Credit, even if the Letter of Credit requires strict compliance by the beneficiary;
- (ii) honor of a presentation of any Drawing Document that appears on its face to have been signed, presented or issued (A) by any purported successor or transferee of any beneficiary or other Person required to sign, present or issue such Drawing Document or (B) under a new name of the beneficiary;
- (iii) acceptance as a draft of any written or electronic demand or request for payment under a Letter of Credit, even if nonnegotiable or not in the form of a draft or notwithstanding any requirement that such draft, demand or request bear any or adequate reference to the Letter of Credit;
- (iv) the identity or authority of any presenter or signer of any Drawing Document or the form, accuracy, genuineness or legal effect of any Drawing Document (other than the L/C Issuer's determination that such Drawing Document appears on its face substantially to comply with the terms and conditions of the Letter of Credit);
- (v) acting upon any instruction or request relative to a Letter of Credit or requested
   Letter of Credit that the L/C Issuer in good faith believes to have been given by a Person authorized to give such instruction or request;
- (vi) any errors, omissions, interruptions or delays in transmission or delivery of any message, advice or document (regardless of how sent or transmitted) or for errors in interpretation of technical terms or in translation or any delay in giving or failing to give notice to the Borrowers;
- (vii) any acts, omissions or fraud by, or the insolvency of, any beneficiary, any nominated person or entity or any other Person or any breach of contract between any beneficiary and any Borrower or any of the parties to the underlying transaction to which the Letter of Credit relates;

- (viii) assertion or waiver of any provision of the ISP or UCP that primarily benefits an issuer of a letter of credit, including any requirement that any Drawing Document be presented to it at a particular hour or place;
- (ix) payment to any paying or negotiating bank (designated or permitted by the terms of the applicable Letter of Credit) claiming that it rightfully honored or is entitled to reimbursement or indemnity under Standard Letter of Credit Practice applicable to it;
- (x) acting or failing to act as required or permitted under Standard Letter of Credit
   Practice applicable to where the L/C Issuer has issued, confirmed, advised or negotiated such Letter of
   Credit, as the case may be;
- (xi) honor of a presentation after the expiration date of any Letter of Credit notwithstanding that a presentation was made prior to such expiration date and dishonored by the L/C Issuer if subsequently the L/C Issuer or any court or other finder of fact determines such presentation should have been honored;
- (xii) dishonor of any presentation that does not strictly comply or that is fraudulent, forged or otherwise not entitled to honor; or
- (xiii) honor of a presentation that is subsequently determined by the L/C Issuer to have been made in violation of international, federal, state or local restrictions on the transaction of business with certain prohibited Persons.
- (k) Upon the request of the Agent, (i) if the L/C Issuer has honored any full or partial drawing request under any Letter of Credit and such drawing has resulted in an L/C Obligation that remains outstanding, or (ii) if, as of the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, any L/C Obligation for any reason remains outstanding, the Borrowers shall, in each case, immediately Cash Collateralize the then Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations. Sections 2.05 and 8.02(c) set forth certain additional requirements to deliver Cash Collateral hereunder. For purposes of this Section 2.03, Section 2.05 and Section 8.02(c), "Cash Collateralize" means to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Agent, for the benefit of the L/C Issuer and the Lenders, as collateral for the L/C Obligations, cash or deposit account balances in an amount equal to one hundred five percent (105%) of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations (other than L/C Obligations with respect to Letters of Credit denominated in a currency other than Dollars, which L/C Obligations shall be Cash Collateralized in an amount equal to one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the Outstanding Amount of such L/C Obligations), pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and the L/C Issuer (which documents are hereby Consented to by the Lenders). The Borrowers hereby grant to the Agent a security interest in all such cash, deposit accounts and all balances therein and all proceeds of the foregoing. Cash Collateral shall be maintained in blocked, non-interest bearing deposit accounts at Wells Fargo. If at any time the Agent determines that any funds held as Cash Collateral are subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Agent or that the total amount of such funds is less than the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations, the Borrowers will, forthwith upon demand by the Agent, pay to the Agent, as additional funds to be deposited as Cash Collateral, an amount equal to the excess of (x) such aggregate Outstanding Amount over (y) the total amount of funds, if any, then held as Cash Collateral that the Agent determines to be free and clear of any such right and claim. Upon the drawing of any Letter of Credit for which funds are on deposit as Cash Collateral, such funds shall be applied, to the extent permitted under applicable Laws, to reimburse the L/C Issuer and, to the extent not so applied, shall thereafter be applied to satisfy other Obligations and any surplus shall be promptly returned to the Borrowers in accordance with their written instructions.

- (1) The Borrowers shall pay to the Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage a Letter of Credit fee (the "Letter of Credit Fee") for each Letter of Credit equal to the Applicable Margin for LIBO Rate SOFR Loans multiplied by the daily Stated Amount under each such Letter of Credit (whether or not such maximum amount is then in effect under such Letter of Credit). For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of the Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. Letter of Credit Fees shall be (i) due and payable on the first day after the end of each month commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, and after the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, on demand, and (ii) computed on a monthly basis in arrears. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, while any Event of Default exists, all Letter of Credit Fees shall accrue at the Default Rate as provided in Section 2.08(b) hereof.
- (m) In addition to the Letter of Credit Fees as set forth in Section 2.03(1) above, the Borrowers shall pay immediately upon demand to the Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer as non-refundable fees, commissions, and charges (it being acknowledged and agreed that any charging of such fees, commissions, and charges to the Loan Account pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.02(d) shall be deemed to constitute a demand for payment thereof for the purposes of this Section 2.03(m)): (i) a fronting fee which shall be imposed by the L/C Issuer upon the issuance of each Letter of Credit of .1250.125% per annum of the face amount thereof, plus (ii) any and all other customary commissions, fees and charges then in effect imposed by, and any and all expenses incurred by, the L/C Issuer, or by any adviser, confirming institution or entity or other nominated person, relating to Letters of Credit, at the time of issuance of any Letter of Credit and upon the occurrence of any other activity with respect to any Letter of Credit (including transfers, assignments of proceeds, amendments, drawings, renewals or cancellations).
- (n) Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the L/C Issuer and the Borrowers when a Letter of Credit is issued, (i) the rules of the ISP and the UCP shall apply to each Standby Letter of Credit, and (ii) the rules of the UCP shall apply to each Commercial Letter of Credit.
- (o) The L/C Issuer shall act on behalf of the Lenders with respect to any Letters of Credit issued by it and the documents associated therewith, and the L/C Issuer shall have with respect to the Lenders all of the benefits and immunities (A) provided to the Agent in Article IX with respect to any acts taken or omissions suffered by the L/C Issuer in connection with Letters of Credit issued by it or proposed to be issued by it and Issuer Documents pertaining to such Letters of Credit as fully as if the term "Agent" as used in Article IX included the L/C Issuer with respect to such acts or omissions, and (B) as additionally provided herein with respect to the L/C Issuer.
- (p) In the event of a direct conflict between the provisions of this <u>Section 2.03</u> and any provision contained in any Issuer Document, it is the intention of the parties hereto that such provisions be read together and construed, to the fullest extent possible, to be in concert with each other. In the event of any actual, irreconcilable conflict that cannot be resolved as aforesaid, the terms and provisions of this <u>Section 2.03</u> shall control and govern.

# 2.04 Swing Line Loans.

(a) The Swing Line. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Swing Line Lender may, in reliance upon the agreements of the other Lenders set forth in this Section 2.04, make loans (each such loan, a "Swing Line Loan") to the Borrowers from time to time on any Business Day during the Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of the Swing Line Sublimit, notwithstanding the fact that such Swing Line Loans, when aggregated with the Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of Committed Loans and L/C

Obligations of the Lender acting as Swing Line Lender, may exceed the amount of such Lender's Commitment; provided, that, after giving effect to any Swing Line Loan, (i) the Total Outstandings shall not exceed Loan Cap, (ii) the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Committed Loans of any Lender at such time, plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations at such time, plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of all Swing Line Loans at such time shall not exceed such Lender's Commitment, (iii) the initial request for a Swing Line Loan shall be received by Swing Line Lender not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the date such Swing Line Loan is to be made [intentionally omitted] and (iv) the Borrowers shall not use the proceeds of any Swing Line Loan to refinance any outstanding Swing Line Loan. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrowers may borrow under this Section 2.04, prepay under Section 2.05, and reborrow under this Section 2.04. Each Swing Line Loan shall bear interest only at the rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. Immediately upon the making of a Swing Line Loan, each Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from the Swing Line Lender a risk participation in such Swing Line Loan in an amount equal to the product of such Lender's Applicable Percentage times the amount of such Swing Line Loan. The Swing Line Lender shall have with respect to the Lenders all of the benefits and immunities (A) provided to the Agent in Article IX with respect to any acts taken or omissions suffered by the Swing Line Lender in connection with Swing Line Loans made by it or proposed to be made by it as if the term "Agent" as used in Article IX included the Swing Line Lender with respect to such acts or omissions, and (B) as additionally provided herein with respect to the Swing Line Lender.

(b) Borrowing Procedures. Each Swing Line Borrowing shall be made upon the Lead Borrower's irrevocable notice to the Swing Line Lender and the Agent, which may be given by telephone. Each such notice must be received by the Swing Line Lender and the Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. on the requested borrowing date, and shall specify (i) the amount to be borrowed, which shall be a minimum of \$100,000, and (ii) the requested borrowing date, which shall be a Business Day. Each such telephonic notice must be confirmed promptly by delivery to the Swing Line Lender and the Agent of a written Swing Line Loan Notice, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower. Promptly after receipt by the Swing Line Lender of any telephonic Swing Line Loan Notice, the Swing Line Lender will confirm with the Agent (by telephone or in writing) that the Agent has also received such Swing Line Loan Notice and, if not, the Swing Line Lender will notify the Agent (by telephone or in writing) of the contents thereof. Unless the Swing Line Lender has received notice (by telephone or in writing) from the Agent at the request of the Required Lenders prior to 2:00 p.m. on the date of the proposed Swing Line Borrowing (A) directing the Swing Line Lender not to make such Swing Line Loan as a result of the limitations set forth in the proviso to the first sentence of Section 2.04(a), or (B) that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Article IV is not then satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 10.1), then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Swing Line Lender may, not later than 3:00 p.m. on the borrowing date specified in such Swing Line Loan Notice, make the amount of its Swing Line Loan available to the Borrowers at its office by crediting the account of the Lead Borrower on the books of the Swing Line Lender in immediately available funds.

#### (c) Refinancing of Swing Line Loans.

(i) The Swing Line Lender at any time in its sole and absolute discretion may request, on behalf of the Borrowers (which hereby irrevocably authorize the Swing Line Lender to so request on their behalf), that each Lender make a Base Rate Loan in an amount equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the amount of Swing Line Loans then outstanding. Such request shall be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.02, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified therein for the principal amount of Base Rate Loans, but subject to the unutilized portion of the Loan Cap and the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 10.1) of the conditions set forth in Section 4.02. Each Lender shall make an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the amount of

such outstanding Swing Line Loan available to the Agent in immediately available funds for the account of the Swing Line Lender at the Agent's Office not later than 1:00 p.m. on the day specified by the Swing Line Lender, whereupon, subject to Section 2.04(c)(ii), each Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made a Base Rate Loan to the Borrowers in such amount. The Agent shall remit the funds so received to the Swing Line Lender.

- (ii) If for any reason any Swing Line Loan cannot be refinanced by such a Committed Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.04(c)(i), the request for Base Rate Loans submitted by the Swing Line Lender as set forth herein shall be deemed to be a request by the Swing Line Lender that each of the Lenders fund its risk participation in the relevant Swing Line Loan and each Lender's payment to the Agent for the account of the Swing Line Lender pursuant to Section 2.04(c)(i) shall be deemed payment in respect of such participation.
- (iii) If any Lender fails to make available to the Agent for the account of the Swing Line Lender any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.04(c) by the time specified in Section 2.04(c)(i), the Swing Line Lender shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through the Agent), on demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to the Swing Line Lender at a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Swing Line Lender in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by the Swing Line Lender in connection with the foregoing. If such Lender pays such amount (with interest and fees as aforesaid), the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Committed Loan included in the relevant Committed Borrowing or funded participation in the relevant Swing Line Loan, as the case may be. A certificate of the Swing Line Lender submitted to any Lender (through the Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this clause (iii) shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (iv) Each Lender's obligation to make Committed Loans or to purchase and fund risk participations in Swing Line Loans pursuant to this Section 2.04(c) shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Lender may have against the Swing Line Lender, the Borrowers or any other Person for any reason whatsoever, (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or an Event of Default, or (C) any other occurrence, event or condition, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing; provided, that, each Lender's obligation to make Committed Loans pursuant to this Section 2.04(c) is subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 10.1) of the conditions set forth in Section 4.02. No such funding of risk participations shall relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of the Borrowers to repay Swing Line Loans, together with interest as provided herein.

## (d) Repayment of Participations.

- (i) At any time after any Lender has purchased and funded a risk participation in a Swing Line Loan, if the Swing Line Lender receives any payment on account of such Swing Line Loan, the Swing Line Lender will distribute to such Lender its Applicable Percentage of such payment (appropriately adjusted, in the case of interest payments, to reflect the period of time during which such Lender's risk participation was funded) in the same funds as those received by the Swing Line Lender.
- (ii) If any payment received by the Swing Line Lender in respect of principal or interest on any Swing Line Loan is required to be returned by the Swing Line Lender under any of the circumstances described in Section 10.05 (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Swing Line Lender in its discretion), each Lender shall pay to the Swing Line Lender its Applicable Percentage thereof on demand of the Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such

amount is returned, at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate. The Agent will make such demand upon the request of the Swing Line Lender. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

- (e) <u>Interest for Account of Swing Line Lender</u>. The Swing Line Lender shall be responsible for invoicing the Borrowers for interest on the Swing Line Loans. Until each Lender funds its Base Rate Loan or risk participation pursuant to this <u>Section 2.04</u> to refinance such Lender's Applicable Percentage of any Swing Line Loan, interest in respect of such Applicable Percentage shall be solely for the account of the Swing Line Lender.
- (f) <u>Payments Directly to Swing Line Lender</u>. The Borrowers shall make all payments of principal and interest in respect of the Swing Line Loans directly to the Swing Line Lender.

## 2.05 Prepayments.

- (a) The Borrowers may, upon irrevocable notice from the Lead Borrower to the Agent, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay Committed Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided, that, (i) such notice must be received by the Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (A) three U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of LIBO RateSOFR Loans and (B) on the date of prepayment of Base Rate Loans; (ii) any prepayment of LIBO Rate SOFR Loans, unless a Cash Dominion Event has occurred and is continuing, shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof; and (iii) any prepayment of Base Rate Loans, unless a Cash Dominion Event has occurred and is continuing, shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof or, in each case, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, if a notice of prepayment is given in connection with a conditional notice of termination of the Commitments as contemplated by Section 2.06, then such notice of prepayment may be revoked if such notice of termination is revoked in accordance with Section 2.06. Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment and the Type(s) of Loans to be prepaid and, if LIBO RateSOFR Loans, the Interest Period(s) of such Loans. The Agent will promptly notify each Lender of its receipt of each such notice, and of the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such prepayment. If such notice is given by the Lead Borrower, the Borrowers shall make such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein. Any prepayment of a LIBO Rate SOFR Loan shall be accompanied by all accrued interest on the amount prepaid, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05. Each such prepayment shall be applied to the Committed Loans of the Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages.
- (b) The Borrowers may, upon irrevocable notice from the Lead Borrower to the Swing Line Lender (with a copy to the Agent), at any time or from time to time, voluntarily prepay Swing Line Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided that (i) such notice must be received by the Swing Line Lender and the Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. on the date of the prepayment, and (ii) any such prepayment shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$100,000. Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment. If such notice is given by the Lead Borrower, the Borrowers shall make or cause to be made such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein.
- (c) If for any reason the Total Outstandings at any time exceed the Loan Cap as then in effect, the Borrowers shall immediately prepay Loans, Swing Line Loans and/or Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to such excess; provided, however, that the Borrowers shall not be required to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations pursuant to this Section 2.05(c) unless after the prepayment in full of the Loans the Total Outstandings exceed the Loan Cap as then in effect.

- (d) The Borrower shall prepay the Loans and Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations with the proceeds and collections received by the Loan Parties to the extent so required under the provisions of Section 6.13 hereof.
- (e) Prepayments made pursuant to Section 2.05(c) and (d) above, first, shall be applied to the Swing Line Loans, second, shall be applied ratably to the outstanding Committed Loans, third, shall be used to Cash Collateralize the remaining L/C Obligations; and, fourth, the amount remaining, if any, after the prepayment in full of all Swing Line Loans and Committed Loans outstanding at such time and the Cash Collateralization of the remaining L/C Obligations in full may be retained by the Borrowers for use in the ordinary course of its business. Upon the drawing of any Letter of Credit that has been Cash Collateralized, the funds held as Cash Collateral shall be applied (without any further action by or notice to or from the Borrowers or any other Loan Party) to reimburse the L/C Issuer or the Lenders, as applicable.

# 2.06 Termination or Reduction of Commitments.

- (a) The Borrowers may, upon irrevocable notice from the Lead Borrower to the Agent, terminate the Aggregate Commitments, the Letter of Credit Sublimit or the Swing Line Sublimit or from time to time permanently reduce the Aggregate Commitments, the Letter of Credit Sublimit or the Swing Line Sublimit; provided that (i) any such notice shall be received by the Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. five Business Days prior to the date of termination or reduction, (ii) any such partial reduction shall be in an aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 or any whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof, (iii) the Borrowers shall not terminate or reduce (A) the Aggregate Commitments if, after giving effect thereto and to any concurrent prepayments hereunder, the Total Outstandings would exceed the Aggregate Commitments, (B) the Letter of Credit Sublimit if, after giving effect thereto, the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations not fully Cash Collateralized hereunder would exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit, and (C) the Swing Line Sublimit if, after giving effect thereto, and to any concurrent payments hereunder, the Outstanding Amount of Swing Line Loans hereunder would exceed the Swing Line Sublimit, and (iv) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, a notice of termination of the Commitments delivered by the Lead Representative may state that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities or other transaction, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower Representative (by notice to the Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied.
- (b) If, after giving effect to any reduction of the Aggregate Commitments, the Letter of Credit Sublimit or the Swing Line Sublimit exceeds the amount of the Aggregate Commitments, such Letter of Credit Sublimit or Swing Line Sublimit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of such excess.
- (c) The Agent will promptly notify the Lenders of any termination or reduction of the Letter of Credit Sublimit, Swing Line Sublimit or the Aggregate Commitments under this Section 2.06. Upon any reduction of the Aggregate Commitments, the Commitment of each Lender shall be reduced by such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such reduction amount. All fees (including, without limitation, commitment fees and Letter of Credit Fees) and interest in respect of the Aggregate Commitments accrued until the effective date of any termination of the Aggregate Commitments shall be paid on the effective date of such termination.

#### 2.07 Repayment of Loans.

(a) The Borrower shall repay to the Lenders on the Termination Date the aggregate principal amount of Committed Loans outstanding on such date.

(b) To the extent not previously paid, the Borrower shall repay the outstanding balance of the Swing Line Loans on the Termination Date.

#### 2.08 Interest.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 2.08(b) below and Section 3.03, (i) each LIBO Rate SOFR Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof for each Interest Period at a rate per annum equal to Term SOFR for the Adjusted LIBO Rate for such Interest Period thereof plus the Applicable Margin; (ii) each Base Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from the applicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin; and (iii) each Swing Line Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from the applicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin.
- (b) (i) If any amount payable under any Loan Document is not paid when due (without regard to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
- (ii) If any other Event of Default exists, then the Agent may, and upon the request of the Required Lenders shall, notify the Lead Borrower that all outstanding Obligations shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate and thereafter such Obligations shall bear interest at the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
- (iii) Accrued and unpaid interest on past due amounts (including interest on past due interest) shall be due and payable upon demand.
- (c) Interest on each Loan shall be due and payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date applicable thereto and at such other times as may be specified herein. Interest hereunder shall be due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof before and after judgment, and before and after the commencement of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law.
  - 2.09 Fees. In addition to certain fees described in subsections (1) and (m) of Section 2.03:
- (a) Commitment Fee. The Borrowers shall pay to the Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage, a commitment fee calculated on a per annum basis equal to the Applicable Commitment Fee Percentage multiplied by the actual daily amount by which the Aggregate Commitments exceed the Total Outstandings. The commitment fee shall accrue at all times during the Availability Period, including at any time during which one or more of the conditions in Article IV is not met, and shall be due and payable monthly in arrears on the first day after the end of each month, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, and on the last day of the Availability Period. The commitment fee shall be calculated monthly in arrears.
- (b) Other Fees. The Borrower shall pay to the Arranger and the Agent for their own respective accounts fees in the amounts and at the times specified in the Fee Letter. Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable for any reason whatsoever.

## 2.10 Computation of Interest and Fees; Term SOFR Conforming Changes.

(a) All computations of fees and interest shall be made on the basis of a three hundred sixty (360) -day year (or three hundred sixty five (365) or three hundred sixty six (366) days, as the case may

be, in the case of Base Rate Loans) and actual days elapsed. Interest shall accrue on each outstanding Loan beginning, and including the day, such Loan is made and until (but not including) the day on which such Loan (or such portion thereof) is paid, provided, that, any Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall, subject to Section 2.12(a), bear interest for one day. Each determination by the Agent of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

(b) In connection with the use or administration of Term SOFR, the Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document. The Agent will promptly notify the Lead Borrower and the Lenders of the effectiveness of any Conforming Changes in connection with the use or administration of Term SOFR.

## 2.11 Evidence of Debt.

- (a) The Credit Extensions made by each Lender shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by the Agent (the "Loan Account") in the ordinary course of business. In addition, each Lender may record in such Lender's internal records, an appropriate notation evidencing the date and amount of each Loan from such Lender, each payment and prepayment of principal of any such Loan, and each payment of interest, fees and other amounts due in connection with the Obligations due to such Lender. The accounts or records maintained by the Agent and each Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Credit Extensions made by the Lenders to the Borrowers and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of the Borrowers hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by any Lender and the accounts and records of the Agent in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error. Upon the request of any Lender made through the Agent, the Borrowers shall execute and deliver to such Lender (through the Agent) a Note, which shall evidence such Lender's Loans in addition to such accounts or records. Each Lender may attach schedules to its Note and endorse thereon the date, Type (if applicable), amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereto. Upon receipt of an affidavit of a Lender as to the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of such Lender's Note, together with customary indemnification undertakings for the benefit of the Borrowers, and upon cancellation of such Note, the Borrowers will issue, in lieu thereof, a replacement Note in favor of such Lender, in the same principal amount thereof and otherwise of like tenor.
- (b) In addition to the accounts and records referred to in Section 2.11(a), each Lender and the Agent shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice accounts or records evidencing the purchases and sales by such Lender of participations in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by the Agent and the accounts and records of any Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

#### 2.12 Payments Generally; Agent's Clawback.

(a) General. All payments to be made by the Borrowers shall be made without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by the Borrowers hereunder shall be made to the Agent, for the account of the respective Lenders to which such payment is owed, at the Agent's Office in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 2:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. Subject to Section 2.14 hereof, the

Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender its Applicable Percentage (or other applicable share as provided herein) of such payment in like funds as received by wire transfer to such Lender's Lending Office. All payments received by the Agent after 2:00 p.m., at the option of the Agent, shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. If any payment to be made by the Borrowers shall come due on a day other than a Business Day, payment shall be made on the next following Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.

- (i) Funding by Lenders; Presumption by Agent. Unless the Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing of LIBO Rate SOFR Loans (or in the case of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, prior to 12:00 noon on the date of such Borrowing) that such Lender will not make available to the Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with Section 2.02 (or in the case of a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, that such Lender has made such share available in accordance with and at the time required by Section 2.02) and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrowers a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Committed Borrowing available to the Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrowers severally agree to pay to the Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrowers to but excluding the date of payment to the Agent, at (A) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation plus any administrative processing or similar fees customarily charged by the Agent in connection with the foregoing, and (B) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrowers, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. If the Borrowers and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrowers the amount of such interest paid by the Borrowers for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Committed Borrowing to the Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Committed Loan included in such Committed Borrowing. Any payment by the Borrowers shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrowers may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Agent.
- (ii) Payments by Borrowers; Presumptions by Agent. Unless the Agent shall have received notice from the Lead Borrower prior to the time at which any payment is due to the Agent for the account of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer hereunder that the Borrowers will not make such payment, the Agent 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 L/C Issuer, 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 L/C Issuer, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, in immediately available funds 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 Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

A notice of the Agent to any Lender or the Lead Borrower with respect to any amount owing under this subsection (b) shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

(e) Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent. If any Lender makes available to the Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Article II, and such funds are not made available to the Borrowers by the Agent because the conditions to the applicable Credit Extension set forth in Article IV are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms hereof (subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 4.02 hereof), the Agent shall

return such funds (in like funds as received from such Lender) to such Lender, without interest.

- (d) Obligations of Lenders Several. The obligations of the Lenders hereunder to make Committed Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans and to make payments hereunder are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Committed Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any payment hereunder on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Committed Loan, to purchase its participation or to make its payment hereunder.
- (e) <u>Funding Source</u>. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner.
- 2.13 **Sharing of Payments by Lenders**. If any Credit Party shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of, interest on, or other amounts with respect to, any of the Obligations resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of such Obligations greater than its <u>pro rata</u> share thereof as provided herein (including as in contravention of the priorities of payment set forth in <u>Section 8.03</u>), then the Credit Party receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify the Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Obligations of the other Credit Parties, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Credit Parties ratably and in the priorities set forth in <u>Section 8.03</u>, <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>:
- (i) if any such participations or subparticipations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations or subparticipations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and
- (ii) the provisions of this Section shall not be construed to apply to (A) any payment made by the Loan Parties pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (B) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Committed Loans or subparticipations in L/C Obligations or Swing Line Loans to any assignee or participant, other than to the Borrowers or any Subsidiary thereof (as to which the provisions of this Section shall apply).

Each Loan Party consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against such Loan Party rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of such Loan Party in the amount of such participation.

### 2.14 Settlement Amongst Lenders

- (a) The amount of each Lender's Applicable Percentage of outstanding Loans (including outstanding Swing Line Loans, shall be computed weekly (or more frequently in the Agent's discretion) and shall be adjusted upward or downward based on all Loans (including Swing Line Loans) and repayments of Loans (including Swing Line Loans) received by the Agent as of 3:00 p.m. on the first Business Day (such date, the "Settlement Date") following the end of the period specified by the Agent.
- (b) The Agent shall deliver to each of the Lenders promptly after a Settlement Date a summary statement of the amount of outstanding Committed Loans and Swing Line Loans for the period and the amount of repayments received for the period. As reflected on the summary statement, (i) the Agent shall transfer to each Lender its Applicable Percentage of repayments, and (ii) each Lender shall transfer to the Agent (as provided below) or the Agent shall transfer to each Lender, such amounts as are

necessary to insure that, after giving effect to all such transfers, the amount of Committed Loans made by each Lender shall be equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of all Committed Loans outstanding as of such Settlement Date. If the summary statement requires transfers to be made to the Agent by the Lenders and is received prior to 1:00 p.m. on a Business Day, such transfers shall be made in immediately available funds no later than 3:00 p.m. that day; and, if received after 1:00 p.m., then no later than 3:00 p.m. on the next Business Day. The obligation of each Lender to transfer such funds is irrevocable, unconditional and without recourse to or warranty by the Agent. If and to the extent any Lender shall not have so made its transfer to the Agent, such Lender agrees to pay to the Agent, forthwith on demand such amount, together with interest thereon, for each day from such date until the date such amount is paid to the Agent, equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation plus any administrative, processing, or similar fees customarily charged by the Agent in connection with the foregoing.

#### 2.15 Increase in Commitments.

(a) Committed Increase. The Lead Borrower may from time to time make a written request to Agent for an increase in the Aggregate Commitments by an amount (for all such requests) not exceeding \$10,000,000 (the "Committed Increase"); provided, that, (i) any such Committed Increase shall be in a minimum amount of \$5,000,000, (ii) the amount of the Aggregate Commitments, as the same may be increased pursuant to any Committed Increase, shall not exceed \$25,000,000 at any time, (iii) the Lead Borrower may make a maximum of two (2) such requests, (iv) as of the date of any such Committed Increase, and after giving effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall exist or have occurred and be continuing, and (v) as to any such Committed Increase, Borrowers shall have paid a fee to Wells Fargo for its own account in the amount equal to one half percent (0.50%) of the amount of such Committed Increase. Any such Committed Increase shall be effectuated as soon as reasonably practicable after the request of the Lead Borrower therefor. Any such Committed Increase shall be provided solely by Wells Fargo (or any permitted assignee or Participant of Wells Fargo) and shall otherwise be on the same terms as the existing facility under this Agreement. Upon the effective date of any such Committed Increase (the "Increase Effective Date") (i) the Aggregate Commitments under, and for all purposes of, this Agreement shall be increased by the aggregate amount of such Committed Increase, and (ii) Schedule 2.01 shall be deemed modified, without further action, to reflect the revised Commitments and Applicable Percentages of the Lenders.

(b) Conditions to Effectiveness of Committed Increase. As a condition precedent to each Committed Increase, (i) the Lead Borrower shall deliver to the Agent a certificate of each Loan Party dated as of the Increase Effective Date (in sufficient copies for each Lender) signed by a Responsible Officer of such Loan Party (A) certifying and attaching the resolutions adopted by such Loan Party approving or consenting to such Committed Increase, and (B) in the case of the Borrowers, certifying that, before and after giving effect to such Committed Increase, (1) the representations and warranties contained in Article V and the other Loan Documents are true and correct on and as of the Increase Effective Date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this Section 2.15, the representations and warranties contained in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5.05 shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to clauses (a) and (b), respectively, of Section 6.01, and (2) as of the Increase Effective Date for any such Committed Increase and after giving effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall exist or have occurred and be continuing; (iii) the Borrowers shall have paid the fee provided for above to Wells Fargo; (iv) if requested by the Agent, the Borrowers shall deliver to the Agent and the Lenders an opinion or opinions, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, from counsel to the Borrowers reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and dated such date; (v) the Borrowers shall have delivered such other instruments, documents and agreements as the Agent may reasonably have requested; and (vii) as of the

date of any such Committed Increase and after giving effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall exist or have occurred and be continuing.

(c) <u>Conflicting Provisions</u>. This Section shall supersede any provisions in <u>Sections 2.13</u> or <u>10.01</u> to the contrary.

# ARTICLE III TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY; APPOINTMENT OF LEAD BORROWER

#### 3.01 Taxes.

- (a) Payments Free of Taxes. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrowers 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 the Borrowers shall be required by applicable law to deduct any Indemnified Taxes (including any Other Taxes) from such payments, then (i) the sum payable shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the Agent, Lender or L/C Issuer, as the case may be, receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (ii) the Borrowers shall make such deductions and (iii) the Borrowers shall timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.
- (b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrowers</u>. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) above, the Borrowers shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.
- (c) Indemnification by the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties shall indemnify the Agent, each Lender and the L/C Issuer, within ten (10) days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) paid by the Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and any penalties, interest and 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 Lead Borrower by a Lender or the L/C Issuer (with a copy to the Agent), or by the Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of the Agent, a Lender or the L/C Issuer, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (d) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes by the Borrowers to a Governmental Authority, the Lead Borrower shall deliver to the 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 Agent.
- (e) <u>Status of Lenders</u>. Any <u>Foreign</u> Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding tax under the law of the jurisdiction in which any Borrower is resident for tax purposes, or any treaty to which such jurisdiction is a party, with respect to payments hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Lead Borrower (with a copy to the Agent), at the time or times prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Lead Borrower or the 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. Such delivery shall be

provided on the Closing Date and on or before such documentation expires or becomes obsolete or after the occurrence of an event requiring a change in the documentation most recently delivered. In addition, any Lender, if requested by the Lead Borrower or the Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Lead Borrower or the Agent as will enable the Lead Borrower or the Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that any Borrower is resident for tax purposes in the United States, any Foreign Lender shall deliver to the Lead Borrower and the Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the request of the Lead Borrower or the Agent, but only if such Foreign Lender is legally entitled to do so), whichever of the following is applicable:

- (i) With respect to any Lender that is not a Foreign Lender, duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax,
  - (ii) With respect to any Lender that is a Foreign Lender:
- (A) (i) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN claiming eligibility for benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party,
  - (B) (ii) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI,
- (C) (iii) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not (A) a "bank" within the meaning of section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (B) a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrowers within the meaning of section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or (C) a "controlled foreign corporation" described in section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and (y) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN,
- (iii) 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 Lead Borrower and the Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Lead Borrower or the 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 Lead Borrower or the Agent as may be necessary for the Lead Borrower and the Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount, if any, to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (iv), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement, or
- (iv) 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 Lead Borrower to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made.

- or replacement Agent becomes the Agent hereunder), to the extent copies thereof have not previously been so delivered, the Agent shall deliver to the Lead Borrower, to the extent it is legally able to do so, duly completed copies of either (i) Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (or any subsequent versions thereof or successors thereto) or (ii) (A) Internal Revenue Service Form W-8IMY (or any subsequent versions thereof or successors thereto) certifying that it is a "U.S. branch" of a foreign bank and evidencing its agreement with the Borrowers to be treated as a U.S. person with respect to payments made to it by the Borrowers and (B) Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI with respect to any amounts payable to the Agent for its own account.
- determines, in its sole discretion, that it has received a refund of any Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by the Borrowers or with respect to which the Borrowers have paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall pay to the Borrowers an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Borrowers under this Section with respect to the Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of the Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, 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, the Borrowers, upon the request of the Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, agree to repay the amount paid over to the Borrowers (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer in the event the Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. This subsection shall not be construed to require the Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to the Borrowers or any other Person.
- (h) EATCA. Defined Terms. For purposes of this section, the term "applicable law" includes
- Illegality. If any Lender determines that any change in market conditions or any Change in Law has made it unlawful or impractical, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund LIBOSOFR Loans (or Base Rate Loans determined with reference to Term SOFR), or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the LIBOTerm SOFR Reference Rate, or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the London interbank market Term SOFR or SOFR, then, on notice thereof by such Lender to the Lead Borrower through the Agent, any obligation of such Lender to make or continue LIBOSOFR Loans (or Base Rate Loans determined with reference to Term SOFR) or to convert Base Rate Loans to LIBO RateSOFR Loans shall be suspended until such Lender notifies the Agent and the Lead Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist. Upon receipt of such notice, if necessary to avoid such illegality or impracticability, (i) in the case of any SOFR Loans of such Lender that are outstanding, the Borrowers shall, upon demand from such Lender (with a copy to the Agent), prepay or, if applicable, convert all LIBO Rate SOFR Loans of such Lender to Base Rate Loans (and if applicable, without reference to Term SOFR), either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such LIBO Rate SOFR Loans to such day, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such LIBO Rate Loans SOFR Loans, and (ii) in the case of any such Base Rate Loans of such Lender that are outstanding and that are determined with reference to Term SOFR, interest upon the Base Rate Loans of such Lender after the date specified in such Lender's notice shall accrue interest at the rate then applicable to Base Rate Loans without reference to the Term SOFR component thereof. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, the Borrowers shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted.

# 3.03 **Inability to Determine Rates.**

(a) General. Subject to the provisions set forth in Section 3.03(b), if the Required Lenders determine that for any reason in connection with any request for a SOFR Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof that Term SOFR cannot be determined on or prior to the first day of any Interest Period, then the Agent will promptly so notify the Lead Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, the obligation of the Lenders to make any SOFR Loan, and any right of any Borrower to convert any Loan or continue any Loan as a SOFR Loan, shall be suspended (to the extent of the affected SOFR Loans or the affected Interest Periods) until the Agent revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, (A) the Lead Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of SOFR Loans or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein, and (B) any outstanding affected SOFR Loans will be deemed to have been converted into Base Rate Loans at the end of the applicable Interest Period. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, the Borrowers shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted.

3.03 Inability to Determine Rates. If the Required Lenders determine that for any reason in connection with any request for a LIBO Rate Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof that (a) Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the London interbank market for the applicable amount and Interest Period of such LIBO Rate Loan, (b) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for determining the LIBO Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed LIBO Rate Loan , or (c) the LIBO Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed LIBO Rate Loan does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding such Loan, the Agent will promptly so notify the Lead Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain LIBO Rate Loans shall be suspended until the Agent (upon the instruction of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice

# (b) Benchmark Replacement Setting.

- (i) Benchmark Replacement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, the Agent and the Lead Borrower may amend this Agreement to replace the then-current Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement. Any such amendment with respect to a Benchmark Transition Event will become effective at 5:00 p.m. on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the Agent has posted such proposed amendment to all affected Lenders and the Lead Borrower so long as the Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such amendment from the Lenders comprising the Required Lenders. No replacement of a Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement pursuant to this Section 3.03(b) will occur prior to the applicable Benchmark Transition Start Date.
- (ii) Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes. In connection with the use, administration, adoption or implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
- (iii) Notices; Standards for Decisions and Determinations. The Agent will promptly notify the Lead Borrower and the Lenders of (A) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement and (B) the effectiveness of any Conforming Changes in

connection with the use, administration, adoption or implementation of a Benchmark Replacement. The Agent will notify the Lead Borrower of (x) the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to Section 3.03(b)(iv) and (y) the commencement of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this Section 3.03(b), including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 3.03(b).

- Unavailability of Tenor of Benchmark. Notwithstanding anything to the (iv) contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (A) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including the Term SOFR Reference Rate) and either (1) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Agent in its reasonable discretion or (2) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is not or will not be representative, then the Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" (or any similar or analogous definition) for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (B) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (A) above either (1) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (2) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is not or will not be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" (or any similar or analogous definition) for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.
- (v) Benchmark Unavailability Period. Upon Lead Borrower's receipt of such notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, (1) the Lead Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowingborrowing of, conversion to or continuation of LIBO Rate SOFR Loans orto be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the Lead Borrower will be deemed to have converted any such request into a request for a Committed Borrowingborrowing of or conversion to Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein, and (2) any outstanding affected SOFR Loans will be deemed to have been converted to Base Rate Loans at the end of the applicable Interest Period. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of the Base Rate based upon the then-current Benchmark or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of the Base Rate.

#### 3.04 Increased Costs: Reserves on LIBO Rate Loans.

(A) Increased Costs Generally. If any (i) Change in Law, or (ii) compliance by any Lender or the L/C Issuer with any direction, request, or requirement (irrespective of whether having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority or monetary authority (including Regulation D of the FRB),

shall:

(b) :

(i) (A) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in (including, without limitation, in respect of any Letter of Credit) by, any Lender (except any reserve requirement reflected in the LIBO Rate) or the L/C Issuer;

(ii) (B) subject any Lender or the L/C Issuer to any tax of any kind whatsoever with respect to this Agreement, any Letter of Credit, any participation in a Letter of Credit or any LIBO Rate SOFR Loan made by it, or change the basis of taxation of payments to such Lender or the L/C Issuer in respect thereof (except for Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes covered by Section 3.01 and the imposition of, or any change in the rate of, any Excluded Tax payable by such Lender or the L/C Issuer); or

(iii) (C) impose on any Lender or the L/C Issuer or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or LIBO Rate SOFR 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 of making or maintaining any LIBOSOFR Loan (or any Base Rate Loan determined with reference to Term SOFR) (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such SOFR Loan or Base Rate Loan), or to increase the cost to such Lender or the L/C Issuer of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Letter of Credit), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of such Lender or the L/C Issuer, the Borrowers will pay to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered, together with interest on such amount from the date of such demand until payment in full thereof at the rate then applicable to Base Rate Loans hereunder.

- (c) (b) Capital Requirements. If any Lender or the L/C Issuer determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or the L/C Issuer or any Lending Office of such Lender or such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, regarding capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitments of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the L/C Issuer, to a level below that which such Lender or the L/C Issuer or such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company with respect to capital adequacy), then from time to time the Borrowers will pay to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer or such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company for any such reduction suffered.
- (d) (e) Certificates for Reimbursement. A certificate of a Lender or the L/C Issuer setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in subsection (a) or (b) of this Section with a reasonably detailed description of the calculation thereof and delivered to the Lead Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrowers shall pay such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.

- (e) (d) Delay in Requests. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the L/C Issuer to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's right to demand such compensation, provided that the Borrowers shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine (9) months prior to the date that such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, notifies the Lead Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).
- (e) Reserves on LIBO Rate Loans. The Borrowers shall pay to each Lender, as long as such Lender shall be required to maintain reserves with respect to liabilities or assets consisting of or including Eurocurrency funds or deposits (currently known as "Eurocurrency liabilities"), additional interest on the unpaid principal amount of each LIBO Rate Loan equal to the actual costs of such reserves allocated to such Loan by such Lender (as determined by such Lender in good faith, which determination shall be conclusive), which shall be due and payable on each date on which interest is payable on such Loan, provided the Lead Borrower shall have received at least ten (10) days' prior notice (with a copy to the Agent) of such additional interest from such Lender. If a Lender fails to give notice ten (10) days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date, such additional interest shall be due and payable ten (10) days from receipt of such notice.
- 3.05 **Compensation for Losses.** Upon demand of any Lender (with a copy to the Agent) from time to time, the Borrowers shall promptly compensate such Lender for and hold such Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:
- (a) any continuation, conversion, payment or prepayment of any Loan other than a Base
   Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such Loan (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration, or otherwise);
- (b) any failure by the Borrowers (for a reason other than the failure of such Lender to make a Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by the Lead Borrower; or
- (c) any assignment of a LIBO Rate SOFR Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor as a result of a request by the Lead Borrower pursuant to Section 10.13;

including any loss of anticipated profits and any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain such Loan or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained. The Borrowers shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing.

For purposes of calculating amounts payable by the Borrowers to the Lenders under this Section 3.05, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each LIBO Rate Loan made by it at the LIBO Rate for such Loan by a matching deposit or other borrowing in the London interbank market for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such LIBO Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

Anything to the contrary contained herein notwithstanding, neither the Agent, nor any Lender, nor any of their Participants, is required actually to match fund any Obligation as to which interest accrues at Term SOFR or the Term SOFR Reference Rate.

A certificate of the Agent or a Lender delivered to the Lead Borrower setting forth the amount that the Agent or such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this Section 3.05 together with a reasonably detailed calculation thereof shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrowers shall pay such amount to the Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, within 10 days after receipt thereof

## 3.06 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

- (a) <u>Designation of a Different Lending Office</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, or the Borrowers are required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, or if any Lender gives a notice pursuant to <u>Section 3.02</u>, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u> or <u>3.04</u>, as the case may be, in the future, or eliminate the need for the notice pursuant to <u>Section 3.02</u>, as applicable, and (ii) in each case, would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The Borrowers hereby agree to pay all reasonable <u>and documented out-of-pocket</u> costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.
- (b) <u>Replacement of Lenders</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, 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 <u>Section 3.01</u>, the Borrowers may replace such Lender in accordance with Section 10.13.
- 3.07 **Survival.** All of the Borrowers' obligations under this <u>Article III</u> shall survive termination of the Aggregate Commitments and repayment of all other Obligations hereunder.

# 3.08 Designation of Lead Borrower as Borrowers' Agent.

- (a) Each Borrower hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Lead Borrower as such Borrower's agent to obtain Credit Extensions, the proceeds of which shall be available to each Borrower for such uses as are permitted under this Agreement. As the disclosed principal for its agent, each Borrower shall be obligated to each Credit Party on account of Credit Extensions so made as if made directly by the applicable Credit Party to such Borrower, notwithstanding the manner by which such Credit Extensions are recorded on the books and records of the Lead Borrower and of any other Borrower. In addition, each Loan Party other than the Borrowers hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Lead Borrower as such Loan Party's agent to represent such Loan Party in all respects under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.
- (b) Each Borrower recognizes that credit available to it hereunder is in excess of and on better terms than it otherwise could obtain on and for its own account and that one of the reasons therefor is its joining in the credit facility contemplated herein with all other Borrowers. Consequently, each Borrower hereby assumes and agrees to discharge all Obligations of each of the other Borrowers.
- (c) The Lead Borrower shall act as a conduit for each Borrower (including itself, as a "Borrower") on whose behalf the Lead Borrower has requested a Credit Extension. Neither the Agent nor any other Credit Party shall have any obligation to see to the application of such proceeds therefrom.

- 4.01 **Conditions of Initial Credit Extension.** The obligation of the L/C Issuer and each Lender to make its initial Credit Extension hereunder is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
- (a) The Agent's receipt of the following, each of which shall be originals, telecopies or other electronic image scan transmission (e.g., "pdf" or "tif" via e-mail) (followed promptly by originals) unless otherwise specified, each properly executed by a Responsible Officer of the signing Loan Party or the Lenders, as applicable, each dated the Closing Date (or, in the case of certificates of governmental officials, a recent date before the Closing Date) and each in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent:
- (i) executed counterparts of this Agreement sufficient in number for distribution to the Agent, each Lender and the Lead Borrower;
  - (ii) a Note executed by the Borrowers in favor of each Lender requesting a Note;
- (iii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates of Responsible Officers of each Loan Party as the Agent may require evidencing (A) the authority of each Loan Party to enter into this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party or is to become a party and (B) the identity, authority and capacity of each Responsible Officer thereof authorized to act as a Responsible Officer in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party or is to become a party;
- (iv) copies of each Loan Party's Organization Documents and such other documents and certifications as the Agent may reasonably require to evidence that each Loan Party is duly organized or formed, and that each Loan Party is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except to the extent that failure to so qualify in such jurisdiction could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (v) a favorable opinion of DLA Piper LLP (US), counsel to the Loan Parties,
   addressed to the Agent and each Lender, as to such matters concerning the Loan Parties and the Loan
   Documents as the Agent may reasonably request;
- (vi) a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower certifying (A) that the conditions specified in Sections 4.02(a) and (b) have been satisfied, (B) that there has been no event or circumstance since the date of the Audited Financial Statements that has had or could be reasonably expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, (C) to the Solvency of the Loan Parties as of the Closing Date after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby, and (D) either that (1) no consents, licenses or approvals are required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by such Loan Party and the validity against such Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, or (2) that all such consents, licenses and approvals have been obtained and are in full force and effect;
- (vii) evidence that all insurance required to be maintained pursuant to the Loan
   Documents and all endorsements in favor of the Agent required under the Loan Documents have been obtained and are in effect;
- (viii) a payoff letter from Siena Lending Group LLC satisfactory in form and substance to the Agent evidencing that the Existing Credit Agreement has been or concurrently with the Closing Date is being terminated, all obligations thereunder are being paid in full, and all Liens securing

obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement have been or concurrently with the Closing Date are being released;

- (ix) the Security Documents and certificates evidencing any stock being pledged thereunder, together with undated stock powers executed in blank, each duly executed by the applicable Loan Parties;
  - (x) all other Loan Documents, each duly executed by the applicable Loan Parties;
- (xi) results of searches or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Agent (in each case dated as of a date reasonably satisfactory to the Agent) indicating the absence of Liens on the assets of the Loan Parties, except for Permitted Encumbrances and Liens for which termination statements and releases, satisfactions and discharges of any mortgages, and releases or subordination agreements satisfactory to the Agent are being tendered concurrently with such extension of credit or other arrangements satisfactory to the Agent for the delivery of such termination statements and releases, satisfactions and discharges have been made;
- (xii) (A) all documents and instruments, including Uniform Commercial Code financing statements, required by law or reasonably requested by the Agent to be filed, registered or recorded to create or perfect the first priority Liens intended to be created under the Loan Documents and all such documents and instruments shall have been so filed, registered or recorded to the satisfaction of the Agent, and (B) the Credit Card Notifications and Control Agreements required pursuant to Section 6.13 hereof, and (C) Collateral Access Agreements as required by the Agent (and including a Collateral Access Agreement with Amalgamate Processing, Inc, that also includes its agreement to provide certain services to Agent subject to certain conditions);

(xiii) such other assurances, certificates, documents, consents or opinions as the Agent reasonably may require.

- (b) After giving effect to (i) the first funding under the Loans, (ii) any charges to the Loan Account made in connection with the establishment of the credit facility contemplated hereby and (iii) all Letters of Credit to be issued at, or immediately subsequent to, such establishment, Excess Availability shall be not less than \$3,000,000.
- (c) The Agent shall have received a Borrowing Base Certificate dated the Closing Date, relating to the month ended on December 31, 2017 and executed by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower.
- (d) The Agent shall be reasonably satisfied that any financial statements delivered to it fairly present the business and financial condition of the Loan Parties and that there has been no Material Adverse Effect since the date of the Audited Financial Statements.
- (e) There shall not be pending any litigation or other proceeding, the result of which, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
  - (f) There shall not have occurred any default of any Material Contract of any Loan Party.
- (g) The consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby shall not violate any applicable Law or any Organization Document.

- (h) All fees and expenses required to be paid to the Agent or the Arranger on or before the Closing Date shall have been paid in full, and all fees and expenses required to be paid to the Lenders on or before the Closing Date shall have been paid in full.
- (i) The Borrowers shall have paid all fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Agent to the extent invoiced prior to or on the Closing Date, plus such additional amounts of such fees, charges and disbursements as shall constitute its reasonable estimate of such fees, charges and disbursements incurred or to be incurred by it through the Closing Date (provided that such estimate shall not thereafter preclude a final settling of accounts between the Borrowers and the Agent).
- (j) The Agent and the Lenders shall have received all documentation and other information required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including without limitation the <u>USA PATRIOTPatriot</u> Act in each case, the results of which are satisfactory to the Agent.
- (k) No material changes in governmental regulations or policies affecting any Loan Party or any Credit Party shall have occurred prior to the Closing Date.
- (1) There shall not have occurred any disruption or material adverse change in the United States financial or capital markets in general that has had, in the reasonable opinion of the Agent, a material adverse effect on the market for loan syndications or adversely affecting the syndication of the Loans.

The Agent shall notify the Lead Borrower and the Lenders of the Closing Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding on the Loan Parties.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of Section 9.04, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this Section 4.01, each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have Consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be Consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

- 4.02 **Conditions to all Credit Extensions.** The obligation of each Lender to honor any Request for Credit Extension (other than a LIBO Rate Loan Notice requesting onlyany request for a continuation or conversion of LIBO Rate Loans in accordance with Section 2.02) and each L/C Issuer to issue each Letter of Credit is subject to the following conditions precedent:
- (a) The representations and warranties of each Loan Party contained in Article V or in any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of such Credit Extension, except (i) to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct as of such earlier date, (ii) in the case of any representation and warranty qualified by materiality, they shall be true and correct in all respects, and (iii) for purposes of this Section 4.02, the representations and warranties contained in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5.05 shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to clauses (a) and (b), respectively, of Section 6.01;
- (b) No Default or Event of Default shall exist, or would result from such proposed Credit Extension or from the application of the proceeds thereof;

- (c) The Agent and, if applicable, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender shall have received a Request for Credit Extension or an updated Borrowing Base Certificate, as applicable, in accordance with the requirements hereof;
- (d) No event or circumstance which could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred; and
  - (e) No Overadvance shall result from such Credit Extension.

Each Request for Credit Extension (other than a LIBO Rate Loan Notice requesting only, for the avoidance of doubt, any request for a continuation or conversion of LIBO Rate Loans in accordance with Section 2.02) submitted by any Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Borrowers that the conditions specified in Sections 4.02(a) and (b) have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension. The conditions set forth in this Section 4.02 are for the sole benefit of the Credit Parties but until the Required Lenders otherwise direct the Agent to cease making Loans and issuing Letters of Credit, the Lenders will fund their Applicable Percentage of all Loans and participate in all Swing Line Loans and Letters of Credit whenever made or issued, which are requested by the Lead Borrower and which, notwithstanding the failure of the Loan Parties to comply with the provisions of this Article IV, agreed to by the Agent, provided, however, the making of any such Loans or the issuance of any Letters of Credit shall not be deemed a modification or waiver by any Credit Party of the provisions of this Article IV on any future occasion or a waiver of any rights or the Credit Parties as a result of any such failure to comply.

# ARTICLE V REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Credit Parties to enter into this Agreement and to make Loans and to issue Letters of Credit hereunder, each Loan Party represents and warrants to the Agent and the other Credit Parties that:

- is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or limited partnership, duly incorporated, organized or formed, validly existing and, where applicable, in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, organization, or formation (b) has all requisite power and authority and all requisite governmental licenses, permits, authorizations, consents and approvals to (i) own or lease its assets and carry on its business and (ii) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (c) is duly qualified and is licensed and, where applicable, in good standing under the Laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; except in each case referred to in clause (b)(i) or (c), to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Schedule 5.01 annexed hereto sets forth, as of the Closing Date, each Loan Party's name as it appears in official filings in its state of incorporation or organization, organization type, organization number, if any, issued by its state of incorporation or organization, and its federal employer identification number.
- 5.02 **Authorization; No Contravention.** The execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of each Loan Document to which such Person is or is to be a party, has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and does not and will not (a) contravene the terms of any of such Person's Organization Documents; (b) conflict with or result in any breach, termination, or contravention of, or constitute a default under, or require any payment to be made under (i) any Material Contract or any Material Indebtedness to which such Person is a party or affecting such

Person or the properties of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which such Person or its property is subject; (c) result in or require the creation of any Lien upon any asset of any Loan Party (other than Liens in favor of the Agent under the Security Documents); or (d) violate any Law.

- 5.03 **Governmental Authorization; Other Consents.** No approval, consent, exemption, authorization, or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is necessary or required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, any Loan Party of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except for (a) the perfection or maintenance of the Liens created under the Security Documents (including the first priority nature thereof) or (b) such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect.
- 5.04 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement has been, and each other Loan Document, when delivered, will have been, duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is party thereto. This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document when so delivered will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable against each Loan Party that is party thereto in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

### 5.05 Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect.

- (a) The Audited Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; (ii) fairly present in all material respects the financial condition of the Parent SAC Acquisition LLC and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and (iii) show all Material Indebtedness and other liabilities, direct or contingent, of the Parent SAC Acquisition LLC and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof, including liabilities for taxes, material commitments and Indebtedness.
- (b) The unaudited Consolidated balance sheet of the ParentSAC Acquisition LLC and its Subsidiaries dated October 29, 2017 and the related Consolidated statements of income or operations, Shareholders' Equity and cash flows for the Fiscal Quarter ended on that date (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, and (ii) fairly present the financial condition of the Parent SAC Acquisition LLC and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby, subject, in the case of clauses (i) and (ii), to the absence of footnotes and to normal year-end audit adjustments. Since the date of the Audited Financial Statements December 31, 2021, there has been no event or circumstance, either individually or in the aggregate, that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) To the knowledge of the Lead Borrower, no Internal Control Event exists or has occurred since the date of the Audited Financial Statements December 31, 2021 that has resulted in or could reasonably be expected to result in a misstatement in any material respect, (i) in any financial information delivered or to be delivered to the Agent or the Lenders, (ii) of the Borrowing Base, (iii) of covenant compliance calculations provided hereunder or (iv) of the assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Parent Lead Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis.
- (d) The Consolidated forecasted balance sheet and statements of income and cash flows of the ParentLead Borrower and its Subsidiaries delivered pursuant to Section 6.01(d) were prepared in

good faith on the basis of the assumptions stated therein, which assumptions were fair in light of the conditions existing at the time of delivery of such forecasts, and represented, at the time of delivery, the Loan Parties' best estimate of its future financial performance.

- 5.06 **Litigation.** There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties, threatened, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of its properties or revenues that (a) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (b) except as specifically disclosed in Schedule 5.06, either individually or in the aggregate, if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.07 No Default. No Loan Party or any Subsidiary is in default under or with respect to, or party to, any Material Contract or any Material Indebtedness. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

### 5.08 Ownership of Property; Liens

- (a) Each of the Loan Parties and each Subsidiary thereof has good record and marketable title in fee simple to or valid leasehold interests in, all Real Estate necessary or used in the ordinary conduct of its business, except for such defects in title as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Loan Parties and each Subsidiary has good and marketable title to, valid leasehold interests in, or valid licenses to use all personal property and assets material to the ordinary conduct of its business.
- (b) Schedule 5.08(b)(1) sets forth the address (including street address, county and state) of all Real Estate that is owned by the Loan Parties and each of their Subsidiaries, together with a list of the holders of any mortgage or other Lien thereon as of the Closing Date. Each Loan Party and each of its Subsidiaries has good, marketable and insurable fee simple title to the Real Estate owned by such Loan Party or such Subsidiary, free and clear of all Liens, other than Permitted Encumbrances. Schedule 5.08(b)(2) sets forth the address (including street address, county and state) of all Leases of the Loan Parties, together with a list of the lessor and its contact information with respect to each such Lease as of the Closing Date. Each of such Leases is in full force and effect and the Loan Parties are not in default of the terms thereof.
- (c) <u>Schedule 7.01</u> sets forth a complete and accurate list of all Liens (other than Liens in favor of Agent) on the property or assets of each Loan Party and each of its Subsidiaries, showing as of the <u>ClosingAmendment No. 6 Effective</u> Date the lienholder thereof, the principal amount of the obligations secured thereby and the property or assets of such Loan Party or such Subsidiary subject thereto. The property of each Loan Party and each of its Subsidiaries is subject to no Liens, other than Permitted Encumbrances.
- (d) <u>Schedule 7.02</u> sets forth a complete and accurate list of all Investments held by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party on the <u>ClosingAmendment No. 6 Effective</u> Date, showing as of the <u>ClosingAmendment No. 6 Effective</u> Date the amount, obligor or issuer and maturity, if any, thereof.
- (e) <u>Schedule 7.03</u> sets forth a complete and accurate list of all Indebtedness of each Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party on the <u>ClosingAmendment No. 6 Effective</u> Date, showing as of the <u>ClosingAmendment No. 6 Effective</u> Date the amount, obligor or issuer and maturity thereof.

# 5.09 Environmental Compliance

- (a) Except as specifically disclosed in <u>Schedule 5.09</u>, no Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof (i) has failed to comply with any Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law, (ii) has become subject to any Environmental Liability, (iii) has received notice of any claim with respect to any Environmental Liability or (iv) knows of any basis for any Environmental Liability, except, in each case, as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) To the knowledge of the Loan Parties, except as otherwise set forth in Schedule 5.09, none of the properties currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof is listed or proposed for listing on the NPL or on the CERCLIS or any analogous foreign, state or local list or is adjacent to any such property; there are no and never have been any underground or above-ground storage tanks or any surface impoundments, septic tanks, pits, sumps or lagoons in which Hazardous Materials are being or have been treated, stored or disposed on any property currently owned or operated by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof or, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties, on any property formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or Subsidiary thereof; there is no asbestos or asbestos-containing material on any property currently owned or operated by any Loan Party or Subsidiary thereof; and Hazardous Materials have not been released, discharged or disposed of on any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof.
- (c) Except as otherwise set forth on Schedule 5,09, no Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof is undertaking, and no Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof has completed, either individually or together with other potentially responsible parties, any investigation or assessment or remedial or response action relating to any actual or threatened release, discharge or disposal of Hazardous Materials at any site, location or operation, either voluntarily or pursuant to the order of any Governmental Authority or the requirements of any Environmental Law; and all Hazardous Materials generated, used, treated, handled or stored at, or transported to or from, any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof have been disposed of in a manner not reasonably expected to result in material liability to any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof.
- 5.10 **Insurance.** The properties of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries are insured with financially sound and reputable insurance companies which are not Affiliates of the Loan Parties, in such amounts, with such deductibles and covering such risks (including, without limitation, workmen's compensation, public liability, business interruption and property damage insurance) as are customarily carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in localities where the Loan Parties or the applicable Subsidiary operates. Schedule 5.10 sets forth a description of all insurance maintained by or on behalf of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries as of the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date. Each insurance policy listed on Schedule 5.10 is in full force and effect and all premiums in respect thereof that are due and payable have been paid.
- 5.11 **Taxes.** The Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries have filed all Federal, state and other material tax returns and reports required to be filed, and have paid all Federal, state and other material taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings being diligently conducted, for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP, as to which Taxes no Lien has been filed and which contest effectively suspends the collection of the contested obligation and the enforcement of any Lien securing such obligation. There is no proposed tax assessment against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary that would, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect. No Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof is a party to any tax sharing agreement.

## 5.12 ERISA Compliance.

- (a) The Lead Borrower, each of its ERISA Affiliates, and each Plan is in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and other Federal or state Laws. Each Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter from the IRS or an application for such a letter is currently being processed by the IRS with respect thereto and, to the knowledge of the Lead Borrower, nothing has occurred which would prevent, or cause the loss of, such qualification. The Loan Parties and each ERISA Affiliate have made all required contributions to each Plan subject to Sections 412 or 430 of the Code and to each Multiemployer Plan, and no application for a funding waiver or an extension of any amortization period pursuant to Sections 412 or 430 of the Code has been made with respect to any Plan. No Lien imposed under the Code or ERISA exists or is likely to arise on account of any Plan or Multiemployer Plan.
- (b) There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Lead Borrower, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no prohibited transaction or violation of the fiduciary responsibility rules with respect to any Plan that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) (i) No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur; (ii) no Pension Plan has any Unfunded Pension Liability; (iii) neither any Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to any Pension Plan (other than premiums due and not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA); (iv) neither any Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability (and no event has occurred which, with the giving of notice under Section 4219 of ERISA, would result in such liability) under Sections 4201 or 4243 of ERISA with respect to a Multiemployer Plan; and (v) neither any Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that could be subject to Sections 4069 or 4212(c) of ERISA.
- 5.13 **Subsidiaries; Equity Interests.** The Loan Parties have no Subsidiaries other than those specifically disclosed in Part (a) of Schedule 5.13, which Schedule sets forth the legal name, jurisdiction of incorporation or formation and authorized Equity Interests of each such Subsidiary. All of the outstanding Equity Interests in such Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned by a Loan Party (or a Subsidiary of a Loan Party) in the amounts specified on Part (a) of Schedule 5.13 free and clear of all Liens except for those created under the Security Documents. Except as set forth in Schedule 5.13, there are no outstanding rights to purchase any Equity Interests in any Subsidiary. The Loan Parties have no equity investments in any other corporation or entity other than those specifically disclosed in Part(b) of Schedule 5.13. All of the outstanding Equity Interests in the Loan Parties have been validly issued, and are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned in the amounts specified on Part (c) of Schedule 5.13 free and clear of all Liens except for those created under the Security Documents. The copies of the Organization Documents of each Loan Party and each amendment thereto provided pursuant to Section 4.01 are true and correct copies of each such document, each of which is valid and in full force and effect.

### 5.14 Margin Regulations; Investment Company Act;

(a) No Loan Party is engaged or will be engaged, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the FRB), or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock. None of the proceeds of the Credit Extensions shall be used directly or indirectly for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any margin stock, for the purpose of reducing or retiring any Indebtedness that was originally

incurred to purchase or carry any margin stock or for any other purpose that might cause any of the Credit Extensions to be considered a "purpose credit" within the meaning of Regulations T, U, or X issued by the FRB.

- (b) None of the Loan Parties, any Person Controlling any Loan Party, or any Subsidiary is or is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- 5.15 **Disclosure**. Each Loan Party has disclosed to the Agent and the Lenders all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is subject, and all other matters known to it, that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No report, financial statement, certificate or other <u>written</u> information furnished (whether in writing or orally) by or on behalf of any Loan Party to the Agent or any Lender in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and the negotiation of this Agreement or delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document (in each case, as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>, with respect to projected financial information, the Loan Parties represent only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time.
- 5.16 **Compliance with Laws.** Each of the Loan Parties and each Subsidiary is in compliance (A) in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its properties, except in such instances in which (i) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (ii) the failure to comply therewith, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (B) with Section 10.17 and 10.18.
- 5.17 **Intellectual Property; Licenses, Etc.** The Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries own, or possess the right to use, all of the Intellectual Property, licenses, permits and other authorizations that are reasonably necessary for the operation of their respective businesses, without conflict with the rights of any other Person. To the knowledge of the Lead Borrower, no slogan or other advertising device, product, process, method, substance, part or other material now employed, or now contemplated to be employed, by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary infringes upon any rights held by any other Person except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Except as specifically disclosed in <u>Schedule 5.17</u>, no claim or litigation regarding any of the foregoing is pending or, to the knowledge of the Lead Borrower, threatened, which, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.18 Labor Matters. There are no strikes, lockouts, slowdowns or other material labor disputes against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof pending or, to the knowledge of any Loan Party, threatened. The hours worked by and payments made to employees of the Loan Parties comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act and any other applicable federal, state, local or foreign Law dealing with such matters except to the extent that any such violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries has incurred any material liability or obligation under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act or similar state Law. All payments due from any Loan Party and its Subsidiaries, or for which any claim may be made against any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, on account of wages and employee health and welfare insurance and other benefits, have been paid or properly accrued in accordance with GAAP as a liability on the books of such Loan Party. Except as set forth on Schedule 5.18, no Loan Party or any Subsidiary is a party to or bound by any collective bargaining agreement, management agreement, employment agreement, bonus, restricted stock, stock option, or stock appreciation plan or agreement or any similar plan, agreement or

arrangement. There are no representation proceedings pending or, to any Loan Party's knowledge, threatened to be filed with the National Labor Relations Board, and no labor organization or group of employees of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary has made a pending demand for recognition. There are no complaints, unfair labor practice charges, grievances, arbitrations, unfair employment practices charges or any other claims or complaints against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary pending or, to the knowledge of any Loan Party, threatened to be filed with any Governmental Authority or arbitrator based on, arising out of, in connection with, or otherwise relating to the employment or termination of employment of any employee of any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents will not give rise to any right of termination or right of renegotiation on the part of any union under any collective bargaining agreement to which any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is bound.

#### 5.19 Security Documents.

- (a) The Security Agreement creates in favor of the Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties referred to therein, a legal, valid, continuing and enforceable security interest in the Collateral (as defined in the Security Agreement), the enforceability of which is subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law. The financing statements, releases and other filings are in appropriate form and have been or will be filed in the offices specified in Schedule II of the Security Agreement. Upon such filings and/or the obtaining of "control," (as defined in the UCC) the Agent will have a perfected Lien on, and security interest in, to and under all right, title and interest of the grantors thereunder in all Collateral that may be perfected by filing, recording or registering a financing statement or similar document (including without limitation the proceeds of such Collateral subject to the limitations relating to such proceeds in the UCC) or by obtaining control, under the UCC (in effect on the date this representation is made) in each case prior and superior in right to any other Person subject only to Liens permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document.
- (b) When the Security Agreement (or a short form thereof) is filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office and when financing statements, releases and other filings in appropriate form are filed in the offices specified in Schedule II of the Security Agreement, the Agent shall have a fully perfected Lien on, and security interest in, all right, title and interest of the applicable Loan Parties in the Intellectual Property (as defined in the Security Agreement) in which a security interest may be perfected by filing, recording or registering a security agreement, financing statement or analogous document in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the United States Copyright Office, as applicable, in each case prior and superior in right to any other Person (it being understood that subsequent recordings in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office may be necessary to perfect a Lien on registered trademarks, trademark applications and copyrights acquired by the Loan Parties after the Closing Date).
- 5.20 **Solvency**. After giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and before and after giving effect to each Credit Extension, the Loan Parties, on a Consolidated basis, are Solvent. No transfer of property has been or will be made by any Loan Party and no obligation has been or will be incurred by any Loan Party in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Loan Documents with the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud either present or future creditors of any Loan Party.

- (a) Annexed hereto as Schedule 5.21(a) is a list of all Deposit Accounts maintained by the Loan Parties as of the ClosingAmendment No. 6 Effective Date, which Schedule includes, with respect to each Deposit Account (i) the name and address of the depository; (ii) the account number(s) maintained with such depository; (iii) a contact person at such depository; and (iv) the identification of each Cash Management Bank.
- (b) Annexed hereto as Schedule 5.21(b) is a correct and complete list of all of the Credit Card Agreements and all other agreements, documents and instruments existing on the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date between or among any Loan Party, the Credit Card Issuers, the Credit Card Processors and any of their Affiliates. The Credit Card Agreements constitute all of such agreements necessary for each Borrower to operate its business as presently conducted with respect to credit cards and debit cards and no Credit Card Receivables of any Borrower arise from purchases by customers of Inventory with credit cards or debit cards, other than those which are issued by Credit Card Issuers with whom such Borrower has entered into one of the Credit Card Agreements set forth on Schedule 5.21(b) hereto or with whom Borrower has entered into a Credit Card Agreement in accordance with Section 5.21(b) hereof. Each of the Credit Card Agreements constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of the applicable Borrower that is party thereto and to the best of each such Loan Party's knowledge, the other parties thereto, is enforceable against such Borrower in accordance with their ts respective terms and is in full force and effect. No material default or material event of default, or act, condition or event which after notice or passage of time or both, would constitute a material default or a material event of default under any of the Credit Card Agreements (other than any Credit Card Agreement with a Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor where the sales using the applicable card are less than ten (10%) percent of all such sales in the immediately preceding Fiscal Year) exists or has occurred that would entitle the other party thereto to suspend, withhold or reduce amounts that would otherwise be payable to a Borrower. Each Borrower and the other parties thereto have complied in all material respects with all of the terms and conditions of the Credit Card Agreements (other than any Credit Card Agreement with a Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor where the sales using the applicable card are less than ten (10%) percent of all such sales in the immediately preceding Fiscal Year) to the extent necessary for such Borrower to be entitled to receive all payments thereunder. Borrowers have delivered, or caused to be delivered to the Agent, true, correct and complete copies of all of the Credit Card Agreements.
- 5.22 **Brokers**. No broker or finder brought about the obtaining, making or closing of the Loans or transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents, and no Loan Party or Affiliate thereof has any obligation to any Person in respect of any finder's or brokerage fees in connection therewith.
- 5.23 **Customer and Trade Relations**. There exists no actual or, to the knowledge of any Loan Party, threatened, termination or cancellation of, or any material adverse modification or change in the business relationship of any Loan Party with any supplier material to its operations which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.24 Material Contracts. Schedule 5.24 sets forth all Material Contracts to which any Loan Party is a party or is bound as of the Closing Date. The Loan Parties have delivered true, correct and complete copies of such Material Contracts to the Agent on or before the Closing Date. The Loan Parties are not in breach or in default in any material respect of or under any Material Contract and have not received any notice of the intention of any other party thereto to terminate any Material Contract.
- 5.25 **Casualty**. Neither the businesses nor the properties of any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries are affected by any fire, explosion, accident, strike, lockout or other labor dispute, drought, storm, hail, earthquake, embargo, act of God or of the public enemy or other casualty (whether or not covered by insurance) that, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a

5.26 **OFAC/Sanctions**. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any Sanctions. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of such Loan Party, any director, officer, employee, agent or Affiliate of such Loan Party or such Subsidiary (a) is a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity, (b) has any assets located in Sanctioned Entities, or (c) derives revenues from investments in, or transactions with Sanctioned Persons or Sanctioned Entities. Each of the Loan Parties and its Subsidiaries has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and Affiliates with the Anti-corruption Laws. Each of the Loan Parties and its Subsidiaries, and to the knowledge of each such Loan Party, each director, officer, employee, agent and Affiliate of each such Loan Party and each such Subsidiary, is in compliance with the Anti-corruption Laws in all material respects. No proceeds of any Loan made or Letter of Credit issued hereunder will be used to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in, or make any payments to, a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity, or otherwise used in any manner that would result in a violation of any applicable sanction Sanction by any Person (including any Credit Party or other individual or entity participating in any transaction).

# ARTICLE VI AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied (other than contingent indemnification obligations for which a claim has not been asserted), or any Letter of Credit which has not been Cash Collateralized shall remain outstanding, the Loan Parties shall, and shall (except in the case of the covenants set forth in Sections 6.01, 6.02, and 6.03) cause each Subsidiary to:

- 6.01 **Financial Statements.** Deliver to the Agent, in form and detail <u>reasonably</u> satisfactory to the Agent:
- (a) as soon as available, but in any event within ninety (90) days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the ParentLead Borrower (commencing with the Fiscal Year ended 2017), a Consolidated balance sheet of the ParentLead Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such Fiscal Year, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, Shareholders' Equity and cash flows for such Fiscal Year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous Fiscal Year, all in reasonable detail and prepared in accordance with GAAP, such consolidated statements to be audited and accompanied by a report and unqualified opinion of a Registered Public Accounting Firm of nationally recognized standing, which report and opinion shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and shall not be subject to any "going concern" or like qualification or exception or any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit;
- (b) as soon as available, but in any event within forty-five (45) days after the end of each of the first three (3) Fiscal Quarters of each Fiscal Year of the ParentLead Borrower (commencing with the Fiscal Quarter ended April 29, 2018), a Consolidated balance sheet of the ParentLead Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such Fiscal Quarter, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, Shareholders' Equity and cash flows for such Fiscal Quarter and for the portion of the ParentLead Borrower's Fiscal Year then ended, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for (A) such period set forth in the projections delivered pursuant to Section 6.01(d) hereof, (B) the corresponding Fiscal Quarter of the previous Fiscal Year and (C) the corresponding portion of the previous Fiscal Year, all in reasonable detail, such Consolidated statements to be certified by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower as fairly presenting the financial condition, results of operations, Shareholders' Equity and cash flows of the ParentLead Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such Fiscal Quarter in accordance with GAAP, subject only to normal year-end audit

- (c) as soon as available, but in any event within thirty (30) days after the end of each of the Fiscal Months of each Fiscal Year of the ParentLead Borrower (commencing with the Fiscal Month ended November 30, 2017), or forty-five (45) days after the end of each Fiscal Month that is also the end of a Fiscal Quarter, a consolidated balance sheet of the ParentLead Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such Fiscal Month, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, Shareholders' Equity and cash flows for such Fiscal Month, and for the portion of the ParentLead Borrower's Fiscal Year then ended, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for (A) such period set forth in the projections delivered pursuant to Section 6.01(d) hereof, (B) the corresponding Fiscal Month of the previous Fiscal Year and (C) the corresponding portion of the previous Fiscal Year, all in reasonable detail, such consolidated statements to be certified by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower as fairly presenting the financial condition, results of operations, Shareholders' Equity and cash flows of the ParentLead Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of such Fiscal Month in accordance with GAAP, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes; and
- (d) as soon as available, but in any event not later than the end of each Fiscal Year of the ParentLead Borrower, forecasts prepared by management of the Lead Borrower, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, of consolidated balance sheets and statements of income or operations and cash flows of the ParentLead Borrower and its Subsidiaries and Excess Availability and the Borrowing Base, in each case on a monthly basis for the immediately following Fiscal Year (including the Fiscal Year in which the Maturity Date occurs), and as soon as available, any significant revisions to such forecast with respect to such Fiscal Year.
- 6.02 **Certificates; Other Information.** Deliver to the Agent, in form and detail satisfactory to the Agent:
- (a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Sections 6.01(a), 6.01(b) and 6.01(c) (commencing with the delivery of the financial statements for the Fiscal Month ended on February 3, 2018), a duly completed Compliance Certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower, and in the event of any change in generally accepted accounting principles used in the preparation of such financial statements, the Lead Borrower shall also provide: (i) a statement of reconciliation conforming such financial statements to GAAP and (ii) a copy of management's discussion and analysis with respect to such financial statements;
- (b) onby no later than the Thursday tenth (10th) day of each week Fiscal Month (or, if such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day), a Borrowing Base Certificate showing the Borrowing Base as of the close of business as of the last day of the immediately preceding Fiscal Month (provided that the value applied to the Eligible Inventory set forth in each Borrowing Base Certificate shall be the appraised value set forth in the most recent appraisal obtained by the Agent pursuant to Section 6.10 hereof for the applicable Fiscal Month to which such Borrowing Base Certificate relates), each Borrowing Base Certificate to be certified as complete and correct by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower; provided that at any time an Accelerated Borrowing Base Delivery Event has occurred and is continuing, at the election of the Agent, such Borrowing Base Certificate shall be delivered on Thursday of each week (or, if Thursday is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day), a Borrowing Base Certificate showing the Borrowing Base as of the close of business as of the immediately preceding Sunday, each Borrowing Base Certificate to be certified as complete and correct by a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower;
- (c) promptly upon receipt, copies of any detailed audit reports, management letters or recommendations submitted to the board of directors (or the audit committee of the board of directors) of any Loan Party by its Registered Public Accounting Firm in connection with the accounts or books of the

Loan Parties or any Subsidiary, or any audit of any of them, including, without limitation, specifying any Internal Control Event;

- (d) promptly after the same are available, copies of each annual report, proxy or financial statement or other report or communication sent to the stockholders of the Loan Parties, and copies of all annual, regular, periodic and special reports and registration statements which any Loan Party may file or be required to file with the SEC under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or with any national securities exchange, and in any case not otherwise required to be delivered to the Agent pursuant hereto;
- (e) the financial and collateral reports described on <u>Schedule 6.02</u> hereto, at the times set forth in such Schedule;
- (f) as soon as available, but in any event within thirty (30) days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Loan Parties, a report summarizing the insurance coverage (specifying type, amount and carrier) in effect for each Loan Party and its Subsidiaries and containing such additional information as the Agent, or any Lender through the Agent, may reasonably specifyrequest in writing;
- (g) promptly after the Agent's request therefor, copies of all Material Contracts and documents evidencing Material Indebtedness; and
- (h) promptly, such additional information regarding the business affairs, financial condition or operations of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as the Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to Section 6.01(a), (b), or (c) or Section 6.02(c) (to the extent any such documents are included in materials otherwise filed with the SEC) may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date (i) on which the Lead Borrower posts such documents, or provides a link thereto on the Lead Borrower's website on the Internet at the website address listed on Schedule 10.02; or (ii) on which such documents are posted on the Lead Borrower's behalf on an Internet or intranet website, if any, to which each Lender and the Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Agent); provided that: (i) the Lead Borrower shall deliver paper copies of or on which such documents to the Agent or any Lender that requests the Lead Borrower to deliver such paper copies until a written request to cease delivering paper copies is given by the Agent or such Lender and (ii) are filed for public availability on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering and Retrieval System; provided, that, the Lead Borrower shall notify the Agent and each Lender (by telecopier or electronic mail) of the posting of any such documents and provide to the Agent by electronic mail electronic versions (i.e., soft copies) of such documents. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, in every instance the Lead Borrower shall be required to provide paper copies of the Compliance Certificates required by Section 6.02(b) to the Agent. The Agent shall have no obligation to request the delivery or to maintain copies of the documents referred to above, and in any event shall have no responsibility to monitor compliance by the Loan Parties with any such request for delivery, and each Lender shall be solely responsible for requesting delivery to it or maintaining its copies of such documents.

The Loan Parties hereby acknowledge that (a) the Agent and/or the Arranger will make available to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of the Loan Parties hereunder (collectively, "Borrower Materials") by posting the Borrower Materials on IntraLinks or another similar electronic system (the "Platform") and (b) certain of the Lenders may be "public-side" Lenders (i.e., Lenders that do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to the Loan Parties or their securities) (each, a "Public Lender"). The Loan Parties hereby agree that they will

use commercially reasonable efforts to identify that portion of the Borrower Materials that may be distributed to the Public Lenders and that (i) all such Borrower Materials shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "PUBLIC" which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word "PUBLIC" shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (ii) by marking Borrower Materials "PUBLIC," the Loan Parties shall be deemed to have authorized the Agent, the Arranger, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any material non-public information (although it may be sensitive and proprietary) with respect to the Loan Parties or their securities for purposes of United States Federal and state securities laws (provided, that, to the extent such Borrower Materials constitute Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 10.07); (iii) all Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated "Public Investor"; and (iv) the Agent and the Arranger shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked "PUBLIC" as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not designated "Public Investor."

- 6.03 **Notices.** Promptly notify the Agent of:
  - (a) the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default;
- (b) any matter that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;
- (c) any breach or non-performance of, or any default under, with respect to, a material term of a Material Contract or with respect to Material Indebtedness of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof;
- (d) any dispute, litigation, investigation, proceeding or suspension between any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof and any Governmental Authority or the commencement of, or any material development in, any litigation or proceeding affecting any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof, including pursuant to any applicable Environmental Laws which involves an amount in excess of \$2,000,000 or otherwise could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;
  - (e) the occurrence of any ERISA Event;
- (f) any material change in accounting policies or financial reporting practices by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof;
- (g) unless previously disclosed pursuant to Section 6.02(d), any change in any Loan Party's senior executive officers;
- (h) unless previously disclosed pursuant to Section 6.02(d), the discharge by any Loan Party
  of its present Registered Public Accounting Firm or any withdrawal or resignation by such Registered
  Public Accounting Firm;
- (i) unless previously disclosed pursuant to Section 6.02(d), any collective bargaining agreement or other labor contract to which a Loan Party becomes a party, or the application for the certification of a collective bargaining agent;
- (j) the filing of any Lien for unpaid Taxes (in an amount equal to or in excess of \$1,000,000, either singly or in the aggregate), against any Loan Party;
  - (k) 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 interest in a material portion of the

Collateral under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar proceeding or if any material portion of the Collateral is damaged or destroyed;

 any failure by any Loan Party to pay rent or such other amounts due at any distribution centers or warehouses.

Each notice pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of the Lead Borrower setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Lead Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to Section 6.03(a) shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have been breached.

- 6.04 **Payment of Obligations**. Pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable, all its obligations and liabilities, including (a) all tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, (b) all lawful claims (including, without limitation, claims of landlords, warehousemen, customs brokers, freight forwarders, consolidators and carriers) which, if unpaid, would by law become a Lien upon its property; and (c) all Indebtedness, as and when due and payable, but subject to any subordination provisions contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing such Indebtedness, except, in each case, where (a) the validity or amount thereof is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (b) such Loan Party has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP, (c) such contest effectively suspends collection of the contested obligation and enforcement of any Lien securing such obligation, (d) no Lien has been filed with respect thereto and (ed) the failure to make payment pending such contest could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit the rights of the Agent with respect to determining Reserves pursuant to this Agreement.
- 6.05 **Preservation of Existence, Etc.** (a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence and good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization or formation except in a transaction permitted by Section 7.04 or 7.05; (b) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) preserve or renew all of its Intellectual Property, except to the extent such Intellectual Property is no longer used or useful in the conduct of the business of the Loan Parties.
- 6.06 **Maintenance of Properties**. (a) Maintain, preserve and protect all of its material properties and equipment necessary in the operation of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted; and (b) make all necessary repairs thereto and renewals and replacements thereof except, in each case, where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### 6.07 Maintenance of Insurance.

- (a) Maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies not Affiliates of the Loan Parties, insurance with respect to its properties and business against loss or damage of the kinds customarily insured against by Persons engaged in the same or similar business and operating in the same or similar locations or as is required by applicable Law, of such types and in such amounts as are customarily carried under similar circumstances by such other Persons and as are reasonably acceptable to the Agent.
- (b) Cause fire and extended coverage policies maintained with respect to any Collateral to be endorsed or otherwise amended to include (i) a non-contributing mortgage clause (regarding

improvements to Real Estate) and lenders' loss payable clause (regarding personal property), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, which endorsements or amendments shall provide that the insurer shall pay all proceeds otherwise payable to the Loan Parties under the policies directly to the Agent, (ii) a provision to the effect that none of the Loan Parties, Credit Parties or any other Person shall be a co-insurer and (iii) such other provisions as the Agent may reasonably require from time to time to protect the interests of the Credit Parties.

- (c) Cause commercial general liability policies to be endorsed to name the Agent as an additional insured.
- (d) Cause business interruption policies to name the Agent as a loss payee and to be endorsed or amended to include (i) a provision to the effect that none of the Loan Parties, the Agent or any other party shall be a co-insurer and (ii) such other provisions as the Agent may reasonably require from time to time to protect the interests of the Credit Parties.
- (e) Cause each such policy referred to in this <u>Section 6.07</u> to also provide that it shall not be canceled, modified or not renewed (i) by reason of nonpayment of premium except upon not less than ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof by the insurer to the Agent (giving the Agent the right to cure defaults in the payment of premiums) or (ii) for any other reason except upon not less than thirty (30) days' prior written notice thereof by the insurer to the Agent.
- (f) Deliver to the Agent, prior to the cancellation, modification or non-renewal of any such policy of insurance, a copy of a renewal or replacement policy (or other evidence of renewal of a policy previously delivered to the Agent, including an insurance binder) together with evidence satisfactory to the Agent of payment of the premium therefor.
- (g) Maintain for themselves and their Subsidiaries, a Directors and Officers insurance policy, and a "Blanket Crime" policy including employee dishonesty, forgery or alteration, theft, disappearance and destruction, robbery and safe burglary, property, and computer fraud coverage with responsible companies in such amounts as are customarily carried by business entities engaged in similar businesses similarly situated, and will upon request by the Agent furnish the Agent certificates evidencing renewal of each such policy.
- (h) Permit any representatives that are designated by the Agent to inspect the insurance policies maintained by or on behalf of the Loan Parties and to inspect books and records related thereto and any properties covered thereby.

None of the Credit Parties, or their agents or employees shall be liable for any loss or damage insured by the insurance policies required to be maintained under this Section 6.07. Each Loan Party shall look solely to its insurance companies or any other parties other than the Credit Parties for the recovery of such loss or damage and such insurance companies shall have no rights of subrogation against any Credit Party or its agents or employees. If, however, the insurance policies do not provide waiver of subrogation rights against such parties, as required above, then the Loan Parties hereby agree, to the extent permitted by law, to waive their right of recovery, if any, against the Credit Parties and their agents and employees. The designation of any form, type or amount of insurance coverage by any Credit Party under this Section 6.07 shall in no event be deemed a representation, warranty or advice by such Credit Party that such insurance is adequate for the purposes of the business of the Loan Parties or the protection of their properties.

6.08 **Compliance with Laws.** Comply (a) in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except

in such instances in which (i) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and with respect to which adequate reserves have been set aside and maintained by the Loan Parties in accordance with GAAP; (ii) such contest effectively suspends enforcement of the contested Laws, and (iii) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and (b) with Sections 10.17 and 10.18.

### 6.09 Books and Records; Accountants.

- (a) Maintain proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP consistently applied shall be made of all financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of the Loan Parties or such Subsidiary, as the case may be; and (ii) maintain such books of record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over the Loan Parties or such Subsidiary, as the case may be.
- (b) At all times retain a Registered Public Accounting Firm which is reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and shall instruct such Registered Public Accounting Firm to cooperate with, and be available to, the Agent or its representatives to discuss the Loan Parties' financial performance, financial condition, operating results, controls, and such other matters, within the scope of the retention of such Registered Public Accounting Firm, as may be raised by the Agent.

### 6.10 Inspection Rights.

- (a) Permit representatives and independent contractors of the Agent to visit and inspect any of its properties, to examine its corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers, and Registered Public Accounting Firm, and permit the Agent or professionals (including investment bankers, consultants, accountants, and lawyers) retained by the Agent to conduct evaluations of the Loan Parties' business plan, forecasts and cash flows, all at the expense of the Loan Parties and at such reasonable times during normal business hours and as often as may be reasonably desired, upon reasonable advance notice to the Lead Borrower; provided, that, that when a Default or Event of Default exists the Agent (or any of its representatives or independent contractors) may do any of the foregoing at the expense of the Loan Parties at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice.
- (b) Upon the request of the Agent after reasonable prior notice, permit the Agent or professionals (including investment bankers, consultants, accountants, and lawyers) retained by the Agent to conduct commercial finance examinations and other evaluations, including, without limitation, of (i) the Lead Borrower's practices in the computation of the Borrowing Base and (ii) the assets included in the Borrowing Base and related financial information such as, but not limited to, sales, gross margins, payables, accruals and reserves. The Loan Parties shall pay the fees and expenses of the Agent and such professionals with respect to such examinations and evaluations; provided, that, the Agent may conduct, or cause to be conducted, (A) not more than two(A) one (21) commercial finance examinations examination each Fiscal Year at the expense of Borrowers so long as Excess Availability is not lessequal to or greater than the greater of thirty five amount equal to fifty percent (35.050.0%) of the Loan Cap or \$5,000,000 at any timeall times during such Fiscal Year, or (B) iftwo (2) commercial finance examinations during each Fiscal Year at the expense of Borrowers, in the event that Excess Availability is less than the greater of such amounts during such Fiscal Year, not more than amount equal to fifty percent (50.0%) of the Loan Cap but greater than or equal to the amount equal to thirty-five percent (35.0%) of the Loan Cap, and (C) three (3) commercial finance examinations in such during each Fiscal Year at the expense of Borrowers in the event that Excess Availability is less than the amount

equal to thirty-five percent (35.0%) of the Loan Cap at any time during such Fiscal Year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Agent may cause additional commercial finance examinations to be undertaken (i) as it in its Permitted Discretion deems necessary or appropriate, at its own expense or, (ii) if required by Law or if a Default oran Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, at the expense of the Loan Parties and without advance notice.

- (c) Upon the request of the Agent after reasonable prior notice, permit the Agent or professionals (including appraisers) retained by the Agent to conduct appraisals of the Collateral, including, without limitation, the assets included in the Borrowing Base. The Loan Parties shall pay the fees and expenses of the Agent and such professionals with respect to such appraisals, provided, that, the Agent may conduct, or cause to be conducted, (A) not more than two(A) one (21) inventory appraisals appraisal each Fiscal Year at the expense of Borrowers so long as Excess Availability is not equal to or greater than the amount equal to fifty percent (50.0%) of the Loan Cap at all times during such Fiscal Year, (B) two (2) inventory appraisals during each Fiscal Year at the expense of Borrowers, in the event that Excess Availability is less than the amount equal to fifty percent (50.0%) of the Loan Cap but greater of than or equal to the amount equal to thirty-five percent (35.0%) of the Loan Cap or \$5,000,000 at any time during such Fiscal Year, orand (BC) if Excess Availability is less than the greater of such amounts during such Fiscal Year, not more than three (3) inventory appraisals in such three (3) commercial finance examinations during each Fiscal Year at the expense of Borrowers in the event that Excess Availability is less than the amount equal to thirty-five percent of the Loan Cap at any time during such Fiscal Year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Agent may cause additional appraisals to be undertaken (i) as it in its Permitted Discretion deems necessary or appropriate, at its own expense or, (ii) if required by Law or if a Default or an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, at the expense of the Loan Parties and without advance notice.
- 6.11 **Use of Proceeds.** Use the proceeds of the Credit Extensions (a) to finance the acquisition of working capital assets of the Borrowers, including the purchase of inventory and equipment, in each case in the ordinary course of business, (b) to finance Capital Expenditures of the Borrowers, and (c) for general corporate purposes of the Loan Parties, in each case to the extent expressly permitted not prohibited under applicable Law and the Loan Documents.
- 6.12 Additional Loan Parties. Notify the Agent at the time that any Person becomes a Subsidiary, and in each case promptly thereafter (and in any event within fifteenforty five (1545) days) (or such later date as may from time to time be approved by the Agent), cause any such Person (a) which is not a CFC, to (i) become a Loan Party by executing and delivering to the Agent a Joinder to this Agreement or a Joinder to the Facility Guaranty or such other documents as the Agent shall deem appropriate for such purpose, (ii) grant a Lien to the Agent on such Person's assets of the same type that constitute Collateral to secure the Obligations, and (iii) deliver to the Agent documents of the types referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of Section 4.01(a) and favorable opinions of counsel to such Person (which shall cover, among other things, the legality, validity, binding effect and enforceability of the documentation referred to in clause (a)), and (b) if any Equity Interests or Indebtedness of such Person are owned by or on behalf of any Loan Party, to pledge such Equity Interests and promissory notes evidencing such Indebtedness (except that, if such Subsidiary is a CFC that is not joined as a Loan Party, the Equity Interests of such Subsidiary to be pledged may be limited to sixty-five percent (65%) of the outstanding voting Equity Interests of such Subsidiary and one hundred percent (100%) of the non-voting Equity Interests of such Subsidiary and such time period may be extended based on local law or practice), in each case in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to the Agent. In no event shall compliance with this Section 6.12 waive or be deemed a waiver or Consent to any transaction giving rise to the need to comply with this Section 6.12 if such transaction was not otherwise expressly permitted by this Agreement or constitute or be deemed to constitute, with respect to any Subsidiary, an approval of such Person as a Borrower or permit the inclusion of any acquired assets in the computation of the

Borrowing Base.

## 6.13 Cash Management.

- (a) Each Loan Party shall establish and maintain, at its expense, Deposit Accounts and cash management services of a type and on terms, and with the banks, set forth on Schedule 5.21(a) and, subject to Section 6.13(d) below, such other banks as such Loan Party may hereafter select (such other banks, together with the banks set forth on Schedule 5.21(a), collectively, the "Cash Management Banks" and individually, a "Cash Management Bank"). Each Loan Party shall deliver, or cause to be delivered to Agent, (i) a Control Agreement with respect to each of its Deposit Accounts duly authorized, executed and delivered by each Cash Management Bank where a Deposit Account is maintained, the applicable Loan Party and Agent; provided, that, (A) Loan Parties shall not be required to deliver a Control Agreement with a Cash Management Bank as to any Deposit Account that is an Excluded Account, and (B) Loan Parties shall not be required to deliver a Control Agreement with a Cash Management Bank as to any Deposit Account that is exclusively used for receiving deposits from the Stores (other than any such Deposit Account at Wells Fargo which shall each be subject to a Control Agreement), and (ii) satisfactory evidence that the Credit Card Notifications as duly authorized, executed and delivered by the applicable Loan Party has been delivered to each Credit Card Issuer or Credit Card Processor.
- (b) Each such Control Agreement shall provide, among other things, that (i) the Cash Management Bank will comply with any instructions originated by Agent directing the disposition of the funds in such Deposit Account without further consent by the applicable Loan Party, (ii) the Cash Management Bank waives, subordinates, and agrees not to exercise any rights of setoff or recoupment or any other claim against the applicable Deposit Account other than for payment of its service fees and other charges directly related to the administration of such Deposit Account and for returned checks or other items of payment, (iii) with respect to each Collection Account (other than the Concentration Accounts) the Cash Management Bank will transfer each day by wire transfer or other electronic funds transfer all funds in such account to a Concentration Account and with respect to each Concentration Account, the Cash Management Bank will transfer each day by wire transfer or other electronic funds transfer all funds in such account to the Agent Payment Account, provided, that, such Cash Management Bank shall not be required directed to transfer funds to the Agent Payment Account prior to the date after the Amendment No. 2 Effective Date that Agent has received either (A) a request for a Loan (whether a Committed Loan or Swing Line Loan) or (B) a request for a Letter of Credit or Letters of Credit in an amount or amounts which individually or in the aggregate for all such Letters of Credit exceed ten percent (10%) of the Loan Cap or any request or requests which would cause the aggregate amount of Letters of Credit outstanding to exceed such amountuntil such time as a Cash Dominion Event has occurred. All payments made to the Concentration Accounts, whether in respect of the Accounts, as proceeds of Inventory or other Collateral or otherwise shall be treated as payments to Agent in respect of the Obligations and therefore shall constitute the property of Agent and Lenders to the extent of the then outstanding Obligations. All funds received in the Agent Payment Account shall be applied to the Obligations as provided in accordance with Section 8.03 of this Agreement to the extent then due and payable.
- (c) Each Borrower shall direct all Credit Card Processors, Credit Card Issuers and other obligors in respect of any amounts payable to Borrowers to make payment of all such amounts to the Collection Accounts pursuant to a Credit Card Notification which shall have been executed on behalf of such Loan Party and delivered to such Loan Party's Credit Card Issuers and Credit Card Processors, including, but not limited to, the Credit Card Issuers and Credit Card Processors listed on Schedule 5.21(b). In addition, each Borrower shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any other all cash, checks, notes, instruments, and other items of payment, in whatever form, that it receives to the Collection Accounts. In the event that, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 6.13, any Loan Party receives or otherwise has dominion and control of any such proceeds or collections, such proceeds and collections shall be held in trust by such Loan Party for the Agent, shall not be commingled with any of such Loan

Party's other funds or deposited in any account of such Loan Party and shall, not later than the Business Day after receipt thereof, be deposited into a Collection Account or a Concentration Account. <u>Upon not less than five (5) Business Days' prior written notice to the Agent, Lead Borrower may amend Schedule 5.21(b) to add or delete a Credit Card Agreement or any other agreement between or among any Loan Party, on the one hand, and a Credit Card Issuer or a Credit Card Processor (or any of their Affiliates, as the case may be), on the other.</u>

- (d) So long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, upon not less than five (5) Business Days' prior written notice to the Agent, Loan Parties may amend Schedule 5.21(a) to add or replace a Deposit Account or Cash Management Bank or Securities Account or securities intermediary and shall upon such addition or replacement provide to the Agent an amended Schedule 5.21(a); provided, that, (i) such prospective Cash Management Bank or securities intermediary, as the case may be, shall be reasonably satisfactory to Agent, and (ii) prior to the time of the opening of such Deposit Account or Securities Account (other than an Excluded Account), the applicable Loan Party and such prospective Cash Management Bank or securities intermediary shall have executed and delivered to Agent a Control Agreement (including any acknowledgement and agreement of the Cash Management Bank or securities intermediary with respect thereto). Each Loan Party shall close any of its Deposit Accounts (and establish replacement Deposit Accounts in accordance with the foregoing sentence) as promptly as practicable and in any event within forty-five (45) days after notice from Agent that the operating performance, funds transfer, or procedures or performance of the Cash Management Bank with respect to Deposit Accounts or the Agent's liability under any Control Agreement with such Cash Management Bank is no longer satisfactory in the Agent's reasonable judgment.
- (e) Each Loan Party shall obtain an authenticated Control Agreement from each issuer of uncertificated securities, securities intermediary, or commodities intermediary issuing or holding any financial assets or commodities to or for any Loan Party, or maintaining a Securities Account for such Loan Party and with respect to any other investment property and no Loan Party will make, acquire, or permit to exist Permitted Investments consisting of cash, Cash Equivalents, or amounts credited to Deposit Accounts or Securities Accounts unless Agent has received a Control Agreement duly authorized, executed and delivered by the applicable bank or securities intermediary where such cash, Cash Equivalents, Deposit Account or Securities Account are maintained with respect thereto, provided, that, the Loan Parties shall not be required to deliver a Control Agreement with respect to any Excluded Account.
- (f) Upon the request of the Agent, the Loan Parties shall cause bank statements and/or other reports to be delivered to the Agent not less often than monthly, accurately setting forth all amounts deposited in each Deposit Account to ensure the proper transfer of funds as set forth above.

### 6.14 Information Regarding the Collateral.

(a) Furnish to the Agent at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of any change in: (i) any Loan Party's name or in any trade name used to identify it in the conduct of its business or in the ownership of its properties; (ii) the location of any Loan Party's chief executive office, its principal place of business, any office in which it maintains books or records relating to Collateral owned by it or any office or facility at which Collateral owned by it is located (including the establishment of any such new office or facility); (iii) any Loan Party's organizational structure or jurisdiction of incorporation or formation (provided, that, in no event will any Loan Party change its jurisdiction of organization to a jurisdiction outside of the United States); or (iv) any Loan Party's Federal Taxpayer Identification Number or organizational identification number assigned to it by its state of organization. The Loan Parties agree not to effect or permit any change referred to in the preceding sentence unless all filings have been made under the UCC or otherwise that are required in order for the Agent to continue at all

times following such change to have a valid, legal and perfected first priority security interest (subject as to priority, to Permitted LiensEncumbrances) in all the Collateral for its own benefit and the benefit of the other Credit Parties.

(b) Should any of the information on any of the Schedules hereto become inaccurate or misleading in any material respect as a result of changes after the Closing Date, the Lead Borrower shall advise the Agent in writing of such revisions or updates as may be necessary or appropriate to update or correct the same. From time to time as may be reasonably requested by the Agent, the Lead Borrower shall supplement each Schedule hereto, or any representation herein or in any other Loan Document, with respect to any matter arising after the Closing Date that, if existing or occurring on the Closing Date, would have been required to be set forth or described in such Schedule or as an exception to such representation or that is necessary to correct any information in such Schedule or representation which has been rendered inaccurate thereby (and, in the case of any supplements to any Schedule, such Schedule shall be appropriately marked to show the changes made therein). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no supplement or revision to any Schedule or representation shall be deemed the Credit Parties' consent to the matters reflected in such updated Schedules or revised representations nor permit the Loan Parties to undertake any actions otherwise prohibited hereunder or fail to undertake any action required hereunder from the restrictions and requirements in existence prior to the delivery of such updated Schedules or such revision of a representation; nor shall any such supplement or revision to any Schedule or representation be deemed the Credit Parties' waiver of any Default or Event of Default resulting from the matters disclosed therein.

### 6.15 **Physical Inventories**. Except as otherwise consented to by the Agent

- (a) Cause not less than one (1) full physical inventory in each twelve (12) month period and at the Stores at the end of each Fiscal Quarter consistent with current practices as of the date hereof, conducted by such inventory takers as are <u>reasonably</u> satisfactory to the Agent and following such methodology as is consistent with the methodology used in the immediately preceding inventory or as otherwise may be <u>reasonably</u> satisfactory to the Agent. The Agent, at the expense of the Loan Parties, may participate in and/or observe each scheduled physical count of Inventory which is undertaken on behalf of any Loan Party. The Lead Borrower, within five (5) Business Days following the completion of such inventory, shall provide the Agent with a reconciliation of the results of such inventory (as well as of any other physical inventory or cycle counts undertaken by a Loan Party) and shall post such results to the Loan Parties' stock ledgers and general ledgers, as applicable.
- (b) Permit the Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, if any Default or Event of Default exists, to cause additional such inventories to be taken as the Agent determines (each, at the expense of the Loan Parties).
- 6.16 **Environmental Laws**. Except to the extent failure to comply could not reasonably be expected to result, individually or in the aggregate, in a Material Adverse Effect (a) conduct its operations and keep and maintain its Real Estate in material compliance with all Environmental Laws; (b) obtain and renew all environmental permits necessary for its operations and properties; and (c) implement any and all investigation, remediation, removal and response actions that are appropriate or necessary to maintain the value and marketability of the Real Estate or to otherwise comply with Environmental Laws pertaining to the presence, generation, treatment, storage, use, disposal, transportation or release of any Hazardous Materials on, at, in, under, above, to, from or about any of its Real Estate, provided, that, neither a Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries shall be required to undertake any such cleanup, removal, remedial or other action to the extent that its obligation to do so is being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings and adequate reserves have been set aside and are being maintained by the Loan Parties with respect to such circumstances in accordance with GAAP.

### 6.17 Further Assurances.

- (a) Execute any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements and other documents), that may be required under any applicable Law, or which the Agent may reasonably request, to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents or to grant, preserve, protect or perfect the Liens created or intended to be created by the Security Documents or the validity or priority of any such Lien, all at the expense of the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties also agree to provide to the Agent, from time to time upon request, evidence satisfactory to the Agent as to the perfection and priority of the Liens created or intended to be created by the Security Documents.
- (b) If any material assets are acquired by any Loan Party after the Closing Date (other than assets constituting Collateral under the Security Documents that become subject to the perfected first-priority Lien under the Security Documents upon acquisition thereof), notify the Agent thereof, and the Loan Parties will cause such assets to be subjected to a Lien securing the Obligations and will take such actions as shall be necessary or shall be requested by the Agent to grant and perfect such Liens, including actions described in paragraph (a) of this Section 6.17, all at the expense of the Loan Parties. In no event shall compliance with this Section 6.17(b) waive or be deemed a waiver or Consent to any transaction giving rise to the need to comply with this Section 6.17(b) if such transaction was not otherwise expressly permitted by this Agreement or constitute or be deemed to constitute Consent to the inclusion of any acquired assets in the computation of the Borrowing Base.
- (c) Upon the request of the Agent, use commercially reasonable efforts to cause each of its Freight Forwarders to deliver an agreement (including, without limitation, a Freight Forwarder Agreement) to the Agent covering such matters and in such form as the Agent may reasonably require (provided, that, such agreement shall be required for any In-Transit Inventory the importation of which is being handled by such Freight Forwarder to be Eligible In-Transit Inventory).
- (d) Upon the request of the Agent, use commercially reasonable efforts to cause any of its landlords at locations that contain books and records with respect to Collateral (not otherwise available at any owned location of the Loan Parties) or with assets included in the Borrowing Base (other than at a Store) to deliver a Collateral Access Agreement to the Agent in such form as the Agent may reasonably require; provided, that, prior to the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein shall be requested by the Agent or shall otherwise be required pursuant to the provisions hereof with respect to any location with assets included in the Borrowing Base having an aggregate value of less than or equal to \$100,000.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein (including Section 6.12 hereof and this Section 6.17) or in any other Loan Document, the Agent shall not accept delivery of any joinder to any Loan Document with respect to any Subsidiary of any Loan Party that is not a Loan Party, if such Subsidiary that qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation unless such Subsidiary has delivered a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to such Subsidiary and the Agent has completed its Patriot Act searches, OFAC/PEP searches and customary individual background checks for such Subsidiary, the results of which shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Agent.
- 6.18 Compliance with Terms of Leaseholds. Except as otherwise expressly permitted hereunder, and except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (a) make all payments and otherwise perform all obligations in respect of all Leases to which any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is a party, (b) keep such Leases in full force and effect, (c) not allow such Leases to lapse or be terminated or any rights to renew such Leases to be forfeited or cancelled, (d) notify the Agent of any default by any party with respect to such Leases and cooperate with the Agent in all

respects to cure any such default, and (e) cause each of its Subsidiaries to do the foregoing.

6.19 Material Contracts. (a) Perform and observe all the material terms and provisions of each Material Contract to be performed or observed by it, (b) maintain each such Material Contract in full force and effect, (c) enforce each such Material Contract in accordance with its terms, (d) take all such action to such end as may be from time to time requested by the Agent, (e) upon request of the Agent, make to each other party to each such Material Contract such demands and requests for information and reports or for action as any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is entitled to make under such Material Contract, and (f) cause each of its Subsidiaries to do the foregoing.

# ARTICLE VII NEGATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit which has not been Cash Collateralized shall remain outstanding (other than contingent indemnification obligations for which a claim has not been asserted), no Loan Party shall, nor shall it permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly:

- 7.01 **Liens.** Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, assets or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or sign or file or suffer to exist under the UCC or any similar Law or statute of any jurisdiction a financing statement that names any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof as debtor; sign or suffer to exist any security agreement authorizing any Person thereunder to file such financing statement; sell any of its property or assets subject to an understanding or agreement (contingent or otherwise) to repurchase such property or assets with recourse to it or any of its Subsidiaries; or assign or otherwise transfer any accounts or other rights to receive income, other than, as to all of the above, Permitted Encumbrances.
  - 7.02 **Investments.** Make any Investments, except Permitted Investments.
- 7.03 Indebtedness; Disqualified Stock. (a) Create, incur, assume, guarantee, suffer to exist or otherwise become or remain liable with respect to, any Indebtedness, except Permitted Indebtedness; or (b) issue Disqualified Stock, or (c) issue and sell any other Equity Interests unless (i) such Equity Interests shall be issued solely by the Parent and not by a Subsidiary of a Loan Party (provided, that, Lead Borrower may issue (A) Equity Interests pursuant to a Qualifying IPO, (B) at any time following consummation of the Qualifying IPO, additional Equity Interests other than Disqualified Stock, provided, that, after giving effect to such issuance no Change of Control would occur and (C) Equity Interests to Satori Capital LLC and its Affiliates pursuant to the Sponsor Management Agreement as in effect on the Amendment No. 1 Effective Date), (ii) such Equity Interests (other than those issued pursuant to the Qualifying IPO and at any time following consummation of the Qualifying IPO, additional Equity Interests of the same class as those issued pursuant to the Qualifying IPO) provide that all dividends and other Restricted Payments in respect thereof shall be made solely in additional shares of such Equity Interests, in lieu of cash to the extent the payment of such dividends or other Restricted Payments in cash would not be permitted under this Agreement, and (iii) such Equity Interests shall not be subject to redemption other than redemption at the option of the Loan Party issuing such Equity Interests and in accordance with the limitations contained in this Agreement.
- 7.04 **Fundamental Changes.** Merge, dissolve, liquidate, consolidate with or into another Person, (or agree to do any of the foregoing), except that, so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing prior to or immediately after giving effect to any action described below or would result therefrom:

- (a) any Subsidiary which is not a Loan Party may merge with (i) a Loan Party, <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>, the Loan Party shall be the continuing or surviving Person, or (ii) any one or more other Subsidiaries which are not Loan Parties, <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>, when any wholly-owned Subsidiary is merging with another Subsidiary, the wholly-owned Subsidiary shall be the continuing or surviving Person;
- (b) any Subsidiary which is a Loan Party may merge into any Subsidiary which is a Loan Party or into a Borrower, <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>, in any merger involving a Borrower, such Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving Person;
- (c) in connection with a Permitted Acquisition, any Subsidiary of a Loan Party may merge with or into or consolidate with any other Person or permit any other Person to merge with or into or consolidate with it; provided, that, (i) the Person surviving such merger shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of a Loan Party and such Person shall become a Loan Party in accordance with, and to the extent required by, the provisions of Section 6.12 hereof, and (ii) in the case of any such merger to which any Loan Party is a party, such Loan Party is the surviving Person.
- 7.05 **Dispositions**. Make any Disposition or enter into any agreement to make any Disposition, except Permitted Dispositions.
- 7.06 **Restricted Payments**. Declare or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, or incur any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to do so, except that:
- (a) each Subsidiary of a Loan Party may make Restricted Payments to any Loan Party other than to the Parent:
- (b) the Loan Parties and each Subsidiary may declare and make dividend payments or other distributions payable solely in the common stock or other common Equity Interests of such Person;
- (c) the Borrowers may make payments to Sponsor in accordance with the Sponsor Management Agreement as in effect on the Amendment No. 1-Effective Date (i) in respect of management fees in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000 in any Fiscal Year payable to Mistral Capital Management LLC and \$100,000 in any Fiscal Year payable to Satori Capital LLC and its Affiliates in each case in accordance with the terms of the Sponsor Management Agreement as in effect on the Amendment No. 1 Effective Date, (ii) in respect of (A) the onetime fee payable to Mistral Capital Management LLC under the Sponsor Management Agreement as a result of the credit facility under this Agreement, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000, and (B) the one-time fee payable to Satori Capital LLC and its Affiliates under the Sponsor Management Agreement as a result of the credit facility under this Agreement, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$125,000, which amounts as described in clauses (A) and (B) shall each be paid on or about the Amendment No. 1 Effective Date and (iii) in respect of reimbursements of fees and expenses (including any fees and expenses) in accordance with the terms of the Sponsor Management Agreement and indemnification obligations to the extent actually incurred and required or contemplated to be reimbursed pursuant to the Sponsor Management Agreement as in effect on the Amendment No. 1 Effective Date; provided, that, (A) the management fees and transaction fees described in clauses (i) and (ii) of this clause (e) shall not be paid at any time an Event of Default exists or has occurred and is continuing and (B) all accrued management fees and transaction fees which were not permitted to be paid in cash at such time shall be permitted to be paid in cash once no Event of Default is continuing. [Intentionally Omitted.]
- (d) The Loan Parties may make Restricted Payments consisting of cash dividends and redemptions of Equity Interests by the Lead Borrower; provided, that, both immediately before and immediately after giving effect to any such Restricted Payment, the Payment Conditions are satisfied.

7.07 **Prepayments of Indebtedness**. Prepay, redeem, purchase, defease or otherwise satisfy prior to the scheduled maturity thereof in any manner any Indebtedness, or make any payment in violation of any subordination terms of any Subordinated Indebtedness, except (a) regularly scheduled or mandatory repayments, repurchases, redemptions or defeasances of (i) Permitted Indebtedness (other than Subordinated Indebtedness), and (ii) Subordinated Indebtedness in accordance with the subordination terms thereof or the applicable subordination agreement relating thereto, (b) voluntary prepayments, repurchases, redemptions or defeasances of (i) Permitted Indebtedness (but excluding on account of any Subordinated Indebtedness), provided, that, as of the date of any such prepayment, repurchase, redemption or defeasance, and after giving effect thereto, each of the Payment Conditions is satisfied, and (ii) Subordinated Indebtedness in accordance with the subordination terms thereof or the applicable subordination agreement relating thereto, provided, that, as of the date of any such prepayment, repurchase, redemption or defeasance, and immediately after giving effect thereto, each of the Payment Conditions is satisfied, and (c) prepayment of such Indebtedness with the proceeds of the Permitted Refinancing thereof.

## 7.08 Change in Nature of Business.

- (a) In the case of the Parent, engage in any business or activity other than (i) the direct or indirect ownership of all outstanding Equity Interests in the other Loan Parties, (ii) maintaining its corporate existence, (iii) participating in tax, accounting and other administrative activities as the parent of the consolidated group of companies, including the Loan Parties, (iv) the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and the performance of its obligations thereunder, and (v) activities incidental to the businesses or activities described in clauses (i)(a) through (iv) of this Section 7.08(a)Reserved.
- (b) In the case of each of the Loan Parties, engage in any line of business substantially different from the Business conducted by the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries on the Closing Amendment No. 6 Effective Date or any business substantially related or incidental thereto.
- **Transactions with Affiliates.** Enter into, renew, extend or be a party to any transaction of any kind with any Affiliate of any Loan Party, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, other than on fair and reasonable terms substantially as favorable to the Loan Parties or such Subsidiary as would be obtainable by the Loan Parties or such Subsidiary at the time in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person other than an Affiliate, provided, that, the foregoing restriction shall not apply to (a) a transaction between or among the Loan Parties, (b) transactions described on Schedule 7.09 hereto, (c) advances for commissions, travel and other similar purposes in the ordinary course of business to directors, officers and employees, (d) the issuance of Equity Interests in Parent Lead Borrower to any officer, director, employee or consultant of Parent Lead Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, (e) the payment of reasonable fees and out-of-pocket costs to directors, and compensation and employee benefit arrangements paid to, and indemnities provided for the benefit of, directors, officers or employees of Parent Lead Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, and (f) any issuances of securities of Parent Lead Borrower (other than Disqualified Stock and other Equity Interests not permitted hereunder) or other payments, awards or grants in cash, securities or otherwise pursuant to, or the funding of, employment agreements, stock options and stock ownership plans (in each case in respect of Equity Interests in Parent Lead Borrower) of Parent Lead Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.
- 7.10 **Burdensome Agreements.** Enter into or permit to exist any Contractual Obligation (other than this Agreement or any other Loan Document) that (a) limits the ability of (i) any Subsidiary to make Restricted Payments or other distributions to any Loan Party or to otherwise transfer property to or invest in a Loan Party, (ii) any Subsidiary to Guarantee the Obligations, (iii) any Subsidiary to make or repay loans to a Loan Party, or (iv) the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary to create, incur, assume or suffer

to exist Liens on property of such Person in favor of the Agent; <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>, this clause (iv) shall not prohibit any negative pledge incurred or provided in favor of any holder of Indebtedness permitted under clauses (c) or (f) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness solely to the extent any such negative pledge relates to the property financed by or the subject of such Indebtedness; or (b) requires the grant of a Lien to secure an obligation of such Person if a Lien is granted to secure another obligation of such Person.

- 7.11 **Use of Proceeds.** Use the proceeds of any Credit Extension, whether directly or indirectly, and whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, (a) to purchase or carry margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U of the FRB) or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock or to refund Indebtedness originally incurred for such purpose; (b) to make any payments to a Sanctioned Entity or a Sanctioned Person, to finance any investments in a Sanctioned Entity or a Sanctioned Person, to fund any operations of a Sanctioned Entity or a Sanctioned Person), or in any other manner that would result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person; or (c) for purposes other than those permitted under this Agreement.
- 7.12 Amendment of Material Documents. Amend, modify or waive any of a Loan Party's rights under (a) its Organization Documents in a manner materially adverse to the Credit Parties, or (b) any Material Contract or Material Indebtedness (other than on account of any refinancing thereof otherwise permitted hereunder), in each case to the extent that such amendment, modification or waiver would result in a Default oran Event of Default under any of the Loan Documents, would be materially adverse to the Credit Parties or otherwise would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 7.13 **Fiscal Year**. Change the Fiscal Year of any Loan Party, or the accounting policies or reporting practices of the Loan Parties, except as required by GAAP.
- 7.14 **Deposit Accounts; Credit Card Processors.** Open new Deposit Accounts or Securities Accounts unless the Loan Parties shall have delivered to the Agent appropriate Control Agreements consistent with the provisions of Section 6.13 and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Agent. No Loan Party shall maintain any Deposit Accounts or Securities Accounts or enter into any agreements with Credit Card Issuers or Credit Card Processors other than as expressly contemplated herein or in Section 6.13 hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby acknowledged and agreed that Loan Parties shall not be required to deliver a Control Agreement with respect to any Excluded Account.
- 7.15 **Excess Availability Covenant.** Permit Excess Availability at any time to be less than the greater of (a)amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Loan Cap or (b) \$1,000,000; provided, that, if at any time Excess Availability is less than \$2,500,000, then \$1,000,000 shall be increased to \$1,500,000 for purposes of this Section 7.15(b).

# ARTICLE VIII EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

- 8.01 **Events of Default.** Any of the following shall constitute an Event of Default:
- (a) Non-Payment. The Borrowers or any other Loan Party fails to pay when and as required to be paid herein, (i) any amount of principal of any Loan or any L/C Obligation, or deposit any funds as Cash Collateral in respect of L/C Obligations, or (ii) any interest on any Loan or on any L/C Obligation, or any fee due hereunder; or (iii) any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document and such failure pursuant to this clause (ii) shall continue unremedied for a period of three (3) Business Days; or

- (b) <u>Specific Covenants</u>. (i) Any Loan Party fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of <u>Section 6.01</u>, <u>6.02</u>, <u>6.03</u>, <u>6.05</u>, <u>6.07</u>, <u>6.10</u>, <u>6.11</u>, <u>6.12</u>, <u>6.13</u> or <u>6.14</u> or <u>Article</u> VII; or (ii) any Guarantor fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in the Facility Guaranty; or
- (c) Other Defaults. Any Loan Party fails to perform or observe any other covenant or agreement (not specified in subsection (a) or (b) above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure continues for fifteen (15) days Business Days; or
- (d) Representations and Warranties. Any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of any Borrower or any other Loan Party herein, in any other Loan Document, or in any document delivered in connection herewith or therewith (including, without limitation, any Borrowing Base Certificate), or in completing any request for a Borrowing via the Portal, shall be incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed made; or
- (e) Cross-Default. (i) Any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof (A) fails to make any payment when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Material Indebtedness (including undrawn committed or available amounts and including amounts owing to all creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement), or (B) fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any such Material Indebtedness or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Material Indebtedness or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of any Guarantee thereof (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiary or beneficiaries) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity, or such Guarantee to become payable or cash collateral in respect thereof to be demanded; or (ii) there occurs under any Swap Contract an Early Termination Date (as defined in such Swap Contract) resulting from (A) any event of default under such Swap Contract as to which a Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof is the Defaulting Party (as defined in such Swap Contract) or (B) any Termination Event (as so defined) under such Swap Contract as to which a Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof is an Affected Party (as so defined) and, in either event, the Swap Termination Value owed by the Loan Party or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than \$100,0004,000,000; or
- (f) Insolvency Proceedings, Etc. Any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries institutes, consents to the institution of or declares its intention to institute any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or a proceeding shall be commenced or a petition filed, without the application or consent of such Person, seeking or requesting the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed and the appointment continues undischarged, undismissed or unstayed for thirtyforty-five (3045) calendar days or an order or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to any such Person or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Person and continues undismissed or unstayed for thirtyforty-five (3045) calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding; or
- (g) <u>Inability to Pay Debts; Attachment</u>. (i) Any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due in

the ordinary course of business, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of any such Person; or

- (h) <u>Judgments</u>. There is entered against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof (i) one or more judgments or orders for the payment of money in an aggregate amount (as to all such judgments and orders) exceeding \$250,000,000 (to the extent not covered by independent third-party insurance as to which the insurer has been notified of the potential claim and does not dispute coverage), or (ii) any one or more non-monetary judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect and, in either case, (A) enforcement proceedings are commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order, or (B) there is a period of tenfifteen (1015) consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment or order, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect; or
- (i) ERISA. (i) An ERISA Event occurs with respect to a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan which has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in liability of any Loan Party under Title IV of ERISA to the Pension Plan, Multiemployer Plan or the PBGC in an aggregate amount in excess of \$250,0002,000,000 or which would reasonably likely result in a Material Adverse Effect, or (ii) a Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate fails to pay when due, after the expiration of any applicable grace period, any installment payment with respect to its withdrawal liability under Section 4201 of ERISA under a Multiemployer Plan in an aggregate amount in excess of \$250,0002,000,000 or which would reasonably likely result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (j) Invalidity of Loan Documents. (i) Any provision of any Loan Document, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations for which a claim has not been asserted), ceases to be in full force and effect; or any Loan Party, any Subsidiary thereof or any Governmental Authority contests in any manner writing the validity or enforceability of any provision of any Loan Document; or any Loan Party denies in writing that it has any or further liability or obligation under any provision of any Loan Document, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any provision of any Loan Document or seeks to avoid, limit or otherwise adversely affect any Lien purported to be created under any Security Document; or (ii) any Lien purported to be created under any Security Document shall cease to be, or shall be asserted in writing by any Loan Party, any Subsidiary thereof or any Governmental Authority not to be, a valid and perfected Lien on any Collateral, with the priority required by the applicable Security Document; or
  - (k) Change of Control. There occurs any Change of Control; or
- (l) <u>Cessation of Business</u>. Except as otherwise expressly permitted hereunder, any Loan Party shall take any action, or any Loan Party's management or board of directors (or equivalent governing body) shall make a determination, in each case whether or not yet formally approved, to (i) suspend the operation of all or a material portion of its business in the ordinary course, (ii) suspend the payment of any material obligations in the ordinary course or suspend the performance under Material Contracts in the ordinary course, (iii) commence the liquidation of all or a material portion of its assets or Store locations, or (iv) employ an agent or other third party to conduct a program of closings, liquidations, or "going-out-of-business" sales of any material portion of its business; or
- (m) Loss of Collateral. There occurs any uninsured loss to any material portion of the Collateral; or
- (n) <u>Breach of Contractual Obligation</u>. Any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof fails to make any payment when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration,

demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Material Contract or fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any such Material Contract or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the counterparty to such Material Contract to terminate such Material Contract; or

- (o) <u>Indictment</u>. The indictment or institution of any legal process or proceeding against, any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof, under any federal, state, municipal, and other criminal statute, rule, regulation, order, or other requirement having the force of law for a felonythat may reasonably be expected to lead to a forfeiture of any property of such Loan Party or Subsidiary having a fair market value in excess of \$1,500,000;
- (p) <u>Guaranty</u>. The termination or attempted termination of any Facility Guaranty except as expressly permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document; <u>or</u>
- (q) <u>Subordination</u>. (i) The subordination provisions of the documents evidencing or governing any Subordinated Indebtedness, or provisions of any intercreditor agreement entered into by Agent after the date hereof, any such provisions being referred to as the "Intercreditor Provisions", shall, in whole or in part, terminate, cease to be effective or cease to be legally valid, binding and enforceable against any holder of the applicable Indebtedness; or (ii) any Borrower or any other Loan Party shall, directly or indirectly, disavow or contest in <u>any mannerwriting</u> (A) the effectiveness, validity or enforceability of any of the Intercreditor Provisions, (B) that the Intercreditor Provisions exist for the benefit of the Credit Parties, or (C) in the case of Subordinated Indebtedness, that all payments of principal of or premium and interest on the applicable Subordinated Indebtedness, or realized from the liquidation of any property of any Loan Party, shall be subject to any of the Intercreditor Provisions.
- 8.02 **Remedies Upon Event of Default.** If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Agent may, or, at the request of the Required Lenders shall, take any or all of the following actions:
- (a) declare the Commitments of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of the L/C
   Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions to be terminated, whereupon such Commitments and obligation shall be terminated;
- (b) declare the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon, and all other Obligations (other than Obligations under any Swap Contract) to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Loan Parties;
  - (c) require that the Loan Parties Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations; and
- (d) whether or not the maturity of the Obligations shall have been accelerated pursuant hereto, proceed to protect, enforce and exercise all rights and remedies of the Credit Parties under this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or applicable Law, including, but not limited to, by suit in equity, action at law or other appropriate proceeding, whether for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any instrument pursuant to which the Obligations are evidenced, and, if such amount shall have become due, by declaration or otherwise, proceed to enforce the payment thereof or any other legal or equitable right of the Credit Parties;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that upon the occurrence of any Event of Default with respect to any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof under Section 8.01(f), the obligation of each Lender to make Loans and any

obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable, and the obligation of the Loan Parties to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective, in each case without further act of the Agent or any Lender.

No remedy herein is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or any other provision of Law.

Each of the Lenders agrees that it shall not, unless specifically requested to do so in writing by Agent, take or cause to be taken any action, including, the commencement of any legal or equitable proceedings to enforce any Loan Document against any Loan Party or to foreclose any Lien on, or otherwise enforce any security interest in, or other rights to, any of the Collateral.

8.03 **Application of Funds.** After the exercise of remedies provided for in Section 8.02 (or after the Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable and the L/C Obligations have automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in the proviso to Section 8.02), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall be applied by the Agent in the following order:

<u>First</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations (excluding the Other Liabilities) constituting fees, indemnities, Credit Party Expenses and other amounts (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Agent and amounts payable under <u>Article III</u>) payable to the Agent;

<u>Second</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations (excluding the Other Liabilities) constituting indemnities, Credit Party Expenses, and other amounts (other than principal, interest and fees) payable to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Lenders and the L/C Issuer and amounts payable under <u>Article III</u>), ratably among them in proportion to the amounts described in this clause <u>Second</u> payable to them;

<u>Third</u>, to the extent not previously reimbursed by the Lenders, to payment to the Agent of that portion of the Obligations constituting principal and accrued and unpaid interest on any Permitted Overadvances;

<u>Fourth</u>, to the extent that Swing Line Loans have not been refinanced by a Committed Loan, payment to the Swing Line Lender of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid interest on the Swing Line Loans;

<u>Fifth</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid interest on the Committed Loans and other Obligations, and fees (including Letter of Credit Fees but excluding any Early Termination Fees), ratably among the Lenders and the L/C Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Fifth payable to them;

Sixth, to the extent that Swing Line Loans have not been refinanced by a Committed Loan, to payment to the Swing Line Lender of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Swing Line Loans;

<u>Seventh</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Committed Loans, ratably among the Lenders in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause <u>Seventh</u> held by them;

Eighth, to the Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer, to Cash Collateralize that portion of L/C Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit;

Ninth, to payment of all other Obligations (including without limitation the cash collateralization of unliquidated indemnification obligations, but excluding any Other Liabilities), ratably among the Credit Parties in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Ninth held by them;

<u>Tenth</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations arising from Cash Management Services to the extent secured under the Security Documents, ratably among the Credit Parties in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause <u>Tenth</u> held by them;

<u>Eleventh</u>, to payment of all other Obligations arising from Bank Products to the extent secured under the Security Documents, ratably among the Credit Parties in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Eleventh held by them; and

<u>Last</u>, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Loan Parties or as otherwise required by Law.

Subject to Section 2.03(g), amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to clause Eighth above shall be applied to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit as they occur. If any amount remains on deposit as Cash Collateral after all Letters of Credit have either been fully drawn or expired, such remaining amount shall be applied to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth above.

## ARTICLE IX THE AGENT

- 9.01 Appointment and Authority. Each of the Lenders and the Swing Line Lender hereby irrevocably appoints Wells Fargo to act on its behalf as the Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (other than the Swap Contracts) and authorizes the Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Agent by the terms hereof or thereof (including, without limitation, acquiring, holding and enforcing any and all Liens on Collateral granted by any of the Loan Parties to secure any of the Obligations), together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, and no Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions (other than any rights Borrower may have pursuant to Section 9.06 hereof).
- 9.02 **Rights as a Lender.** The Person serving as the 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 they were not the Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.
- 9.03 **Exculpatory Provisions.** The Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Agent:
  - (a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a

Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

- (b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that the Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents), provided, that, the Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable law; and
- (c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Loan Parties or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

The Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the Consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in <u>Sections 10.01</u> and <u>8.02</u>) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless and until notice describing such Default or Event of Default is given to the Agent by the Loan Parties, a Lender or the L/C Issuer. Upon the occurrence of a Default or Event of Default, the Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Applicable Lenders. Unless and until the Agent shall have received such direction, the Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to any such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interest of the Credit Parties. In no event shall the Agent be required to comply with any such directions to the extent that the Agent believes that its compliance with such directions would be unlawful.

The Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or the creation, perfection or priority of any Lien purported to be created by the Security Documents, (v) the value or the sufficiency of any Collateral, or (vi) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in <a href="Article IV">Article IV</a> or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Agent.

9.04 **Reliance by Agent**. The Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including, but not limited to, any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the L/C Issuer unless the Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the L/C Issuer prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. The Agent may consult with legal

counsel (who may be counsel for any Loan Party), 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.

9.05 **Delegation of Duties.** The Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Agent. The Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the 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 Agent.

#### 9.06 Resignation of Agent.

- (a) The Agent may at any time give written notice of its resignation to the Lenders and the Lead Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Lead Borrower, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Agent may on behalf of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, appoint a successor Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above; provided that if the Agent shall notify the Lead Borrower and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice and (1) the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (except that in the case of any Collateral held by the Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Agent is appointed) and (2) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and the L/C Issuer directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above in this Section. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or retired) Agent, and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section). The fees payable by the Borrowers to a successor Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Lead Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article and Section 10.04 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 the retiring Agent was acting as Agent hereunder.
- (b) Any resignation by Wells Fargo as Agent pursuant to this Section shall also constitute its resignation as Swing Line Lender and the resignation of Wells Fargo as L/C Issuer. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, (i) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer and Swing Line Lender, (ii) the retiring L/C Issuer and Swing Line Lender shall be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and (iii) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the retiring L/C Issuer to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring L/C Issuer with respect to such Letters of Credit.

- 9.07 **Non-Reliance on Agent and Other Lenders.** Each Lender and the L/C Issuer acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder. Except as provided in Section 9.12, the Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Credit Party with any other credit or other information concerning the affairs, financial condition or business of any Loan Party that may come into the possession of the Agent.
- 9.08 **No Other Duties, Etc.** Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the Bookrunners, Arrangers, Syndication Agent or Documentation Agent listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity as the Agent, a Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder.
- 9.09 Agent May File Proofs of Claim. In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or any other judicial proceeding relative to any Loan Party, the Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or L/C Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Agent shall have made any demand on the Loan Parties) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise
- (a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, L/C Obligations and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the L/C Issuer, the Agent and the other Credit Parties (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders, the L/C Issuer, the Agent, such Credit Parties and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders, the L/C Issuer, the Agent and such Credit Parties under Sections 2.03(i) and 2.03(j) as applicable, 2.09 and 10.04) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and
- (b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and the L/C Issuer to make such payments to the Agent and, if the Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, to pay to the Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Agent under Sections 2.09 and 10.04.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender or the L/C Issuer any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Lender or the L/C Issuer or to authorize the Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender or the L/C Issuer in any such proceeding.

9.10 **Collateral and Guaranty Matters.** The Credit Parties irrevocably authorize the Agent, at its option and in its discretion,

- (a) to release any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Agent under any Loan Document (i) upon termination of the Aggregate Commitments and payment in full of all Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations for which no claim has been asserted) and the expiration, termination or Cash Collateralization of all Letters of Credit, (ii) that is sold or to be sold as part of or in connection with any sale permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or (iii) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Applicable Lenders in accordance with Section 10.01;
- (b) to subordinate any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Agent under any Loan Document to the holder of any Lien on such property that is permitted by <u>clause (h)</u> of the definition of Permitted Encumbrances;
- (c) to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Facility Guaranty if such Person ceases to be a Subsidiary as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder.

Upon request by the Agent at any time, the Applicable Lenders will confirm in writing the Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of property, or to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Facility Guaranty pursuant to this Section 9.10. In each case as specified in this Section 9.10, the Agent will, at the Loan Parties' expense, execute and deliver to the applicable Loan Party such documents as such Loan Party may reasonably request to evidence the release of such item of Collateral from the assignment and security interest granted under the Security Documents or to subordinate its interest in such item, or to release such Guarantor from its obligations under the Facility Guaranty, in each case in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents and this Section 9.10.

9.11 **Notice of Transfer**. The Agent may deem and treat a Lender party to this Agreement as the owner of such Lender's portion of the Obligations for all purposes, unless and until, and except to the extent, an Assignment and Acceptance shall have become effective as set forth in <u>Section 10.06</u>.

#### 9.12 **Reports and Financial Statements.** By signing this Agreement, each Lender:

- (a) agrees to furnish the Agent with a summary of all Other Liabilities due or to become due to such Lender. In connection with any distributions to be made hereunder, the Agent shall be entitled to assume that no amounts are due to any Lender on account of Other Liabilities unless the Agent has received written notice thereof from such Lender;
- (b) is deemed to have requested that the Agent furnish such Lender, promptly after they become available, copies of all Borrowing Base Certificates and financial statements required to be delivered by the Lead Borrower hereunder and all commercial finance examinations and appraisals of the Collateral received by the Agent (collectively, the "Reports");
- (c) expressly agrees and acknowledges that the Agent makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the Reports, and shall not be liable for any information contained in any Report;
- (d) expressly agrees and acknowledges that the Reports are not comprehensive audits or examinations, that the Agent or any other party performing any audit or 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;
- (e) agrees to keep all Reports confidential in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section</u> 10.07 hereof; and

- (f) without limiting the generality of any other indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, agrees: (i) to hold the Agent and any such other Lender preparing a Report harmless from any action the indemnifying Lender may take or conclusion the indemnifying Lender may reach or draw from any Report in connection with any Credit Extensions that the indemnifying Lender has made or may make to the Borrowers, or the indemnifying Lender's participation in, or the indemnifying Lender's purchase of, a Loan or Loans; and (ii) to pay and protect, and indemnify, defend, and hold the Agent and any such other Lender preparing a Report harmless from and against, the claims, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, and other amounts (including attorney costs) incurred by the Agent and any such other Lender preparing a Report as the direct or indirect result of any third parties who might obtain all or part of any Report through the indemnifying Lender.
- 9.13 Agency for Perfection. Each Lender hereby appoints each other Lender as agent for the purpose of perfecting Liens for the benefit of the Agent and the Lenders, in assets which, in accordance with Article 9 of the UCC or any other applicable Law of the United States can be perfected only by possession. Should any Lender (other than the Agent) obtain possession of any such Collateral, such Lender shall notify the Agent thereof, and, promptly upon the Agent's request therefor shall deliver such Collateral to the Agent or otherwise deal with such Collateral in accordance with the Agent's instructions.
- 9.14 **Indemnification of Agent**. Without limiting the obligations of the Loan Parties hereunder, the Lenders hereby agree to indemnify the Agent, the L/C Issuer and any Related Party, as the case may be, ratably according to their Applicable Percentages, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever that may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Agent, the L/C Issuer and their Related Parties in any way relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any action taken or omitted to be taken by the Agent, the L/C Issuer and their Related Parties in connection therewith; provided, that, no Lender shall be liable for any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from the Agent's, the L/C Issuer's and their Related Parties' gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a final and nonappealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 9.15 **Relation among Lenders.** The Lenders are not partners or co-venturers, and no Lender shall be liable for the acts or omissions of, or (except as otherwise set forth herein in case of the Agent) authorized to act for, any other Lender.

#### 9.16 **Defaulting Lenders**.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.14 hereof, the Agent shall not be obligated to transfer to a Defaulting Lender any payments made by the Borrowers to the Agent for the Defaulting Lender's benefit or any proceeds of Collateral that would otherwise be remitted hereunder to the Defaulting Lender, and, in the absence of such transfer to the Defaulting Lender, the Agent shall transfer any such payments (i) first, to the Swing Line Lender to the extent of any Swing Line Loans that were made by the Swing Line Lender and that were required to be, but were not, paid by the Defaulting Lender, (ii) second, to the L/C Issuer, to the extent of the portion of a Letter of Credit Disbursement that was required to be, but was not, paid by the Defaulting Lender, (iii) third, to each Non-Defaulting Lender ratably in accordance with their Commitments (but, in each case, only to the extent that such Defaulting Lender's portion of a Loan (or other funding obligation) was funded by such other Non-Defaulting Lender), (iv) to the Cash Collateral Account, the proceeds of which shall be retained by the Agent and may be made available to be re-advanced to or for the benefit of the Borrowers (upon the request of the Lead Borrower and subject to the conditions set forth in Section 4.02) as if such Defaulting Lender had

made its portion of the Loans (or other funding obligations) hereunder, and (v) from and after the date on which all other Obligations have been paid in full, to such Defaulting Lender. Subject to the foregoing, the Agent may hold and, in its discretion, re-lend to the Borrowers for the account of such Defaulting Lender the amount of all such payments received and retained by the Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender. Solely for the purposes of voting or consenting to matters with respect to the Loan Documents (including the calculation of Applicable Percentages in connection therewith) and for the purpose of calculating the fee payable under Section 2.09(a), such Defaulting Lender shall be deemed not to be a "Lender" and such Lender's Commitment shall be deemed to be zero; provided, that the foregoing shall not apply to any of the matters governed by Section 10.01(a) through (c). The provisions of this Section 9.16 shall remain effective with respect to such Defaulting Lender until the earlier of (y) the date on which all of the Non-Defaulting Lenders, the Agent, the L/C Issuer, and the Borrowers shall have waived, in writing, the application of this Section 9.16 to such Defaulting Lender, or (z) the date on which such Defaulting Lender pays to the Agent all amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender in respect of the amounts that it was obligated to fund hereunder, and, if requested by the Agent, provides adequate assurance of its ability to perform its future obligations hereunder (on which earlier date, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any remaining cash collateral held by the Agent pursuant to Section 9.16(b) shall be released to the Borrowers). The operation of this Section 9.16 shall not be construed to increase or otherwise affect the Commitment of any Lender, to relieve or excuse the performance by such Defaulting Lender or any other Lender of its duties and obligations hereunder, or to relieve or excuse the performance by any Borrower of its duties and obligations hereunder to the Agent, the L/C Issuer, the Swing Line Lender, or to the Lenders other than such Defaulting Lender. Any failure by a Defaulting Lender to fund amounts that it was obligated to fund hereunder shall constitute a material breach by such Defaulting Lender of this Agreement and shall entitle the Borrowers, at their option, upon written notice to the Agent, to arrange for a substitute Lender to assume the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender, such substitute Lender to be reasonably acceptable to the Agent. In connection with the arrangement of such a substitute Lender, the Defaulting Lender shall have no right to refuse to be replaced hereunder, and agrees to execute and deliver a completed form of Assignment and Assumption in favor of the substitute Lender (and agrees that it shall be deemed to have executed and delivered such document if it fails to do so) subject only to being paid its share of the outstanding Obligations (other than any Other Liabilities, but including (1) all interest, fees (except any Commitment Fees or Letter of Credit Fees not due to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with the terms of this Agreement), and other amounts that may be due and payable in respect thereof, and (2) an assumption of its Applicable Percentage of its participation in the Letters of Credit); provided, that, any such assumption of the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any of the Credit Parties' or the Loan Parties' rights or remedies against any such Defaulting Lender arising out of or in relation to such failure to fund. In the event of a direct conflict between the priority provisions of this Section 9.16 and any other provision contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, it is the intention of the parties hereto that such provisions be read together and construed, to the fullest extent possible, to be in concert with each other. In the event of any actual, irreconcilable conflict that cannot be resolved as aforesaid, the terms and provisions of this Section 9.16 shall control and govern.

- (b) If any Swing Line Loan or Letter of Credit is outstanding at the time that a Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender then:
- (i) such Defaulting Lender's participation interest in any Swing Line Loan or Letter of Credit shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages but only to the extent (x) the Outstanding Amount sum of all Non-Defaulting Lenders' Credit Extensions after giving effect to such reallocation does not exceed the total of all Non-Defaulting Lenders' Commitments and (y) the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 are satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 10.01) at such time;

- (ii) if the reallocation described in clause (b)(i) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrowers shall within one Business Day following notice by the Agent (x) first, prepay such Defaulting Lender's participation in any outstanding Swing Line Loans (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (b)(i) above) and (y) second, cash collateralize such Defaulting Lender's participation in Letters of Credit (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (b)(i) above), pursuant to a cash collateral agreement to be entered into in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, for so long as such L/C Obligations are outstanding; provided, that the Borrowers shall not be obligated to cash collateralize any Defaulting Lender's participations in Letters of Credit if such Defaulting Lender is also the L/C Issuer;
- (iii) if the Borrowers cash collateralize any portion of such Defaulting Lender's participation in the Outstanding Amount of any Letters of Credit Exposure pursuant to this Section 9.16(b), the Borrowers shall not be required to pay any Letter of Credit Fees to the Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.03 with respect to such cash collateralized portion of such Defaulting Lender's participation in Letters of Credit during the period such participation is cash collateralized:
- (iv) to the extent the participation by any Non-Defaulting Lender in the Letters of Credit is reallocated pursuant to this <u>Section 9.16(b)</u>, then the Letter of Credit Fees payable to the Non-Defaulting Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 2.03</u> shall be adjusted in accordance with such reallocation;
- (v) to the extent any Defaulting Lender's participation in Letters of Credit is neither cash collateralized nor reallocated pursuant to this <u>Section 9.16(b)</u>, then, without prejudice to any rights or remedies of the L/C Issuer or any Lender hereunder, all Letter of Credit Fees that would have otherwise been payable to such Defaulting Lender under <u>Section 2.03</u> with respect to such portion of such participation shall instead be payable to the L/C Issuer until such portion of such Defaulting Lender's participation is cash collateralized or reallocated;
- (vi) so long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, the Swing Line Lender shall not be required to make any Swing Line Loan and the L/C Issuer shall not be required to issue, amend, or increase any Letter of Credit, in each case, to the extent (x) the Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swing Line Loans or Letter of Credit cannot be reallocated pursuant to this Section 9.16(b) or (y) the Swing Line Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable, has not otherwise entered into arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Swing Line Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable, and the Borrowers to eliminate the Swing Line Lender's or L/C Issuer's risk with respect to the Defaulting Lender's participation in Swing Line Loans or Letters of Credit; and
- (vii) The Agent may release any cash collateral provided by the Borrowers pursuant to this <u>Section 9.16(b)</u> to the L/C Issuer and the L/C Issuer may apply any such cash collateral to the payment of such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of any Letter of Credit Disbursement that is not reimbursed by the Borrowers pursuant to <u>Section 2.03</u>.

# ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

10.01 Amendments, Etc. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than Swap Contracts), and no Consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Agent, with the Consent of the Required Lenders, and the Lead Borrower or the applicable Loan Party, as the case may be, and acknowledged by the Agent, and each such waiver or Consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; provided, that, no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:

- (a) increase the Commitment of any Lender (or reinstate any Commitment terminated pursuant to Section 8.02) without the written Consent of such Lender;
- (b) as to any Lender, postpone any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for (i) any scheduled payment (including the Maturity Date) or mandatory prepayment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due hereunder or under any of the other Loan Documents without the written Consent of such Lender entitled to such payment, or (ii) any scheduled or mandatory reduction or termination of the Aggregate Commitments hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written Consent of such Lender;
- (c) as to any Lender, reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Loan held by such Lender, or (subject to clause (iv) of the second proviso to this Section 10.01) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document to or for the account of such Lender, without the written Consent of each Lender entitled to such amount; provided, that, only the Consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary to amend the definition of "Default Rate" or to waive any obligation of the Borrowers to pay interest or Letter of Credit Fees at the Default Rate;
- (d) as to any Lender, change <u>Section 2.13</u> or <u>Section 8.03</u> in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written Consent of such Lender;
- (e) change any provision of this Section or the definition of "Required Lenders", or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to amend, waive or otherwise modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written Consent of each Lender;
- (f) except as expressly permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document, release, or limit the liability of, any Loan Party without the written Consent of each Lender;
- (g) except for Permitted Dispositions, release all or substantially all of the Collateral from the Liens of the Security Documents without the written Consent of each Lender;
- (h) except as provided in Section 2.15, increase the Aggregate Commitments without the written Consent of each Lender;
- (i) change the definition of the term "Borrowing Base" or any component definition thereof if as a result thereof the amounts available to be borrowed by the Borrowers would be increased without the written Consent of each Lender, <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>, the foregoing shall not limit the Permitted Discretion of the Agent to change, establish or eliminate any Reserves;
- (j) modify the definition of Permitted Overadvance so as to increase the amount thereof or, except as provided in such definition, the time period for which a Permitted Overadvance may remain outstanding without the written Consent of each Lender; and
- (k) except as expressly permitted herein or in any other Loan Document, subordinate the Obligations hereunder or the Liens granted hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, to any other Indebtedness or Lien, as the case may be without the written Consent of each Lender;
- and, <u>provided</u>, <u>that</u>, (i) no amendment, waiver or Consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the L/C Issuer in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the L/C Issuer under this Agreement or any Issuer Document relating to any Letter of Credit issued or to be issued by it; (ii) no amendment, waiver or Consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Swing Line Lender in addition

to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the Swing Line Lender under this Agreement; (iii) no amendment, waiver or Consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Agent in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the Agent under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; (iv) any amendment contemplated by Section 2.10(b) or Section 3.03 in connection with the use or administration of Term SOFR or a Benchmark Transition Event, as applicable, shall be effective as contemplated by such Section 2.10(b) or Section 3.03, as applicable, and (iv) the Fee Letter may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing executed only by the parties thereto.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, no provider or holder of any Bank Products or Cash Management Services shall have any voting or approval rights hereunder (or be deemed a Lender) solely by virtue of its status as the provider or holder of such agreements or products or the Obligations owing thereunder, nor shall the consent of any such provider or holder be required (other than in their capacities as Lenders, to the extent applicable) for any matter hereunder or under any of the other Loan Documents, including as to any matter relating to the Collateral or the release of Collateral or any Loan Party.

If any Lender does not Consent (a "Non-Consenting Lender") to a proposed amendment, waiver, consent or release with respect to any Loan Document that requires the Consent of each Lender and that has been approved by the Required Lenders, the Lead Borrower may replace such Non-Consenting Lender in accordance with Section 10.13; provided, that, such amendment, waiver, consent or release can be effected as a result of the assignment contemplated by such Section (together with all other such assignments required by the Lead Borrower to be made pursuant to this paragraph).

#### 10.02 Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communications.

- (a) <u>Notices Generally</u>. Except as provided in subsection (b) below, all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopier as follows:
- (i) if to the Loan Parties, the Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address specified for such Person on Schedule 10.02; and
- (ii) if to any other Lender, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address specified in its Administrative Questionnaire.

Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient). Notices delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in subsection (b) below, shall be effective as provided in such subsection (b).

(b) Electronic Communications. Notices and other communications to the Loan Parties, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Agent, provided, that, the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to Article II if such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable, has notified the Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. The Agent may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it, provided, that, approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), provided that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

- (c) The Platform. THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE." THE AGENT PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE ADEOUACY OF THE PLATFORM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM THE BORROWER MATERIALS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY ANY AGENT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall the Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "Agent Parties") have any liability to any Loan Party, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person for losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of the Loan Parties' or the Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials through the Internet, except to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent Party; provided, that, in no event shall any Agent Party have any liability to any Loan Party, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person for indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages).
- (d) Change of Address, Etc. Each of the Loan Parties, the Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Swing Line Lender may change its address or telecopier for notices and other communications hereunder, or, solely with respect to communications, may change its telephone number, by notice to the other parties hereto. Each other Lender may change its address or telecopier number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the Lead Borrower, the Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Swing Line Lender. In addition, each Lender agrees to notify the Agent from time to time to ensure that the Agent has on record (i) an effective address, contact name, telephone number, telecopier number and electronic mail address to which notices and other communications may be sent and (ii) accurate wire instructions for such Lender.
- (e) Reliance by Agent, L/C Issuer and Lenders. The Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including, without limitation, all Requests for Credit Extensions) purportedly given by or on behalf of the Loan Parties even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein, or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. The Loan Parties shall indemnify the Agent, the L/C Issuer, each Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all losses, costs, expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of the Loan Parties (including, without limitation, pursuant to any Requests for Credit Extensions). All telephonic communications with the Agent may be recorded by the Agent, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

10.03 **No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies.** No failure by any Credit Party to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided herein and in the other Loan Documents are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law. 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 or Event of Default, regardless of whether any Credit Party may have had notice or knowledge of such Default or Event of Default at the time.

#### 10.04 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

- (a) Costs and Expenses. The Borrowers shall pay all Credit Party Expenses.
- (b) Indemnification by the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties shall indemnify the Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each other Credit Party, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless (on an after tax basis) from, any and all losses, claims, causes of action, damages, liabilities, settlement payments, and reasonable, documented out-of-pocket costs, and related expenses (including the reasonable documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by any Borrower or any other Loan Party arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or, in the case of the Agent (and any sub-agents thereof) and their Related Parties only, the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the L/C Issuer 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, any bank advising or confirming a Letter of Credit or any other nominated person with respect to a Letter of Credit seeking to be reimbursed or indemnified or compensated, and any third party seeking to enforce the rights of a Borrower, beneficiary, nominated person, transferee, assignee of Letter of Credit proceeds, or holder of an instrument or document related to any Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property owned or operated by any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, (iv) any claims of, or amounts paid by any Credit Party to, a Cash Management Bank or other Person which has entered into a control agreement with any Credit Party hereunder, or (v) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by any Borrower or any other Loan Party or any of the Loan Parties' directors, shareholders or creditors, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, in all cases, whether or not caused by or arising, in whole or in part, out of the comparative, contributory or sole negligence of the Indemnitee; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (A) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee or (B) result from a claim brought by a Borrower or any other Loan Party against an Indemnitee for material breach of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if the Borrowers or such Loan Party has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or (C) result from a dispute that does not involve an act or omission of any Loan Party or its Affiliates and that is solely by an Indemnitee

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against another Indemnitee and does not involve any Indemnitee in its capacity as, or in fulfilling its role as, an agent or arranger under this Agreement.

- (c) Reimbursement by Lenders. Without limiting their obligations under Section 9.14 hereof, to the extent that the Loan Parties for any reason fail to indefeasibly pay any amount required under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by it, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Agent (or any such sub-agent), the L/C Issuer or such Related Party, 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, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Agent (or any such sub-agent) or the L/C Issuer in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Agent (or any such sub-agent) or L/C Issuer in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this subsection (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 2.12(d).
- (d) Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, the Loan Parties shall not assert, and hereby waive, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed to such unintended recipients by such Indemnitee through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby other than for direct or actual damages resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee as determined by a final and nonappealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.
  - (e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable on demand therefor.
- (f) <u>Survival</u>. The agreements in this Section shall survive the resignation of the Agent and the L/C Issuer, the assignment of any Commitment or Loan by any Lender, the replacement of any Lender, the termination of the Aggregate Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the other Obligations.
- 10.05 **Payments Set Aside.** To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of the Loan Parties is made to any Credit Party, or any Credit Party exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by such Credit Party in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Lender and the L/C Issuer severally agrees to pay to the Agent upon demand its Applicable Percentage (without duplication) of any amount so recovered from or repaid by the Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such payment is made at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer under clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

- (a) Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that no Loan Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the prior written Consent of the Agent and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an Eligible Assignee in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.06(b), (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of subsection Section 10.06(d), or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of Section 10.06(f) (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Credit Parties) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment(s) and the Loans (including for purposes of this <u>Section 10.06(b)</u>, participations in L/C Obligations and in Swing Line Loans) at the time owing to it); <u>provided</u> that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

#### (i) Minimum Amounts.

- (A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it or in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to a Lender, no minimum amount need be assigned; and
- (B) in any case not described in subsection (b)(i)(A) of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment, determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date, shall not be less than \$5,000,000 unless each of the Agent and, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Lead Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed and shall be deemed given if the Lead Borrower has not responded to a request for such consent within seventen (710) Business Days); provided, however, that concurrent assignments to members of an Assignee Group and concurrent assignments from members of an Assignee Group to a single Eligible Assignee (or to an Eligible Assignee and members of its Assignee Group) will be treated as a single assignment for purposes of determining whether such minimum amount has been met;
- (ii) Proportionate Amounts. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loans or the Commitment assigned, except that this clause (ii) shall not apply to the Swing Line Lender's rights and obligations in respect of Swing Line Loans;
- (iii) Required Consents. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by subsection (b)(i)(B) of this Section and, in addition:
- (A) the consent of the Lead Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (1) a Default or an Event of Default has occurred and is

continuing at the time of such assignment or (2) such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; and

- (B) the consent of the Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments in respect of any Commitment if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender, an Affiliate of such Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Lender; and
- (C) the consent of the L/C Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment that increases the obligation of the assignee to participate in exposure under one or more Letters of Credit (whether or not then outstanding); and
- (D) the consent of the Swing Line Lender (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment in respect of the assignment of any Commitment.
- (iv) <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Agent pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the Eligible Assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04, 3.05, and 10.04 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment. Upon request, the Borrowers (at their expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this subsection 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 Section 10.06(d).

- (c) Register. The Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrowers, shall maintain at the Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Loans and L/C Obligations owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and the Loan Parties, the Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Lead Borrower and any Lender at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.
- (d) <u>Participations</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Loan Parties or the Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural person or the Loan Parties or any of the Loan Parties' Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its

Commitment and/or the Loans (including such Lender's participations in L/C Obligations and/or Swing Line Loans) owing to it); provided, that, (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Loan Parties, the Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any Participant shall agree in writing to comply with all confidentiality obligations set forth in Section 10.07 as if such Participant was a Lender hereunder.

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, waiver or other modification described in the first proviso to Section 10.01 that affects such Participant. Subject to subsection (e) of this Section, the Loan Parties agree that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04 and 3.05 to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to Section 10.06(b). To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 10.08 as though it were a Lender, provided such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.13 as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrowers, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Agent (in its capacity as Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

- (e) <u>Limitations upon Participant Rights</u>. A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 3.01</u> or <u>3.04</u> 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 Lead Borrower'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 <u>Section 3.01</u> unless the Lead Borrower is notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the benefit of the Loan Parties, to comply with <u>Section 3.01(e)</u> as though it were a Lender.
- (f) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including under its Note, if any) to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.
- (g) <u>Electronic Execution of Assignments</u>. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Assumption shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal

Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

(h) Resignation as L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender after Assignment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time Wells Fargo assigns all of its Commitment and Loans pursuant to subsection (b) above, Wells Fargo may, (i) upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Lead Borrower and the Lenders, resign as L/C Issuer and/or (ii) upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Lead Borrower, Wells Fargo may resign as Swing Line Lender. In the event of any such resignation as L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender, the Lead Borrower shall be entitled to appoint from among the Lenders a successor L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender hereunder; provided, that, no failure by the Lead Borrower to appoint any such successor shall affect the resignation of Wells Fargo as L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender, as the case may be. If Wells Fargo resigns as L/C Issuer, it shall retain all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the L/C Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation as L/C Issuer and all L/C Obligations with respect thereto (including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans pursuant to Section 2.03(c)). If Wells Fargo resigns as Swing Line Lender, it shall retain all the rights of the Swing Line Lender provided for hereunder with respect to Swing Line Loans made by it and outstanding as of the effective date of such resignation, including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in outstanding Swing Line Loans pursuant to Section 2.04(c). Upon the appointment of a successor L/C Issuer and/or Swing Line Lender, (A) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender, as the case may be, and (B) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to Wells Fargo to effectively assume the obligations of Wells Fargo with respect to such Letters of Credit.

10.07 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality. Each of the Credit Parties agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, funding sources, attorneys, advisors and representatives (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable Laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any 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 any Loan Party and its obligations, (g) with the consent of the Lead Borrower or (h) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (y) becomes available to any Credit Party or any of their respective Affiliates on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Loan Parties.

For purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary thereof relating to the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary thereof or their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to any Credit Party on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary thereof, provided that, in the case of information received from any Loan Party or any Subsidiary after the Closing Date, 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 of the Credit Parties acknowledges that (a) the Information may include material non-public information concerning the Loan Parties or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (b) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information and (c) it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with applicable Law, including Federal and state securities Laws.

10.08 **Right of Setoff.** If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or if any Lender shall have been served with a trustee process or similar attachment relating to property of a Loan Party, each Lender, the L/C Issuer and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, after obtaining the prior written consent of the Agent or the Required Lenders, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, the L/C Issuer or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrowers or any other Loan Party against any and all of the Obligations now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, regardless of the adequacy of the Collateral, and irrespective of whether or not such Lender or the L/C Issuer shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of the Borrowers or such Loan Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Lender or the L/C Issuer different from the branch or office holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. The rights of each Lender, the L/C Issuer and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, the L/C Issuer or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer agrees to notify the Lead Borrower and the Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

10.09 Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Loan Document, the interest paid or agreed to be paid under the Loan Documents shall not exceed the maximum rate of non-usurious interest permitted by applicable Law (the "Maximum Rate"). If the Agent or any Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the Loans or, if it exceeds such unpaid principal, refunded to the Borrowers. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by the Agent or a Lender exceeds the Maximum Rate, such Person may, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, (a) characterize any payment that is not principal as an expense, fee, or premium rather than interest, (b) exclude voluntary prepayments and the effects thereof, and (c) amortize, prorate, allocate, and spread in equal or unequal parts the total amount of interest throughout the contemplated term of the Obligations hereunder.

10.10 **Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents 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 Agent and when the Agent shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto. Delivery Execution of an executed any such counterpart may be executed by means of (a) an electronic signature page of this

Agreement by telecopy, pdfthat complies with the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, as in effect from time to time, state enactments of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, as in effect from time to time, or any other relevant and applicable electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of asignatures law; (b) an original manual signature; or (c) a faxed, scanned, or photocopied manual signature. Each electronic signature or faxed, scanned, or photocopied manual signature shall for all purposes have the same validity, legal effect, and admissibility in evidence as an original manual signature. The Agent reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to accept, deny, or condition acceptance of any electronic signature on this Agreement or on any notice delivered to the Agent under this Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Agreement by faxed, scanned or photocopied manual signature shall also deliver an original manually executed counterpart of this Agreement, but the failure to deliver an original manually executed counterpart shall not affect the validity, enforceability and binding effect of this Agreement. The foregoing shall apply to each other Loan Document, and any notice delivered hereunder or thereunder, mutatis mutandis.

- 10.11 Survival. All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any other Loan Document or other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof. Such representations and warranties have been or will be relied upon by the Credit Parties, regardless of any investigation made by any Credit Party or on their behalf and notwithstanding that any Credit Party may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or Event of Default at the time of any Credit Extension, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as any Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding. Further, the provisions of Sections 3.01, 3.04, 3.05 and 10.04 and Article IX shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the repayment of the Obligations, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof. In connection with the termination of this Agreement and the release and termination of the security interests in the Collateral, the Agent may require such indemnities and collateral security as it shall reasonably deem necessary or appropriate to protect the Credit Parties against (a) loss on account of credits previously applied to the Obligations that may subsequently be reversed or revoked, (b) any obligations that may thereafter arise with respect to the Other Liabilities and (c) any Obligations that may thereafter arise under Section 10.04 other than contingent indemnification obligations for which a claim or demand for payment has not been made and other than contingent indemnification obligations in respect of matters or circumstances that are not known to Agent, any Lender or any Loan Party that might result in any loss, cost, damage or expense (including attorneys' fees and legal expenses) for which Agent or any Lender is entitled to indemnification hereunder or under any other Loan Document.
- 10.12 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.
- 10.13 **Replacement of Lenders.** If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, 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 <u>Section 3.01</u>, or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender, then the Borrowers may, at their sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, <u>Section 10.06</u>), all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement and the related Loan Documents to an assignee that shall

assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment), provided that:

- (a) Unless waived by the Agent, the Borrowers shall have paid to the Agent the assignment fee specified in Section 10.06(b);
- (b) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including any amounts under Section 3.05) 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);
- (c) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 3.04 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 3.01, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter; and
  - (d) such assignment does not conflict with applicable Laws.

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrowers to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

#### 10.14 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

- (a) GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONFLICTS OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF, BUT INCLUDING SECTION 5-1401 OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.
- (b) SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. EACH LOAN PARTY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE NONEXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT, AND EACH OF THE LOAN PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE LOAN PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT ANY CREDIT PARTY 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) <u>WAIVER OF VENUE</u>. EACH LOAN PARTY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE

LAW, ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SECTION. EACH OF THE LOAN PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.

- (d) <u>SERVICE OF PROCESS</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR NOTICES IN <u>SECTION 10.02</u>. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.
- (e) ACTIONS COMMENCED BY LOAN PARTIES. EACH LOAN PARTY AGREES THAT ANY ACTION COMMENCED BY ANY LOAN PARTY ASSERTING ANY CLAIM OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT SOLELY IN A COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY OR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AS THE AGENT MAY ELECT IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, AND CONSENTS TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH ACTION.
- WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.
- 10.16 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility. In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby, the Loan Parties each acknowledge and agree that: (i) the credit facility provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Loan Parties, on the one hand, and the Credit Parties, on the other hand, and each of the Loan Parties is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof); (ii) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, the each Credit Party is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary, for the Loan Parties or any of their respective Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other Person; (iii) none of the Credit Parties has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Loan Parties with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document (irrespective of whether any of the Credit Parties has advised or is currently advising any Loan

Party or any of its Affiliates on other matters) and none of the Credit Parties has any obligation to any

Loan Party or any of its Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents; (iv) the Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates, and none of the Credit Parties has any obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and (v) the Credit Parties have not provided and will not provide any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) and each of the Loan Parties has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate. Each of the Loan Parties hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that it may have against each of the Credit Parties with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty.

- 10.17 **USA PATRIOT**Patriot Act Notice. Each Lender that is subject to the Patriot Act (as hereinafter defined) and the Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies the Loan Parties that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "Patriot Act"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each Loan Party, which information includes the name and address of each Loan Party and other information that will allow such Lender or the Agent, as applicable, to identify each Loan Party in accordance with the Patriot Act. Each Loan Party is in compliance, in all material respects, with the Patriot Act. No part of the proceeds of the Loans or Letters of Credit will be used by the Loan Parties, directly or indirectly, for any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official capacity, in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in violation of the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.
- 10.18 **Foreign Asset Assets Control Regulations.** Neither of the advance of the Loans nor the use of the proceeds of any thereof will violate the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., as amended) (the "<u>Trading With the Enemy Act</u>") or any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) (the "<u>Foreign Assets Control Regulations</u>") or any enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto (which for the avoidance of doubt shall include, but shall not be limited to (a) Executive Order 13224 of September 21, 2001 Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism (66 Fed. Reg. 49079 (2001)) (the "<u>Executive Order</u>") and (b) the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-56)). Furthermore, none of the Borrowers or their Affiliates (a) is or will become a "blocked person" as described in the Executive Order, the Trading With the Enemy Act or the Foreign Assets Control Regulations or (b) engages or will engage in any dealings or transactions, or be otherwise associated, with any such "blocked person" or in any manner violative of any such order.
  - 10.19 **Time of the Essence.** Time is of the essence of the Loan Documents.
  - 10.20 [Reserved].
- 10.21 **Press Releases**. Each Loan Party consents to the publication by the Agent, any Lender or their respective representatives of advertising material, including any "tombstone," press release or comparable advertising, on its website or in other marketing materials of Agent, relating to the financing transactions contemplated by this Agreement using any Loan Party's name, product photographs, logo, trademark or other insignia. The Agent or such Lender shall provide a draft reasonably in advance of any advertising material, "tomb stone" or press release to the Lead Borrower for review and comment prior to the publication thereof. The Agent reserves the right to provide to industry trade organizations and loan

syndication and pricing reporting services information necessary and customary for inclusion in league table measurements.

#### 10.22 Additional Waivers.

- (a) The Obligations are the joint and several obligation of each Loan Party. To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, the obligations of each Loan Party shall not be affected by (i) the failure of any Credit Party to assert any claim or demand or to enforce or exercise any right or remedy against any other Loan Party under the provisions of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or otherwise, (ii) any rescission, waiver, amendment or modification of, or any release from any of the terms or provisions of, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or (iii) the failure to perfect any security interest in, or the release of, any of the Collateral or other security held by or on behalf of the Agent or any other Credit Party.
- (b) The obligations of each Loan Party shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination for any reason (other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of the Obligations after the termination of the Commitments), including any claim of waiver, release, surrender, alteration or compromise of any of the Obligations, and shall not be subject to any defense or setoff, counterclaim, recoupment or termination whatsoever by reason of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any of the Obligations or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the obligations of each Loan Party hereunder shall not be discharged or impaired or otherwise affected by the failure of the Agent or any other Credit Party to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any remedy under this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, by any waiver or modification of any provision of any thereof, any default, failure or delay, willful or otherwise, in the performance of any of the Obligations, or by any other act or omission that may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of any Loan Party or that would otherwise operate as a discharge of any Loan Party as a matter of law or equity (other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of all the Obligations after the termination of the Commitments).
- (c) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, each Loan Party waives any defense based on or arising out of any defense of any other Loan Party or the unenforceability of the Obligations or any part thereof from any cause, or the cessation from any cause of the liability of any other Loan Party, other than the indefeasible payment in full in cash of all the Obligations and the termination of the Commitments. The Agent and the other Credit Parties may, at their election, foreclose on any security held by one or more of them by one or more judicial or non-judicial sales, accept an assignment of any such security in lieu of foreclosure, compromise or adjust any part of the Obligations, make any other accommodation with any other Loan Party, or exercise any other right or remedy available to them against any other Loan Party, without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of any Loan Party hereunder except to the extent that all the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash and the Commitments have been terminated. Each Loan Party waives any defense arising out of any such election even though such election operates, pursuant to applicable Law, to impair or to extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or other right or remedy of such Loan Party against any other Loan Party, as the case may be, or any security.
- (d) Each Borrower is obligated to repay the Obligations as joint and several obligors under this Agreement. Upon payment by any Loan Party of any Obligations, all rights of such Loan Party against any other Loan Party arising as a result thereof by way of right of subrogation, contribution, reimbursement, indemnity or otherwise shall in all respects be subordinate and junior in right of payment to the prior indefeasible payment in full in cash of all the Obligations and the termination of the Commitments. In addition, any indebtedness of any Loan Party now or hereafter held by any other Loan Party is hereby subordinated in right of payment to the prior indefeasible payment in full of the

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Obligations and no Loan Party will demand, sue for or otherwise attempt to collect any such indebtedness. If any amount shall erroneously be paid to any Loan Party on account of (i) such subrogation, contribution, reimbursement, indemnity or similar right or (ii) any such indebtedness of any Loan Party, such amount shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Credit Parties and shall forthwith be paid to the Agent to be credited against the payment of the Obligations, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Subject to the foregoing, to the extent that any Borrower shall, under this Agreement as a joint and several obligor, repay any of the Obligations constituting Loans made to another Borrower hereunder or other Obligations incurred directly and primarily by any other Borrower (an "Accommodation Payment"), then the Borrower making such Accommodation Payment shall be entitled to contribution and indemnification from, and be reimbursed by, each of the other Borrowers in an amount, for each of such other Borrowers, equal to a fraction of such Accommodation Payment, the numerator of which fraction is such other Borrower's Allocable Amount and the denominator of which is the sum of the Allocable Amounts of all of the Borrowers. As of any date of determination, the "Allocable Amount" of each Borrower shall be equal to the maximum amount of liability for Accommodation Payments which could be asserted against such Borrower hereunder without (a) rendering such Borrower "insolvent" within the meaning of Section 101 (31) of the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, Section 2 of the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act ("UFTA"), Section 2 of the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act ("UFCA") or the applicable section of the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act (the "UVTA"), (b) leaving such Borrower with unreasonably small capital or assets, within the meaning of Section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, Section 4 of the UFTA, Section 5 of the UFCA, or the applicable section of the UVTA, or (c) leaving such Borrower unable to pay its debts as they become due within the meaning of Section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or Section 4 of the UFTA, Section 5 of the UFCA or the applicable section of the UVTA.

- 10.23 **No Strict Construction**. The parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties hereto and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provisions of this Agreement.
- 10.24 **Attachments**. The exhibits, schedules and annexes attached to this Agreement are incorporated herein and shall be considered a part of this Agreement for the purposes stated herein, except that in the event of any conflict between any of the provisions of such exhibits and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 10.25 **Keepwell**. Each Qualified ECP Guarantor 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 the Facility Guaranty in respect of Swap Obligations (provided, however, that each Qualified ECP Guarantor shall only be liable under this Section 10.25 for the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering its obligations under this Section 10.25, or otherwise under the Facility Guaranty, voidable under applicable Law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount). The obligations of each Qualified ECP Guarantor under this Section shall remain in full force and effect until payment in full of the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations for which a claim has not been asserted. Each Qualified ECP Guarantor intends that this Section 10.25 constitute, and this Section 10.25 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.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

- (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and
  - (b) the effects of any Bail-in Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:
    - (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;
  - (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or
  - (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

#### 10.27 Acknowledgment Regarding Any Supported QFCs.

To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for Swap Contracts or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, "QFC Credit Support", and each such OFC, a "Supported OFC"), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "U.S. Special Resolution Regimes") in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States): In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported OFC (each, a "Covered Party") becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported OFC and such OFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported OFC or any OFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any OFC Credit Support.

### 10.28 Erroneous Payments.

- (a) Each Lender, each L/C Issuer, each other Provider and any other party hereto hereby severally agrees that if (i) the Agent notifies (which such notice shall be conclusive absent manifest error) such Lender or L/C Issuer or any Provider (or the Lender which is an Affiliate of a Lender, L/C Issuer or Provider) or any other Person that has received funds from the Agent or any of its Affiliates, either for its own account or on behalf of a Lender, L/C Issuer or Provider (each such recipient, a "Payment Recipient") that the Agent has determined in its sole discretion that any funds received by such Payment Recipient were erroneously transmitted to, or otherwise erroneously or mistakenly received by, such Payment Recipient (whether or not known to such Payment Recipient) or (ii) any Payment Recipient receives any payment from the Agent (or any of its Affiliates) (x) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment, prepayment or repayment sent by the Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such payment, prepayment or repayment, as applicable, (y) that was not preceded or accompanied by a notice of payment, prepayment or repayment sent by the Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such payment, prepayment or repayment, as applicable, or (z) that such Payment Recipient otherwise becomes aware was transmitted or received in error or by mistake (in whole or in part) then, in each case, an error in payment shall be presumed to have been made (any such amounts specified in clauses (i) or (ii) of this Section 10.28(a), whether received as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees, distribution or otherwise; individually and collectively, an "Erroneous Payment"), then, in each case, such Payment Recipient is deemed to have knowledge of such error at the time of its receipt of such Erroneous Payment; provided that nothing in this Section shall require the Agent to provide any of the notices specified in clauses (i) or (ii) above. Each Payment Recipient agrees that it shall not assert any right or claim to any Erroneous Payment, and hereby waives any claim, counterclaim, defense or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Agent for the return of any Erroneous Payments, including without limitation waiver of any defense based on "discharge for value" or any similar doctrine.
- (b) Without limiting the immediately preceding clause (a), each Payment Recipient agrees that, in the case of clause (a)(ii) above, it shall promptly notify the Agent in writing of such occurrence.
- (c) In the case of either clause (a)(i) or (a)(ii) above, such Erroneous Payment shall at all times remain the property of the Agent and shall be segregated by the Payment Recipient and held in trust for the benefit of the Agent, and upon demand from the Agent such Payment Recipient shall (or, shall cause any Person who received any portion of an Erroneous Payment on its behalf to), promptly, but in all events no later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Agent the amount of any such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds and in the currency so received, together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Payment Recipient to the date such amount is repaid to the Agent at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect.
- (d) In the event that an Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) is not recovered by the Agent for any reason, after demand therefor by the Agent in accordance with immediately preceding clause (c), from any Lender that is a Payment Recipient or an Affiliate of a Payment Recipient (such unrecovered amount as to such Lender, an "Erroneous Payment Return Deficiency"), then at the sole discretion of the Agent and upon the Agent's written notice to such Lender (i) such Lender shall be deemed to have made a cashless assignment of the full face amount of the portion of its Loans (but not its Commitments) with respect to which such Erroneous Payment was made (the "Erroneous Payment Impacted Loans") to the Agent or, at the option of the Agent, the Agent's applicable lending affiliate (such assignee, the "Agent Assignee") in an amount that is equal to the Erroneous Payment Return Deficiency (or such lesser amount as the Agent may specify) (such assignment of the Loans (but not

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Commitments) of the Erroneous Payment Impacted Loans, the "Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment") plus any accrued and unpaid interest on such assigned amount, without further consent or approval of any party hereto and without any payment by the Agent Assignee as the assignee of such Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment. Without limitation of its rights hereunder, following the effectiveness of the Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment, the Agent may make a cashless reassignment to the applicable assigning Lender of any Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment at any time by written notice to the applicable assigning Lender and upon such reassignment all of the Loans assigned pursuant to such Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment shall be reassigned to such Lender without any requirement for payment or other consideration. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (1) any assignment contemplated in this clause (d) shall be made without any requirement for any payment or other consideration paid by the applicable assignee or received by the assignor, (2) the provisions of this clause (d) shall govern in the event of any conflict with the terms and conditions of Section 10.06 and (3) the Agent may reflect such assignments in the Register without further consent or action by any other Person.

- (e) Each party hereto hereby agrees that (x) in the event an Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) is not recovered from any Payment Recipient that has received such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) for any reason, the Agent (1) shall be subrogated to all the rights of such Payment Recipient and (2) is authorized to set off, net and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Payment Recipient under any Loan Document, or otherwise payable or distributable by the Agent to such Payment Recipient from any source, against any amount due to the Agent under this Section 10.28 or under the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, (y) the receipt of an Erroneous Payment by a Payment Recipient shall not for the purpose of this Agreement be treated as a payment, prepayment, repayment, discharge or other satisfaction of any Obligations owed by the Borrowers or any other Loan Party, except, in each case, to the extent such Erroneous Payment is, and solely with respect to the amount of such Erroneous Payment that is, comprised of funds received by the Agent from the Borrowers or any other Loan Party for the purpose of making for a payment on the Obligations and (z) to the extent that an Erroneous Payment was in any way or at any time credited as payment or satisfaction of any of the Obligations, the Obligations or any part thereof that were so credited, and all rights of the Payment Recipient, as the case may be, shall be reinstated and continue in full force and effect as if such payment or satisfaction had never been received.
- (f) Each party's obligations under this Section 10.28 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Agent or any transfer of right or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Obligations (or any portion thereof) under any Loan Document.
- (g) The provisions of this Section 10.28 to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) nothing in this Section 10.28 will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from any Payment Recipient's receipt of an Erroneous Payment and (ii) there will only be deemed to be a recovery of the Erroneous Payment to the extent that the Agent has received payment from the Payment Recipient in immediately available funds the Erroneous Payment Return, whether directly from the Payment Recipient, as a result of the exercise by the Agent of its rights of subrogation or set off as set forth above in clause (e) or as a result of the receipt by Agent Assignee of a payment of the outstanding principal balance of the Loans assigned to Agent Assignee pursuant to an Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment, but excluding any other amounts in respect thereof (it being agreed that any payments of interest, fees, expenses or other amounts (other than principal) received by Agent Assignee in respect of the Loans assigned to Agent Assignee pursuant to an Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment shall be the sole property of the Agent Assignee and shall not constitute a recovery of the Erroneous Payment).

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

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Name:	
Title:	

# WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Agent and as Lender

By:	
Name:	
Its Authorized Signatory	

## Exhibit 10.2

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By:	
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Its Authorized Signatory	

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## SECOND AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Second Amendment to Employment Agreement (this "Second Amendment") is entered into by and between The Lovesac Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Shawn Nelson (the "Executive"), effective as of March 24, 2022 (the "Effective Date").

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, Executive and the Company previously entered into that certain Employment Agreement on October 26, 2017, as amended effective October 2, 2019 (the "Employment Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Executive and the Company wish to amend the Employment Agreement to memorialize certain agreements between them regarding Executive's employment relationship.

# AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, of the mutual promises contained herein and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Salary. Section 3.1 of the Employment Agreement is hereby amended and restated as follows:
  - 3.1 Salary. As compensation for all services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement, the Company shall pay the Executive during the Term a salary of \$445,100 per annum (the "Base Salary"), payable not less frequently than monthly, less such deductions as shall be required to be withheld by applicable rules and regulations. The Base Salary shall not preclude raises, equity compensation, annual bonus and other compensation or incentives, as set forth herein or, should the Board, in its sole and absolute discretion, so determine to provide such additional compensation or incentives to the Executive. The Executive's total compensation, including Base Salary, Annual Bonus and equity compensation opportunities shall be subject to annual review by the Board (or a compensation committee thereof) and adjustments considered based upon individual performance, market alignment or other factors. The Executive acknowledges and understands that the Board is under no obligation to increase any component of the Executive's total compensation pursuant to this review.
- Annual Bonus. Section 3.2 of the Employment Agreement is hereby amended and restated as follows:
  - 3.2 Annual Bonus.
    - (a) The Company shall pay the Executive during the Term an annual bonus with a target value of 60% of the Executive's Base Salary up to 120% of the Executive's Base Salary (except as otherwise provided below in this paragraph) ("Annual Bonus"), subject to the Company's achievements relative to certain performance targets established by the Board (or a compensation committee thereof) for the performance period, and individual performance, as applicable. The terms and conditions of Annual Bonuses shall be governed by the Company's Annual Incentive Compensation Plan.
- Incentive Compensation. The following Section 3.3 is hereby added to the Employment Agreement as follows:

# 3.3 Equity Compensation.

- (a) Annual Equity Award. The Executive shall be eligible to receive an annual award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") valued at \$765,000, the terms of which shall be governed by the Company's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended ("2017 Plan"), including any equity grant documents thereunder. Half of such RSUs shall be subject to time-based vesting and half of such RSUs shall be subject to performance vesting.
- (b) Long Term Performance Award. The Executive shall be eligible to receive an annual award of RSUs valued up to \$1,649,000 pursuant to the Company's Long Term Performance Award ("LTPA") Program. RSU's granted under the LTPA Program are eligible to vest based on the Company's achievements relative to accelerated performance targets set by the Board (or a compensation committee thereof) for a specific performance period.
- Governing Law. Section 6.4 of the Employment Agreement is hereby amended and restated as follows:
  - 6.4 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with and subject to, the laws of the State of Connecticut applicable to agreements made and to be performed entirely within such state.
- 5. Entire Agreement. The Employment Agreement, as amended by this Second Amendment, the Company's 2017 Plan, including any equity grant documents under such plan, the Company's Annual Incentive Compensation Plan, and the Company's Long Term Performance Award Program, constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof, and supersede all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations and warranties, both written and oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subject matter hereof or thereof. In the event of an inconsistency between the terms of this Second Amendment and the Employment Agreement, the terms of this Second Amendment will control. Except as modified hereby, all terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement will remain in full force and effect and likewise apply to this Second Amendment.
- 6. Governing Law. This Second Amendment shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with and subject to, the laws of the State of Connecticut applicable to agreements made and to be performed entirely within such state.
- 7. <u>Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures</u>. This Second Amendment may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signatures to this Second Amendment may be transmitted by email in pdf or similar format or facsimile and such transmissions shall be deemed an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Second Amendment as of the date first set forth above.

# THE LOVESAC COMPANY

By: /s/ Mary Fox

Name: Mary Fox

Title: President and COO

# SHAWN NELSON

By: /s/ Shawn Nelson

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# AGREEMENT

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  - 3.1 Salary. As compensation for all services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement, the Company shall pay the Executive during the Term a salary of \$416,700 per annum (the "Base Salary"), payable not less frequently than monthly, less such deductions as shall be required to be withheld by applicable rules and regulations. The Base Salary shall not preclude raises, equity compensation, annual bonus and other compensation or incentives, as set forth herein or, should the Board, in its sole and absolute discretion, so determine to provide such additional compensation or incentives to the Executive. The Executive's total compensation, including Base Salary, Annual Bonus and equity compensation opportunities shall be subject to annual review by the Board (or a compensation committee thereof) and adjustments considered based upon individual performance, market alignment or other factors. The Executive acknowledges and understands that the Board is under no obligation to increase any component of the Executive's total compensation pursuant to this review.
- Annual Bonus. Section 3.2 of the Employment Agreement is hereby amended and restated as follows:
  - 3.2 Annual Bonus.
    - (a) The Company shall pay the Executive during the Term an annual bonus with a target value of 50% of the Executive's Base Salary up to 100% of the Executive's Base Salary (except as otherwise provided below in this paragraph) ("Annual Bonus"), subject to the Company's achievements relative to certain performance targets established by the Board (or a compensation committee thereof) for the performance period, and individual performance, as applicable. The terms and conditions of Annual Bonuses shall be governed by the Company's Annual Incentive Compensation Plan.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Second Amendment as of the date first set forth above.

# THE LOVESAC COMPANY

By: /s/ Mary Fox

Name: Mary Fox

Title: President and COO

DONNA DELLOMO

By: /s/ Donna Dellomo

## Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm's Consent

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of The Lovesac Company on Form S-8 File Nos. 333-248755 and 333-232674 of our reportdated March 30, 2022, with respect to our audits of the consolidated financial statements of The Lovesac Company as of January 30, 2022 and January 31, 2021 and for the years ended January 30, 2022, January 31, 2021 and February 2, 2020 and our report dated March 30, 2022 with respect to our audit of internal control over financial reporting of The Lovesac Company as of January 30, 2022, which reports are included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Lovesac Company for the year ended January 30, 2022.

Our report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting expressed an adverse opinion because of the existence of a material weakness.

/s/ Marcum llp

Marcum llp Hartford, CT March 30, 2022

#### CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### PURSUANT TO

#### EXCHANGE ACT RULES 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a),

#### AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

#### SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

#### I, Shawn Nelson, certify that:

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

Date: March 30, 2022 Signed: /s/ Shawn Nelson
Name: Shawn Nelson

Title: Snawn Nelson

Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

#### CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

# PURSUANT TO EXCHANGE ACT RULES 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a), AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

#### I, Donna Dellomo, certify that:

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

Date: March 30, 2022 Signed: /s/ Donna Dellomo

Name: Donna Dellomo

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

## CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## PURSUANT TO

### 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

## AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

## SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Shawn Nelson, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Lovesac Company for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in such Annual Report on Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of The Lovesac Company.

Date: March 30, 2022 Signed: /s/ Shawn Nelson

Name: Shawn Nelson

Title: Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

# CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Shawn Nelson, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Lovesac Company for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2022, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in such Annual Report on Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of The Lovesac Company.

Date: March 30, 2022 Signed: /s/ Donna Dellomo

Name: Donna Dellomo

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)